

# September 28st, 2023

## Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

Trail Side Elementary, 5151 Abbott Rd and via Zoom



### Call to Order 6:36

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda- no changes, approved as is.
- Approval of minutes from August 31st, 2023: Kathleen Easley-no changes, approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage-\$310.73, donations can be made- jar on the sign in table.

### Nominations/Voting for ALCC annual elections.

Call for any nominees for any of the four officer positions. There are the following candidates: President-Lizzie Newell, Vice-President- Susan Soule, Secretary-Kathleen Easley, and Treasurer- Heather Schrage. No additional nominees, all positions have a single candidate. Request of any opposition of approval across the slate requested by President Bruce Roberts-no one opposed. The four candidates will be the **2023-24 ALCC Officers: President-Lizzie Newell, Vice-President- Susan Soule, Secretary-Kathleen Easley, and Treasurer- Heather Schrage.**

Call for nominees for any of the nine Board of Director positions. There are nine nominations: Pat O'Hara, Mark Miner, Kari Nore, Yolanda Meza, Patti Higgins, Emily Sullivan, Marilyn Russel, Jon Roder, and Charles Joy. Additional nominee Chris Tomsen requested to be added to the list. The three newest candidates gave brief bios to the members attending. Nominations closed. Voting by paper ballot with all nominees names, directions to select 9 people for the board positions out of the 10 current candidates. Ballots were given to all members eligible to vote (who have attended at least one previous ALCC meeting in the past year). 11 members in-person were eligible and voted and 2 members on Zoom(via private chat) were eligible and voted. Votes tallied by the secretary, reviewed by the President, the 9 candidates with the most number of votes were selected as the new Board of Directors. **2023-24 ALCC Board of Directors: Pat O'Hara, Mark Miner, Kari Nore, Yolanda Meza, Patti Higgins, Emily Sullivan, Marilyn Russel, Jon Roder, and Charles Joy.**

**APD Report**-not requested, no one in attendance.

### Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
  - Chair of the Transportation Committee, so busy in the summer. Port of Alaska visit with United States Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
  - Lots of time on Energy: tours and attending informational meetings. Daycare- On the Governor's Day Care Task Force, meet every other week for this. Will bring recommendations for this- 61% daycare desert, none in reach of those in need. This is a family and workforce issue. School visits in the area-Huffman's 50th Anniversary-Saturday. Finance Committee and the Subcommittee of DEED. End of October FAFSA is due-Summit with DEED, many not utilizing this funding for education/college. Team effort around DOT with the delay of Scooter Drive Divergent and Dimond Blvd- putting off for three years- Assembly and constituents comments that this wasn't what was wanted.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
  - Government shutdown-should be less severe for Alaska. WIC is a critical program- many times Federal funds stop and money is gone in days- we have carry over. Passports, SS, Medicare.Medicaid- new or support will shut down if gov. not funded. Military serving without pay. Natural Gas shortage- consider Hilcorp- they are not producing gas that is in Cook Inlet- some believe they have a legal obligation to do so.

