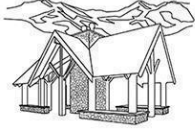


Abbott Loop



Community Council

Minutes-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: March 30th, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Call to Order 6:35 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda, no changes, approved.
- Approval of minutes from February 26th, 2023. No objects or changes, approved.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage- not in attendance (home with new baby Schrage), reporting \$331.36 in ALCC bank account. Payment of reimbursement to Lizzie Newell for the \$161 to reserve the Abbott Loop Community Park for June community picnic.

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

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman- not in attendance, no report.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe- [March Newsletter](#)
 - Sent out operating budget. Long arduous journey. Highlight to help Chugach State Park trailheads- passed through, she introduced.
 - Constituent meeting each month at Steam Dot on O'Malley with Senator Kaufman, held last month.
 - Town Hall- securing port money is a priority. There is a strong representation and support.
 - HB89- Health and Human Services- Increase amount of voucher money, increase income level to access daycare funding.
 - Scooter Drive Project- meeting with Andy Mills 4/5/23, will have a town hall in regards to this. Senator Tobin and Kaufman are all involved with DOT to amplify the voice of the community.
 - Question on pedestrian safety and systems like APS- that "talk" at crosswalk. Senator Kaufman is chair of the Transportation committee, they have had many conversations with DOT. Many of the problems are on state roads and the focus has not seemed to be on pedestrian safety.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage-Eric G reporting. [March Update](#)
 - Baby Elenor arrived on Monday! Schrages welcomed Elenor Eliza 3/27/23.
 - Spring forecast revenue this \$900 million deficit.
 - SNAP funding- get passed and current.
 - Spruce Park- work with DEC and Murkowski. Fund request for funding to clean up of sledding hill.
 - HB65- primary for SBA- heard 5 hours of testimony. A large majority call for increase of funding.
 - Anchorage municipality election coming up, get ballots in. Accessible voting center at Loussac library and city hall. Open through Friday 9am-6pm, this is M-F.
 - Application for PFD, must be completed by tomorrow to receive it this year.

Community Reports and Q & A:

- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
 - Felix Rivera- Facial recognition. Joey Sweet (appointed for Forrest Dunbar's seat) wanted to pass this in the 3 months he will be serving. This bans facial recognition in the Municipality but puts an exemption process in place with approval/denial made by assembly. APD doesn't currently use this. Looking to craft an S version to make adjustments if APD did need. Clean slate with shelter/homelessness. Strategies that address concerns/talk about community needs, develop criteria,

locations that match need, and make choices for 11/1/23. All contracts are slated to end 4/30/23, covenant ends 3/31/23. Looking at all options brought forward to see what we can do to mitigate effects of what will happen when this ends. Hopeful to pass a resolution 4/1. Lots on the table to explore and see what options are available. Focus on temporary shelter to be stood up by summer time then think of the long term.

- Meg Zalatel- Budget- April. Tax rate 4/25 and set taking in CPI/population- this is complicated math that results in a mill rate that supports Muni and schools. Work session right before the 4/25 meeting. First quarter budget revisions, reviewing expenses and expenditures. We have had a strong reimbursement from FEMA, 90% so far. Staff and careful management when expenses that occurred secured this reimbursement. Additional funds used for Muni- general government operating fund balance. Alcohol tax fund balance has a million dollars- mostly because funding didn't get out the door, some is allocated for housing. Funds going out of this were one time funds. Additional money to AFD Fire academy, APD- Explicit Bias training, and snow removal this winter. Muni is in a good position between all of this.
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- [School Board member\(s\)](#) - Dave Donley- not in attendance, reporting Pat Higgins.
 - Legislature- update funding. Hopes of increasing the SBA.
 - 6th grade is being transferred into middle school over a 2 year period. The school board voted for this. Starting times and changing these- switching HS/Elementary times. Meetings for public input are ongoing.
 - Bonds-\$7 million- All focused on back log of maintenance such as roofs and safety of buildings.
 - Academics- reading curriculum voted to support taking advantage of this.
 - Controversy with Family Partnership- they need to be in compliance, they are an ASD school.
 - Balancing the budget, no relief from the legislature at this time. The Senate seems like they will support an increase in SBA, but it has to go through the House which might not pass. ASD will not discontinue immersion programs and so on.
 - Abbott Loop will be closing. Building will stay but may be used for other things.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) -Michelle Hodel (in person) and Trista Espe (on Zoom) reporting.
 - Council Survey- of Capital projects- input of Capital projects and any others to be added.
 - Spring thaw out- pothole reporting at 907-343-MEND (6363).
 - 46 million in bonds- mayor had proposed \$41 million, and the assembly added on this.
 - 18 secure drop boxes around Anchorage.
 - The Anchorage Fire Department has a mobile app- Pulse Point app. Someone nearby is in distress, which can lead to lifesaving CPR action. The mayor has supported this and encourages people to download.
 - Career Expo- 700 attendees. This was MOA/ASD. New opportunities such as Parks and Rec- new hiring over 100+, part of this is youth hiring of 25 teens to this summer work program.
 - Mayor's Community Grants-open March 20-April 28th for nonprofits to apply for funds for areas which work in economic development, public safety, and social services.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) no update received this month.

