

# November 16th, 2023

## Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting



**Call to Order** 6:32 pm via Zoom (Snow closure of after school activities)

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda, approved as is.
- Approval of minutes from October 19th, 2023: Kathleen Easley, approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage- \$310.73 in bank account.

### Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
  - Capital projects meetings with board members. Snowstorm- Epic challenges. DOT, Governor, and Mayor- Priority 3- needed Hillside. State will compensate Muni for plowing. Some understanding and contracts in place- but they were not aware of how much snow and it was coming this fast. Upper Hillside/O'Malley area- mix of LERSA/Muni- so some confusion about who was to plow- created closure for O'Malley school.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
  - Snow plowing- has been on the phone with DOT and Muni the last 5 days. Bowman finally got plowed out. O'Malley didn't get it until today. Community council/Reps and Senator/Huffman/O'Malley/Independence Park-pulled resources. Childcare Task Force- Recommendations put out. Public comments open. 12/2 Coffee with Randy Sulte Assembly, Kaladi Brothers on Huffman 8-10am. Public Open House Academy & Vanguard at Hanshew MS 12/7 5:30-7:30pm.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
  - District 40- Mayor of Nome- Governor had to fill the position. North Slope Representative replaced Thomas Baker- selected and confirmed. South central Natural Gas production. Hilcorp owns most of the leases, they can't wait until natural gas prices go up to produce, but they will probably wait until price goes up and charge more- Concerns here with this. Certainly a high priority. Education funding- ASD Budget deficit and many other districts are going to have federal aid, running out and without the state increasing funding this will be a big problem. ASD cutting counselors, Ignite, and more programs. Permanent fund money extra funds. Constituent coffee this Saturday 11/18 at Kaladi Brothers Brayton drive.

### Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for November.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
  - Felix Rivera- Meg Zaletel is traveling, so he will report. Snow
    - Plowing- frustrating- understand this and looking at additional plowing additions in the budget. Also open contracting and possible wage increase for operators. Muni is on the lower side of the pay scale. Get less than state and others. Will call a meeting with maintenance and admin to talk about what happened and this should not be the new normal.
    - Body worn cameras- started deploying this week. End of the week there should be 30 cameras in the Pilot. May go quicker than anticipated.
    - Budget- 11/21/23 meeting- will be voting on the Operating budget, Capital budget, and Capital Plan (5 year). Amendments are coming from the Assembly.
    - Homelessness- 150 to 200 beds in the SBSs Building. 50 additional this week. Stand up warming area (Fairview) December 1st, encourage sooner if possible. Shelter re-evaluation-see if 50 beds is enough. Housing Action Week/Summit in early November. Looking for comments on the plan by December 4th at Anchorage Housing Action.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
  - Pat Higgins- Budget is underfunded by \$150 million. Do not have a defined benefit

system, don't have social security- compensation issues hard to recruit new teachers. There is a one year extension of the AEA teacher contract. Snow removal- street cleaning. At the 11/29 meeting will work on internal audits. Focus on every opportunity to improve outcomes.

- [Mayor's Office Report](#) -no report, no one requested, no one from the office in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#)- no updates.

## Reports

**FCC Representative:** Lizzie Newell

- Mayor spoke at the meeting. Kevin Berry for workforce trends in Alaska. Margo Bellamy also spoke.

**HALO Report:** Lizzie Newell

- Kathy Geisel spoke. Rep. Julie Coulombe spoke about the Child Care Task force. Sen. James Kaufman spoke about the state ferry system, and John Weddleton spoke about changes in zoning.

**Roads & Projects Committee:** Mary Miner -Nothing to report.

**Parks & Rec Committee:** Mark Miner

- Spruce Street mitigation.
- Service Hilltop/Smoke jump parking lot- reducing fire hazard, tree cutting.

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Mary Miner- Nothing to report.

**Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Yolanda Meza- not in attendance. No new license renewals this month.

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell

- Consider December potluck since this Nov meeting had to go to Zoom only option.

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

- Dan was supposed to be deployed- maybe out in the Spring. He stepped down. Patty volunteered to lead. Two new members did ride-alongs. If there are any issues or need to report homelessness set ups, contact Patti.

## Old Business

- Capital Projects meeting on 11/6- Lizzie. Met with group to discuss. For info Bruce Roberts: Capital Projects- CPIS- Capital Projects Information System. CIP: Capital Improvement Projects. Council has a list of projects and prioritizes the Assembly and state representatives each year. Top of list Abbott Road signal- 3 years, may need to go to advocate for this. Basel Street resurfacing.

## New Business

- DOWL- Morgan McCammon- information about resurface planning of Dowling Road between Lake Otis Parkway and Elmore Road will come at a later date- just giving us information that this is coming up for 2024.
- December meeting decision

## 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.

- January 25th
- February 15th
- March 28th

**Adjourn 7:38 pm**