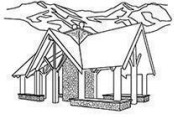


# Abbott Loop



# Community Council

## MINUTES

February 23rd, 2023

### Call to Order 6:33 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda: The project Academy/Vanguard is the 92nd Project.
- Approval of minutes from January 26th 2023, approved.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrag- \$132.00 of Rep Schrage's campaign funds remaining donated to ALCC. Balance is \$378.15, no expenditures.

**APD Report**-Report and Q & A, requested and will attend if duties permit. Not requested.

### Legislative Reports: Q & A <http://akleg.gov/>

- Senator District F: James Kaufman (Matthew Harvey reporting)
  - Submitted CAPSIS projects for Dist F. Fire prevention 84th/Elmore, Meadow Park pedestrian, 64th/Meadow-storm drain, and Quinhagak St.
  - Three bills
  - Priorities: Ferry system and road projects.
  - Asked about the Education budget position- -majority caucus this is a priority. He is not on the Education or Finance committees. Not sure of final numbers, not sure what it will be- if BSA will be raised.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe (Daniel Robbins reporting)
  - Successful Town Hall/Coffee last weekend with constituents. % is the next one- will get out location/time.
  - Intro of Childcare bill- support of Governor- that will be introduced next week.
  - Aware of Scooter Dr project/understands the concerns and will talk to DOT and Sen. Kaufman about it.
  - Eastman censure- voted "yes" to censure him.
  - Will be sending newsletters.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage (Erik Gunderson), newsletter on February agenda.
  - Anchorage Caucus 3/11 2-4pm Kaladi Brothers on Brayton Dr.
  - Visit from the Federal delegation: Rep Mary Peltola, Sen Lisa Murkowski, and previous week was Sen Dan Sullivan.
  - State of the Judiciary by Chief Justice Daniel Winfree.
  - Budget Subcommittee- The Alaska State House has been working through the FY 2024 State Operating Budget in the budget subcommittee process. These subcommittees consist of members of the House Finance Committee and members of both the House majority and minority.
  - I joined members of our House Coalition, including Representatives Dan Ortiz, Rebecca Himschoot, and Maxine Dibert, who are experienced educators, to outline our legislative priorities for the year with a focus on educational improvements to help provide all Alaskan students a high-quality education. Our top priority is increasing the Base Student Allocation to ensure schools and classrooms have the resources they need and work to address challenges recruiting and retaining skilled and experienced education professionals
  - Apply for PFD by 3/31

### Community Reports and Q & A:

- Assembly member(s) [www.muni.org/departments/assembly](http://www.muni.org/departments/assembly)
  - Felix Rivera

- Thank you for the Zoom option, ill with the flu but can still attend and report.
- Homelessness- demobilization plan. Continue use of Sullivan. Looking at what options there are. Actual compassionate plan for demobilizing by April 20th and all decisions come by the Assembly.
- Two ordinances passed last Tuesday.
  - Online Checkbook- for transparency. Lead time is a long time to create this infrastructure- looking at Jan 2024. Written with Constant and LeFrance.
  - Juneteenth and Indigenous People’s Day as paid holidays for Muni, this is a reflection of our community. Applies to the Executive and union employees. Written with Quinn Davis and Zaletel.
- Meg Zaletel
  - Passed Two resolutions on Tuesday.
    - Increased BSA Resolution- passed unanimously. Adding their voice to the conversation.
    - Passed Resolution on the 92nd interchange. Tried to remove the pedestrian tunnel, not sure it can. Now we need to try to negotiate/advocate. We now need to move Academy/Vanguard as it is not aligned with the 92nd project. There is movement to right side this with the state.
  - Muni vacancies means there are going to have an effect on services./impact city. Contracts get expensive (budget office using accounting services). Acting Executives or covering jobs. The Assembly is addressing this by moving forward: Raised attorney pay, did not reduce Health dept budget, Parental leave policy/incentives, and guidance for unions (ie:teleworking/administrative agreements).
  - Snow plowing/Hauling of snow. Email Felix or Meg- they can work with departments on muni roads, not DOT/State roads.
- School Board member(s) <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1442>
  - Dave Donley-not in attendance.
- Mayor’s Office Report <https://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Not requested/No one in attendance
- JBER Community Engagement- no update