[Candidate Introductions- April 4th Anchorage Municipal Election](#)

No candidates/introductions

Reports

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

- Presentation by AK Free Clinic April. Russell Pounds contact.
- 15 propositions on ballots
- Presentation about Community Council boundaries- this is done every 10 years. Patti Higgins is monitoring.
- Muni Boards and Commissions have positions, apply if interested.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Last meeting was the online candidate forum- all came to speak. Next meeting is 4/6 via Zoom.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner, not in attendance- wanted to give an update.

- Pedestrian crossings, Abbott to Ruth Arcand Update

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner, not in attendance.

- Campbell Tract Off Highway Vehicle Designation Amendment Project- Public listening session 3/21, public comment period of 30 days here. [BLM National Register Project website](#) This is for class one- electric bikes- considering opening some tracks to electric bikes (Bruce Roberts).
- Resource Management Plan amendment allowing e-bike use, new route designations within Campbell Tract. The 30-day public scoping period opened on March 22, 2023 and will close on April 21, 2023. Opportunities to provide comments include submitting online comments by clicking on the "Participate Now" tab in the BLM NEPA Register project page.
- Chugach State Park- legislature already took action on this (voted it down).
- Sledding Hill at Spruce/Winchester Parks. 8/24 at 5pm onsite to meet and decide what community wants to do with the park. If they remediate- then there could be lots of things to do with park. Contact for EPA is Patti Higgins (also reporting).

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner, not in attendance.

- Public Hearing: Monday, April 10, 2023 Loussac Library, Peterson Group- Request to rezone from R-2M SL (Mixed Residential) District with Special Limitations to R-3 (Mixed Residential) District. 2.1 acres East of Lake Otis South of Lore Rd West of Delridge Circle North of East 80th. This is for a 3 story Sr Housing project.
- Public Hearing: Monday, April 10th, 2023 Loussac Library, Conditional Use for Commercial Food Production (Kaladi Brothers) in accordance with AMC 21.060B.1.
- 8241 Spruce Street, Request for Dimensional Variance- Residential Districts to allow a Triplex to encroach into required 5-foot side setback. [Case comments open](#). Triplex into setback on this property.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza, not in attendance.

- Speedway Express 1940 Abbott Loop Rd. Packaging store, renewal License # 2278
- Speedway Express 6740 Lake Otis Parkway. Packaging store, renewal License # 3732

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- Abbott Loop Community Park reserved the Pavilion for June 29th. Will get a volunteer sign up going.

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead <http://www.accpatrols.org/>, not in attendance, report by Patti Higgins. Three members (Thomas, Patti, and David). Gun shots two nights ago, reported. See something, say something.

Old Business

- Martin Miller/Nicolette Dent- Singletrack Advocates (STA) is hoping to develop a new set of singletrack trails in Hillside/FNBP, vote on Resolution. [Draft Resolution here](#). 5.5 mile track near Service and Hill Top that is in between existing ski trails. Machine built, beginner and immediate levels. Funding is STA, no muni funds have been requested and no government support. Request to support via resolution- motion to approve, Kathleen Easley, seconded by Leslie Kleinfeld. Vote 19 yes, 0 no. Approved support of the Resolution. Will be sent to the clerk and posted online on ALCC website/Resolutions.

New Business

Announcements/Comments

- Bruce Roberts answering a question about the Residential tax exemption from \$50K to \$75K. Those who qualify will pay less. Must file by the end of March.

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.

- April 27th, 2023
- May 18th, 2023 **3rd Thursday** Last day of school for ASD is May 23rd
- June 29th, 2023 Abbott Loop Community Park at 8101 Elmore Rd Picnic Time TBA
- July Park gathering TBA

Adjourn 8:15 pm