## Community Reports and Q & A:

- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
  - Randy Shulte-
    - Worksession on Chugach State Park access for park service areas. Will come for voters next April.
    - Home Initiative-Re-doing residential zoning to consider 5 zoning districts. 9/29 City Hall worksession-update on the Solid Waste Transfer Services.
    - 10/2 and 10/4 are great opportunities to meet for the AMATS Transportation informational meetings.
    - Home for new Transit Station- Time for input- they have begun the process/selection of possible new transit station. Main station hub is downtown, but changes in 2018-there is now no center hub that all buses go to. Does it make sense to keep that hub downtown?
  - Felix Rivera-
    - Budget- started the 2024 process for the budget. 9/1, 21 days, memo from the mayor outlining their priorities and preliminary data that goes into the budget. Capital Projects possibly on the Bond in April- sneak peek then. Priorities: Public Safety, Snow removal, Housing, Vacancies/Employees. Administration reviews. General operating budget and Capital Improvement Plan (5 year), next month more info on the budget and Capital Improvement Budget (next year's projects).
    - Homelessness-Cold weather shelter/Approved final budget through end of the year. Funding allocated was 3.7 million- request from AHD was 3.1 million, so we will need a little more funding for January on. Will solve this in November. Rely on non congregate beds- Two locations to be named- 372 beds- need around 400-450. SWS Administration building would house 150 as a plan- AHD will give plans on this. October plans lay out next month making investments to increase housing. Housing Summit Nov 3rd at UAA-all day.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
  - Pat Higgins-
    - School board meeting with Assembly was very positive/ all are working well together.
    - Closing schools- schools with low capacity, some are at 67%. No rapid decisions but discussions coming up.
    - 90 million budget issue- difficult budget process. Have to complete a budget before the legislature approves one.
    - Lack of legislature support to change retirement for teachers. ASD has openings, crisis for job seekers.
    - Audits to 1) Managerial, 2) Health insurance, 3) Procurement, and 4) Safety of Staff.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) no report or email update received for September.

## Reports

### FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

- Daryl the Anchorage Municipal Ombudsman to offer training for Community Council 101- in the charter and code- what are the functions etc. Aimed towards officers and members of the community in November some time.

### HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Dr. Jan Schmidt- Fire Dangers on Hillside- showing what would happen with fire in the area.
- Zone changes and what that would mean for the Hillside area.

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

**Parks & Rec Committee:** Mark Miner- not in attendance

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Mary Miner- not in attendance, read by Bruce Roberts.

- Review and Recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission to the Anchorage Assembly of an Ordinance (AO 2023-92) amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.04.30B., B-1A: Local and Neighborhood Business District, to provide flexibility for more floor area to commercial business in a commercial zoning district. Hearing date is 10/9/23.
- **Presentation- Shawn Clow-** Council presentation regarding Conditional use permit and variance application for 2105 E. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Converting an existing health facility into a NuVision Federal Credit Union office. Showed layout of drive through banking and lot would look. Variance -need to validate for a financial institute, plans to share with the community and this is the public presentation. Some concerns expressed about eating up the landscape area with a drive through and possible increased traffic in the area. Asked them to be mindful of the area-Noted that parking is being added in as well. Pedestrian access all the way through- no crossing traffic. Will be relocating the bank in Carrs to this location, not adding an additional bank to the area, so should not increase traffic.

**Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Yolanda Meza-not in attendance, no new renewals of licenses this month.

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell- nothing to report.

**Abbott Loop Community Patrol:** Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

- We need volunteers for patrol.

### Old Business

### New Business

- Presentation from CRW Engineering- 74th/75th Ave Road Reconstruction project. Preliminary engineering and design stage, no construction has begun. Planning to upgrade E. 74th Avenue, Nancy Street, Petersburg Street, and E. 75th Avenue. Improvements may include: New road foundation, new asphalt pavement, new curb & gutters, storm drain system, new pedestrian facilities, and new street lighting. Website for updates: <https://74th-75thareconstruction.com/>
  - Holly and Hailey presented- CRW Engineering- Reload reconstruction- in the preliminary engineering process. Basel/72nd/Lore. Lacks pedestrian.no curb/gutters in area- improvements to drainage, curbs and gutters, pedestrian sidewalk on one or both sides of street. Completed plan 2026, construction 2027.

### Announcements/Comments

- A request for books- donate to our Little Library at Whisper Faith Park. Patti Higgins is the POC and will deliver.
- Meg Zaletel- noted about the change of priority- to modify our CIP for the Coventry street flooding issue- PME has been out there a few times, see what the scope is, initial design. DO this through a resolution if teh community council agrees- does ALCC support putting this to the front of the line. Encouraged to bring resolution for the OOctober meeting and bring it up to a vote- then they can amend the CIP list.

### 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.

- October 19
- November 16
- December 14 (TBA)

**Adjourn 8:38 pm**