

SLCC Meeting 11/14/22

Meeting started at 6:38pm

Discussion on community thoughts on cemeteries being funded by bonds or private cemeteries. Should this be managed by government or private business. One community member shared it would be by private business.

6:52 Rep Matt Claman

What are your goals for coming year?

- Waiting for collection of votes. Priorities are West Anchorage, public safety, public education, and strengthening economy. Thanked us for participating in election. Lots of questions and concerns about school funding in regards to closing schools and language immersion programs

6:55 Katie from Senator Costello's Office

- Keeping focus on election results.
- Proposal to close six elementary schools.

7:03pm Margo Bellamy School Board Update

- In the middle of third town hall meeting about school closures.
- Gathering input about offsetting deficit of 68 million dollars.
- Meeting tomorrow night on November 15th work session from 3-5pm. Regular meeting at 6pm.
- There is a budget suggestion and survey online. They are looking at staffing metrics, middle school model, and People to Teach ratio, re-purposing of schools, immersion programs, etc.

Question on Inlet View Elementary. Why is it not considering to be closed? It may get torn down and re-built and heard 35 million will be spent on it. It was on a bond that failed in April and then re-considered. The community has gathered to reconsider. Topic is put off until December 5th.

Re-design of school was on 2022 bond. Then the bond failed so in 2024 it was brought back to the community.

Community Questions:

Has there been any discussion on helping the budget by reviewing administrative departments?

- Found \$20 million efficiencies with every school cutting back on certain parts of their budget.
- Looking into their risk management insurance which could save maybe \$90,000.
- Currently found \$12 million dollar efficiencies by looking into every school and department. Most of the cuts will be in personell.
- Virtual learning program cost about \$5 million. About 3,200 students enrolled into it.
- Looking at what will have the least impact on students.

- Yearly rent for ASD admin building is \$5 million a year.
- Discussion on a book in Polaris library called "This Book is Gay" by Juno Dawson. What is the process of eliminating books from library? Controversial Issues Committee to handles these.
- Do librarians read all the books that come in? In the past it was doable but not we get large batches of books, so it's hard.

7:57pm Resolution 2022-11

A resolution pertaining to a Traffic Calming Solution on the 6000 Block of Blackberry Street Connecting Jewel lake and Raspberry Roads

Draft resolution was shared with the community council. Amendment was proposed by community member Dan Smith and seconded by
Proposed amednement was to just a traffic report before deciding on construction.

Vote passed to adopt amended resolution

10 yes

1 no

8:14pm Airport Update Teri Lindseth and Megan Peters

- Airport is hiring many position.
- Airport has a FREE cell phone parking lot for when long-term parking options are full.
- Airport has a lost and found if you've lost anything on airport property.
- Well water survey. Shannon and Wilson is the contractor who will test for PFAS.
- There is a Lake Hood user group meeting.
- Masks are optional now. If you are going somewhere that needs testing you need to double check before.
- Airport has an online portal for questions and concerns.
- You need permits to operate a business or something on airport. Permit is \$25 - \$100.
- Linda Swiss asked about the cold storage project. Currently still in discussion with consultant. In regards to airport master plan, we are still looking at a two year time frame.

Motion to adjourn made by Eugene Cho at 8:35pm