

Abbott Loop Community Council

October 19th, 2023

Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

IN PERSON: Trail Side Elementary and via ZOOM:

Call to Order 6:31 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda, no changes, approved as is.
- Approval of minutes from September 28th, 2023: Kathleen Easley, no changes, approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage, no report, not in attendance. Bank balance \$310.73 from last month.

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

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman-report by Dominick
 - Snow Summit, Anchorage delegation members /Anchorage area met with the village of Eklutna along with the Assembly and mayor Bronson. Ketchikan- AK Marine Hwy Director meeting- working with them on a plan for the marine highway as a part of transportation.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe- report by Edra
 - Working on Governors Childcare Taskforce, will make recommendations mid November. Meeting and visiting with schools and childcares. Chair of House Budget Committee- Education funding, Education budget. Attending Snow Summit. Next month or so- transportation, FAFSA summit 10/26 and 10/27, Thread Alaska- Community Leader/Policy members next week, Dept of Military and Veteran Affairs next wednesday. Coffee meeting with constituents 10/28 SteamDot on O'Malley 8-10am. Newsletter out today.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage-report by Jeremy
 - Constient survey. AK Permanent Fund meeting- status of fund with Perm Fund Corp. They are looking at some statutory or legislative ways to protect the PFD. New vacancy in the house district 40 North Slope, the governor has 30 days to appoint a replacement. Road improvements-Meeting 11/2 4:30-6:30 upgrade Quinagak Street between East Dowling Road and Askeland Drive-open house at Polaris K-12 School. Upgrade 74th Ave., Nancy St., Petersburg St., and E. 75th Ave info [here](#). AK Federation of Natives- meeting today. AFN free to public 10/21 details online. Jobs open here at Trailside- Admin assistant and paraprofessional positions open. Anchorage Housing WEek 10/30 to 11/3.

Community Reports and Q & A:

- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
 - Felix Rivera-
 - October 30-November 4th Anchorage Action Housing Week. Summit on November 3rd at UAA Student Union. Different events throughout the week. See details [here](#)
 - Body Worn Cameras- at a Public Safety meeting-got an update. Pilot project to have 30 days/30 cameras- then reevaluated/work out any issues, then on to full implementation. Using a radio shop outside of APD to get the systems going- they can only complete 2/week. Will eb total of 350 total systems when all up and running. Will take time/Asked APD if there is any way to hurry this up.
 - Homelessness- Implementation to plan. Alex hotel 100 beds, as of 10/19

full. Aviator 274 beds as of 10/19, 52% full. Old SWS building/Muni- 150 beds, coming online at some point. Two week delay. Homelessness page on Assembly site [here](#). The Assembly Housing tracker shows what was allocated and how much set aside.

- Meg Zalatel-
 - Mayor's budget October. \$12 million under budget, the savings is from things such as a "labor scrub"- saves \$2.6 million from not filling vacancies- this closes the ability to fill at a later date, and is not true to what is needed to fill positions in muni. Continues to harm muni. Will finish up soon and bring forward amendments by the Assembly at the 11/9 meeting. SIP Upgrade \$2 million, Safety Center contract \$2-3 million, Reverse labor cuts-restore vacancies. Frontline positions, eliminate funding from loss of positions. There was a \$500k increase in snow removal- checking on how wage negotiations are going.
 - Retention, Recruitment, and Professional development.
 - Priorities are Snow Plan- Snow Summit 10/20- funding! Ensure also not a barrier to housing development. Making sure funding for Mobile Crisis team, police department- for 24/7 coverage. Open public testimony at next assembly meeting. Nov 7th- Bonds for April ballot. Looking per district, CIP- District 4- will review any that are state funded requests. May review putting on the bonds instead. Park Bonds is small- \$2 million range. Public restrooms- putting in public restroom facilities in several areas in Anchorage, this would be investing at the cost of a cup of coffee on to the taxpayer/per \$100k/housing.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#) - Pat Higgins- no report, not in attendance.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) - reporting by Michelle Hodel
 - Mayor delivered his proposal for the 2024 budget, safety/cost efficiencies are a priority. \$12 million below the tax cap, believe review brought to a good decrease in spending which was \$2.4 million below the 2023 budget. The mayor signed onto an amicus brief petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to review two recent 9th Circuit Court rulings that place severe restrictions on how cities address homelessness, he believes sheltering is a solution to homelessness. Code changes to go back to pre SB91 status where failure to appear code changes to be made. SWS building- large areas with cots- One common shelter space. Old Seward area, hoping to open November 1st.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no report or update.

Candidate Introductions- none tonight.

Reports

FCC Representative: Lizzie Newell

- Attended. They had a Narcan talk about Opioid overdose prevention.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Continues to attend these meetings. They had a Narcan talk about Opioid overdose prevention.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner no report, not in attendance.

- Justin Keene from CRW Engineering, Inc.- Quinhagak Street Reconstruction project.
 - Project site [here](#). Open house 11/2 4:30-6:30pm at Polaris. Designed upgrade in draft design stage. Capital Improvement 2025 timeline, April 2025 bond, earliest start 2025. Will get email updates as the project goes on.
- Coventry Storm Drainage- [proposed Resolution](#)- Tobias Schwoerer
 - Presented resolution, discussion, this adds this to the current CIP Roads and Project lists for possibly available funding as a higher priority on the current CIP list. Motion to approve and seconded.

Raised hands to show support 11 (9 in person/2 via Zoom) voted to support resolution,, no one opposed. This resolution of support is approved and will be sent to the Anchorage Assembly and clerk by the secretary.

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner- no report, not in attendance.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner- no report, not in attendance.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza -no report, not in attendance. Only one license renewal.

- ML #10747 renewal- Great Northern Cultivation, Inc at 2341 Cinnabar Loop

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- November potluck, a week earlier for November meeting because of Thanksgiving- see new business.

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>- no report, not in attendance.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Anchorage Fire Department- Station 12, Engine 12 (Off Dimond)- Cpt Tyler and two other firefighters came to talk to ALCC about October being Fire Protection Month. Daylight savings time/change the batteries in the smoke alarm and CO2 detectors. Making sure in homes you don't block the air exchange where the boiler/water heater is housed and there is outside air exchange. CO2 is an odorless chemical and there is a need for CO2 detectors in homes.
- November Potluck, sign up will be sent out by Kathleen asking folks to bring a dish to share with the group. December-Meeting plans will be decided at the November meeting (to have a meeting in December or not).

Announcements/Comments

- Please bring a book or two! Request is for books to fill our Little Library at Whisper Faith Park. Patti Higgins is the POC and will deliver to the library if members bring to meetings.

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.

- November 16th- Community Potluck 6:15 to drop off and meeting to start just after 6:30pm.
- December 14th (will be discussed at November meeting)
- January 25th
- February 15th
- March 28th

Adjourn 7:41 pm