## Candidate Introductions

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|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Felix Rivera | Anchorage Assembly        | Midtown                  | District 4, Seat G |
| Zac Johnson  | Anchorage Assembly        | South Anchorage/Girdwood | District 6, Seat K |
| Irene Boll   | Anchorage School District |                          | Seat C             |

## Reports

**FCC Representative:** Bruce Roberts -not in attendance

**HALO Report:** Lizzie Newell

- March 2nd Candidate Forum at the Zoo 6pm. Assembly and School Board- Hybrid meeting.

**Roads & Projects Committee:** Mary Miner

- Traffic Calming Projects - <https://www.muni.org/Departments/traffic/Pages/TrafficCalming>

**Parks & Rec Committee:** Mark Miner

- Working with Muni Winchester/Spruce Park project, access path through easement and potluck/work party.
- Handouts on Chugach State Park Board- Joined board 2 months ago. Asking the Community Council to pass a resolution to support the funding request. Chugach State Park brings in 33% of the State park funds but receives only 10% from the state. Will bring a draft resolution to read next month, hope to vote and get support..

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Mary Miner

**Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Yolanda Meza-not in attendance

- Little Italy- transfer of liquor license #2988

- O'Malley on the Green- renewal of liquor license #5030

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell

**Abbott Loop Community Patrol:** Dan Rudder, Lead <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

### Old Business

- Andre Spinelli BR3 zoning for the properties along Abbott between Elim and Golovin Streets, request for support. 2nd visit and request to vote on a Resolution of support- [Info and Maps](#). Draft Resolution moved by Sheila Shernet, Seconded by Patti Higgins. Vote: Yes 25, No 3. Passed. Will be signed, posted, and given to Mr. Spinelli by the next meeting.
- 10 year Review of Community Council District Boundaries- [Link to info here](#). Patti Higgins
  - Meeting 2/27 and 3/13 will be by Zoom. House district and Independence Park areas if any one is interested in helping with the 10 year review of boundaries. ALCC don't seem to have any changes.
- 92nd Avenue Christina Hubber- O'Malley Rd to Dimond Blvd.
  - Highway design manager with DOT. Anchorage Assembly and opposition opinion in ADN (in our ALCC Current documents). Presented information and project timelines, started with updating. Six lane section on Seward Hwy. Diamond interchange at O'Malley- New crossing at 92nd/Dimond. Project started in 2017, she is 1 year on project and it is a large project.
  - 93% Federal money. 2006, re-evaluated 5 times and another eval will be done. Anch/Metro solutions are required and there is a forum for collaborative decision making. [Info on project here](#). In a few weeks DOT will re-evaluate, request funding, HWA requires review before construction dollars are released.
  - Nancy Pease spoke via zoom in opposition to the Scooter Highway project as unneeded and too expensive. ALCC seems to want more attention to pedestrian and bike improvements. Mixed feelings about the project by meeting attendees. Meg Zaletel said the Assembly has asked for a review of the project which DOT said they are already planning and are required to do.

### New Business

- Bradly Coy- Municipal Traffic Engineer speaking on pedestrian safety. Scott Thomas DOT Highway Safety here as well. Conversation of Ruth Arcand Park pedestrian crossing Abbott Loop Rd.
- Martin Miller/Nicolette Dent- Singletrack Advocates (STA) is hoping to develop a new set of proposed Service area of singletrack trails in Hillside/FNBP. [Information here](#), will send a draft resolution to review. Requesting zero funding from Muni, will be funded by the community and volunteers maintaining it.

### Announcements/Comments

\$115 dollars in gathered donations received tonight, to be given to treasure for deposit. Counted by Secretary Kathleen Easley and Vice President Susan Shoule.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month. The May meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday because of the school year ending May 23rd.

- March 30th, 2023
- April 27th, 2023
- May 18th, 2023 \*\*3rd Thursday\*\* Last day of school for ASD is May 23rd
- June/July Community Picnics and park gatherings TBA

**Adjourn 8:59 pm**