

# **Sand Lake Community Council (SLCC) Meeting**

## **April 8, 2024 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

- 1. Welcome / Call to Order - 6:40pm**
- 2. Approval the Minutes - Approved (**
- 3. President's Report**
  - a. Robert Hayes, VP, is filling in for Liz.
  - b. "Juneau student insurrection" - Robert wants an apology from legislators who took selfies with students during the walkout on Thursday, April 4. Heard students were banging on doors.
  - c.
- 4. Treasurer's Report -**
  - a. Spent \$103.75 in March for West Anchorage Candidate Forum
  - b. Current Balance: \$847.05
- 5. Chugach Tower Report by Campbell Lake**
  - a. 139ft Tower on Victor & 100th
  - b. Survey conducted remotely, minimum communications standards
  - c. In research phase, looking for community engagement and build awareness
  - d. Will bring a draft resolution to the next meeting
  - e. Learn more here:  
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17927>
- 6. Assembly Member Anna Brawley, HOME Initiative**
  - a. Election Update:
    - i. Onto a runoff election on Tues. May 14. Register or update your registration by April 14. Ballots go out on May 30.
    - ii. Park Bond - improve Sand Lake dock
    - iii. Traffic Calming + Transit - more money for traffic calming (\$1M)
  - b. Major Updates:
    - i. FY22 Audited Financials aren't closed. Hoping to have FY22 buttoned up and move onto FY23 this spring.
    - ii. First Quarter Budget Revisions are coming this month. In Nov, the Assembly approves a fiscal year budget. Q1 Budget Revisions are an opportunity to recalibrate the budget before property taxes are levied. Property Assessment x Mill Rate = Property Taxes
    - iii. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter funding will run out at the end of May, so the shelter on 56th Ave will close, unless the State Legislature funds \$4M in operational expenses through the state budget.

- c. [HOME Initiative](#) - presented [these slides](#) on the HOME Initiative. Submit comments on Planning Case 2024-0006:  
<https://www.muni.org/PZComments/?casenum=2024-0006>

## 7. Alaska Legislature Reports

### a. Senator Matt Claman

- i. Budget. House Finance Committee Operating Budget is coming to the House Floor. At this point, it's on schedule, but time will tell.
- ii. AWWU project to break ground in 2025.
- iii. Watch Sen. Claman present 7-minutes at City Nerd Nite:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCqoHzycZIU>

### b. Representative Tom McKay

- i. HB392 made it through the House Education Committee, headed to House Finance Committee next. Includes \$680 increase to BSA and other measures.
- ii. Has sponsored 5 energy bills and 2 have moved out of the House Energy Committee. None consider alternatives to natural gas.
- iii. Not sure if he is sponsoring a bill to direct Federal Infrastructure Dollars to AEDA. A member is concerned if the project is not going to receive public comment.
- iv. Expecting a press conference tomorrow by the Governor to back HB392.

### c. Representative Jennie Armstrong - no report

### d. Representative Andy Josephson

- i. Day 83 of the session
- ii. Serves on House Finance Committee, got 9 amendments incorporated into the budget headed to the House floor this week, including a \$4M addition for shelter operations in Anchorage. Going to run an amendment on the House Floor to keep up with inflation for DVSA work.
- iii. The bill passed to make vandalization of a house of workshop a felony.

## 8. Anchorage School Board Report

### a. School Board Member Kelly Lessens - written report:

The Anchorage Assembly approved ASD's Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

- b. The Board received an update on the Academies of Anchorage project during its 4pm Work Session on 3/27/24.
- c. The entire presentation can be viewed here. To watch videos explaining how the Academies and Freshman Academy will work, go here and here, respectively.
- d. During the 6pm 3/27 Board meeting:
  - i. The Board heard an update covering its college, career, and life readiness goal. The full update can be found here. (ASD is focused on raising the percentage of students in grades 9-11 who are "on track to graduate" to

90% by June of 2028. “On track” is defined by the number of credits earned at the end of 9th grade (5.5 credits), 10th grade (11 credits), and 11th grade (16.5 credits).

- ii. The Board approved a resolution that will provide ASD an avenue to re-employ retired teachers in an effort to fill open vacancies.
- e. The Board and Assembly met for a quarterly joint meeting on Friday 3/29/24
  - i. Of note, the Anchorage Assembly is looking for applicants to be the Youth Representative on the Anchorage Assembly. This position is for an individual between the ages of 16-19 to share in the visioning of Anchorage's future. The application deadline is April 30, 2024. For more information, or to submit an application, please go here: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Anchorage-Assembly-Youth-Representative.aspx>
  - ii. ASD Chief Financial Officer Andy Ratliff provided the School Board and Assembly a brief overview of the ASD FY 25 Budget that was recently approved by the Anchorage Assembly. A full copy of Mr. Ratliff's presentation can be viewed here.
  - iii. There was discussion between School Board members and Assembly members regarding the concept of having the Municipality pay for ASD sports and activities, which cost roughly \$5 million per year. Assembly members noted the challenge of fitting this cost under the tax cap would be difficult, but the Assembly Vice Chair requested a letter pointing to which models to investigate as the Assembly moves into the 2025 budget process. ASD has since provided that letter.
- f. The ASD Bond (Prop 1) appears to be passing, though election tallies have not yet been completed.
- g. The Board's next meeting will be Tuesday 4/9.
- h. The 4pm work session will allow the Board to discuss both the science curriculum and the Academies of Anchorage initiative.

#### **9. Ted Stevens International Airport**

- a. Parking Garage 4th Floor will be closed through July 31
- b. 6% increase in YTD passenger traffic
- c. FAA is looking at SE corner security fence

#### **10. Airport Subcommittee - no report**

#### **11. Other Business**

- a. FCC - Arianna Bellizzi is the new Executive Director of the FCC
- b. **Northwood Fence** - needs to be fixed

#### **12. Move to Adjourn: 8:56pm**

Next Meeting: May 13