

August 31st, 2023

Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting



Call to Order 6:30 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda- no changes, approved.
- Approval of minutes from May 18th, 2023: Kathleen Easley-no changes-approved.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage-\$310.73 in the account.

APD Report-Report and Q & A, can request and will attend if duties permit.-Not requested, no report.

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman-not in attendance.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe-not in attendance.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage.
 - Legislation not in session, everyone is working on constituent issues and will return to Juneau in January. Governor vetoed a bill that would ban firefighting foam containing harmful PFAS compounds, known as "forever chemicals." The bill passed the state House and Senate. YOGA conference- development of Willow recently approved on the North slope for gas and oil. Revenue- oil prices are higher than expected/estimated to provide services, dividends, and other appropriations-we will have a surplus and this will be an energy relief check of \$500/each Alaskan in addition to PFD. [Click for report/newsletter](#)

Community Reports and Q & A:

- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
 - **Randy Sulte**- Attend AMATs open house yesterday at the library. Begun work on CIP projects- bobby for ALCC top projects. Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness project- 200 people using services. Navigation Center shut down- working on projects. Sullivan Arena will not be used for winter shelter-looking at another option and will bring forward if it works out. Golden Lion- is housing people now, has about 80 beds to use. There are about 800 people on the streets, with Anchorage having over 3,000 homeless total at any one time. Midtown and 3rd/Gamble sites- allowed camping sites- have had concerns with safety/health issues constantly. Rental units are down. Mental Health care beds- no more available now. Felix has started a Behavioral Health Task Force now.
 - Felix Rivera-Two actions last month: 1) Port- surcharge approved, strongly advocating for Port of Anchorage to help keep moving forward. Terminal 1 and 2. Good, and moving forward. 2) Body cameras- Axon is the contractor for the hard/software. Some point soon there should be 30 cameras to use for a month to see how everything works. At some point, hopefully 2024- there should be 350 cameras on officers and dash cams, timeline still not known. Metal/Behavioral Health: Providence/South Central Foundations Crisis Stabilization center- this is part of the "Crisis now," strategy statewide. Mobile crisis Unit talking about 24/7 ability- working with Admin about staffing and such. Behavioral Health Summit on Tuesday- Health Commissioners and other state representatives- state level accessing medicaid waivers and funding. Behavioral Health Task Force information coming next week. Working on ideas and switching to action on this. Homelessness: AK Newsource 3rd Episode- Navigation Center is not a solution, but part of one. The Assembly voted down the Navigation Center- many concerns with cost (\$8million/year to run), Site, fire/safety, public statements the mayor had said about housing contributed to this vote. Focus now on emergency cold weather shelter- Covenant House increase 25 beds, Hotels, looking at small temporary (50-75

individuals) for this winter to fill the gap. Continue working on permanent sheltering.

- Meg Zaletel- out ill/Not in attendance.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
 - Pat Higgins- Board meets during the summer. Working on Goals/Guardrails. Two have not been dealt with- Access to charter schools (no bussing) and Diversity of staff. Focused on Reading scores by 4th grade- this is critical now. Budget-ASD is bottom end of state funding- need to get this moved to reflect size and adjusted to help with funding. Pushing legislature to give fair funding, help retirement/benefit system.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) -no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no update, last month email sent out.

Reports

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts- FCC does not meet in the summer, Will start with the September meeting. Asked for volunteers ALCC rep for these meetings and to report to ALCC. Director position not replaced yet, if anyone is interested contact Bruce.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell- Prop for having two zones in Anchorage was not approved, talked about at the last meeting. Sr. Kaufman and Rep Columbe were at the Zoo Meeting, talking about Dimond Interchange. DOT safety issues, O'Malley & Old Seward. Concerns diverging causes issues from Frontage road.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner-not in attendance.

