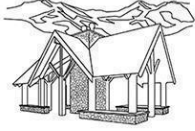


Abbott Loop



Community Council

MINUTES from the April 27th, 2023

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hybrid meetings: Abbott Loop Elementary or via Zoom

Call to Order 6:33 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda- No changes or objections, approved.
- Approval of minutes from March 30th, 2023: Kathleen Easley. No changes or objections, approved.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage. \$331.36 in account.

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
 - The House passed the Operating budget, should be down to a few things. Down 100 days, it has been a good session-lots of collaboration and people across the aisle doing what is best for the state. Support Health and Human Services bill- vouchers for increased daycare funds. Assigned to the Daycare Task Force. Operating budget- I added in \$150-200K for Chugach Park trail head. Held a Town Hall two weeks ago.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
 - In our constitution we have to pass a balanced budget. Full statutory dividend- House then wanted a 50/50 dividend. With decreased revenue, decreased dividend we still have a \$6million deficit. The House wanted a \$1300 dividend to pass everything in the budget but that lower dividend amount wasn't accepted. This year very little savings- reluctant to spend down savings. We could end up running out of money if we do this. Budget is in the Senate now- includes \$680 million BSA (Base Student Allocation), decreased PFD amount. Spruce Park- worked on getting remediation funds into a bill-optimistic to get these. Alysse Galvin introduced a proposal for a state income tax.

Community Reports and Q & A:

- Assembly member(s)
 - Meg Zalatel- Tuesday meeting- First quarter budget revisions-used remaining distance to the tax cap and Marijuana tax that was approved, this brings down \$1 million dollars. \$2.5 Million tax cap One million or more are one time payouts, we are pre-planning so cuts don't have to be made. Five new members were sworn in-ALCC gains Zach Johnson in our area. Suzanne LaFrance introduced a \$10million bond for access to Chugach State Park funds request to go on the next ballot-this would be for improvements to the area. Now Meg is Vice-chair, Christopher Constant is Chair.
 - Question about settling lawsuits brought against the mayor: Assembly has to approve all funds. Admin will have to be brought out for any funds being spent- meetings in Executive sessions- unsure of conflicts with privacy, but meetings are happening.
 - Question about plan for homelessness: Action Assembly took on Homelessness- extended Sullivan Arena until 5/1. Keep it open for 90 individuals that have mobility or issues with ADLs, Golden Lion funded, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness-funding for outreach.

- Question about mental health: Daniel Volland and Felix Rivera created Task Forces to work on this-Community engagement, funding of \$1 million of Alcohol tax funds, Mobile Crisis team looking at 24/7 operations.
 - Randy Sulte- At Glen Alps Community council meeting, nothing to add.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#) Pat Higgins-
 - AK Native Charter will move into Abbott Loop school. Legislative one time funding. 2024 budget is not going to be covered, so the district needs to look at everything. This will be a difficult process- there will be more school closures involved. Family Partnership charter removed as they violated ASD policies and didn't remedy this. It will be a homeschool correspondence school now- the board there dissolved. 6th grade will be moving into the middle schools in all ASD now. Attended the School Board conference- looking at AI and what that means to education.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) -no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no update this month.

Reports

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

- AWWU- water plant presentation, looking at 5-20 years out. Public outreach in September. Tree start program-white spruce to be given to plant in the community. Pothole fix line- call 907-343-MEND (6363). Margo Bellamy spoke about use and plans for Abbott Loop school- Kids are going to Trailside/Spring Hill/Special needs to Kasuun. AK Native Charter will have a 5 year lease of school, they are moving out of East HS in to Abbott Loop school.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Firewise event Saturday May 6th at Hilltop, need volunteers for this. May 4th is the next meeting by Zoom.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mark/Mary Miner

- CIP process- explained. Meeting to review, volunteers for this- get with Mark or Mary to help prioritize ALCC CIP list.
- Pedestrian crossings, Abbott to Ruth Arcand Update. Bradley Coy from Muni and SOT- asked how to proceed with requests.

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- Meadow Park- \$255K project with \$30,000 in hand, Spruce Park/Winchester are top projects.
- Hillside Wildfire Awareness Events
 - Events posted on Rabbit Creek CC site [here](#)

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

- Platting Case S12720 (Long Plat with Subdivision Variance) Public Hearing, [information here](#)

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

- No renewals this month

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- Pavilion reserved for June 29th picnic. Sign up Genius link for June picnic - sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/oKPPUyQ>

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead <http://www.accpatrols.org/>- Patti Higgins, no news.

Old Business

- ADOT O'Malley to Dimond Seward Hwy project including the 92nd interchange
 - Speakers: Shannon McAurthy DOT and Rachel DOWL: O'malley to Dimond- 92nd Interchange. Big slow moving project- it will not be going on until next year (Fall)- gives the community time to give input. Dimond Interchange-connecting Scooter Drive. Entire project-both interchanges are \$105 million- federal funded at 90%/10% state money. If we do not go forward there could be funds that have to be paid back.

- Bruce Roberts/Meg Z: Originally was Muni- Academy/Vanguard being done before this, 2019 Assembly canceled because of the cost- \$19 million dollars for the project- wildly more expensive. Then during AMATs they added it in- but this was after the state was moving forward with 92nd interchange- Projects don't align and this leaves the area without traffic calming and will be an issue if left as it is going. Three year differences between projects.
- Lots of concerns by attendees- cost questions, ability for alignment of two projects- DOT is saying changes can be made, Meg reports at AMATs they are saying they cannot- Assembly passed a resolution regarding this, asking the state to reevaluate. John Weddleton: on the 92nd project- \$230-200 million, none of this is needed now- originally this was planned years ago because of traffic on Dimond Blvd- traffic has decreased because of other town centers like Huffman and Abbott areas and the MLK Drive/S O'Malley connection-moves traffic and people away from Dimond. Academy sees 1k cars/day now, this project would increase that volume to 10k cars/day. Doesn't solve more housing, fewer homeless, increase economic development or decrease speeding in neighborhoods. John and many community members don't believe this project needs to be done, or it needs to align with the Academy/Vanguard project. Some questions for him regarding already completed plans, and inability to stop this project were brought up.
- Mary Miner makes a motion to make a resolution to take action/bring a resolution to the next meeting to vote on by the community council Seconded by Susan Soule and Leslie Kleinfled. This would be in support of the Assembly's resolution 254. Intent is to request to have DOT do a full review of need and address these community concerns. Mary will bring it to the next meeting to vote on this.

New Business

Announcements/Comments

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.

- May 18th, 2023 **3rd Thursday** Last day of school for ASD is May 23rd
- June 29th, 2023 Abbott Loop Community Park Picnic at 8101 Elmore Rd, 4-8pm
- July Park gathering TBA

Adjourn 8:37pm