- Coventry Drive stormwater -Tobias Schwoerer-
 - Year round flooding issue- no storm drainage. Presentation info in the ALCC documents, asking to have this go on the Roads & Projects list as a priority. Similar to flooding/drainage issues with Pokey Circle last year we saw. Winchester Park is in the area- so brought to council as Winchester Park is in the area as well and may have some interest as this is a park being reviewed for projects. No objection to add to Roads & Projects list (Dan Boner here).
- New attendee/resident- Mary Kincaid- Chugach Estes to Norm Drive drainage repairs done this summer-updates done but now has created speeding issues on Gross Dr. There is a speed hump on Norm Dr, asking for one to be on Gross Dr. Bruce indicated we could put in a request for a traffic study to be done by the Muni, asking support of council for this- Needs study- then can put it on priority list if needed. Zero objections to this from attendees today- Bruce will email Brad Coy about a traffic study request.
- Draft 2024-2027 Alaska DOT&PF STIP can be viewed at the following link: <https://dot.alaska.gov/stip>. Comment period is open through September 3rd, see ways to comment at the bottom of the agenda.

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

- Spruce/Winchester Parks- Community Input meeting was 8/24- well attended. Comments and input for P & R will help with the Master plan.
- Trail Review of the Far North Bicentennial Park/Hillside Park Singletrack Trails was 7/12 by Urban Design Commission.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner-not in attendance. Bruce noted the following:

- 023-0098 Request for Design variance: Urban Design Commission on 7604 Adobe Drive. Design Variance from AMC 21.07.080H.3. to allow a fence to exceed the maximum height requirements in the secondary front setback. Public Hearing 10/11/2023.
- 2023-0096 and 2023-0097 Rezoning- Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on 10/02/23. Vacant Land and 9111 & 9131 Elim Street- Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan/Map to change the land use designation of three (3) parcels of land from "Compact Mixed Residential-Medium" to "Town Center".

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza-not in attendance, Bruce reporting the following:

- May: Midnight Sun Brewing LL# 4866, Midnight Sun Brewing LL# 5967
- July: Oaken Keg#1807 LL#1464, Barbie's Cafe LL#5039
- Currently month- Notice of Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2024-2025

- LL# 1941-Brown Jug Independence Park, LL# 2988-Little Italy, LL# 3439-Fraternal Order of Eagles #4207, LL# 3953- Los Arcos, LL# 4160-Fred Meyer Abbott, LL# 4692-Seward's Folly Bar and Grill, LL# 4815-Anchorage Golf Course, LL# 5114-88th St. Liquor Boutique, LL# 5705-I Luv Sushi

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell-June gathering at Abbott Loop Community Park(60+) and July at Whisper Faith (18+).

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead <http://www.accpatrols.org/>-not in attendance, will be leaving so need people for this group. No report this month- Patty Higgins- contact if interested.

Old Business

New Business

- Taking nominations for ALCC annual elections. **Voting will be at the September meeting.** Procedure on pg 4 of this agenda. Need President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 9 Board of Director seats open. Lize is interested in being President, we need nominations by 9/28 meeting- voting at the September meeting and new positions start after the meeting. Tech person needed- help with Mic/TV/Hosting Zoom meeting.
- Bylaws here: <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/19507.pdf>

Announcements/Comments

Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month but can be subject to changes based on holidays and the ASD school schedule.

- September 28- Voting for Officer and Board of Directors
- October 19
- November 16
- December 14 (TBA)

Adjourn 7:48 pm

ALCC Procedures regarding Elections of Officers and Board

Elections are held on the last Thursday of September for Officers and Board members.

Starting at the August regular meeting the Secretary shall record the names of persons interested in running for office.

At the beginning of the September meeting, the President shall call the body to order and proceed through approval of the minutes and treasurer's report.

The President will appoint someone who is not running for office to run the elections.

Nominations will be opened for each officer position one at a time. Candidates may give up to a three-minute speech on why they are running. If there is more than one nomination, a ballot for that office only will be handed to each qualified member. Three members will count the votes and report the winner of that office to the body. This process will be repeated for the other three officers, one at a time. This allows the other nominees to run for another office or board position.

Following the election of officers, a ballot for the nine-member Board of Directors will be handed to each qualified member. Nominations will be taken from the floor and each member will write any additional nominations on their ballot.

After nominations have been closed, Candidates may give up to a three-minute speech about their qualifications, interest in the Community Council, and the position. Candidates do not need to be present; however, they must have acknowledged to the Secretary they are willing to serve.

After ballots have been collected, the three-member election team will count the ballots. The meeting will proceed during this phase of ballot counting with the President resuming control of the meeting.

The results of the new board will be announced before the meeting adjourns. New Officers and Board members take office after the September meeting is adjourned.