

March 28th, 2024

Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

In person at Trailside Elementary and via Zoom

Call to Order 6:30 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda-no changes to agenda, approved as is.
- Approval of minutes from February 29th, 2024: Kathleen Easley, no changes to minutes, approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage, \$456.73, passing the bucket to collect funds.

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
 - Good time to get out of Juneau for holiday. Going to Huffman Elementary. Rep. Coulombe did a great job of explaining. SB140- stayed the course, voted to override the Governor's veto. Debate has stayed civil. Anchorage town hall- delegation was great and civil. Not a great deal of updates. Joint session HB 392-dropped it into play into committee. BSA vs what is being called reform- getting funds to teachers. 392 is similar- Internet funding was pulled out and approved separately. 392 is more teacher focused- on sustaining teachers.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
 - Finance -Budget amendments. Couple of things have passed. 99 amendments/they have gone through 15 of them. Many on break for Easter. Childcare bill in Senate H & H Services. Victim Restitution Bill in Senate State Affairs. Tax Assessments Bills- in House. Firewise money, \$200,000 got last year for projects around the Hillside area. HALO is moving on some- Safe crossings, disaster evacuations routes, etc.Mid April Capital Budget. Most of the momentum in Energy now-Cook Inlet. Knows people are upset about voting on the Education Bill- wanted to explain- Governor's veto- clear he would veto it- and he would veto by line in May if over ride was done, then it would pull us into a Special session. Took a risk to sustain veto on SB140. Supports increase to SBA. Working on a formula increase, not one time funding.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
 - Eleanor is one! A Lot that has happened- trying to override the Governor's veto on Education. The vote on twelve of the Governor's Executive Orders. Budget. Veto of SB140- Bipartisan support in Senate and House- compromise. A lot of good in that bill. Governor vetoed the bill. Legislature went into a joint session to vote-many house majority backed out and didn't vote to override veto. Very likely will be working with on time funds again. Now renegotiating for the governor;s demands -it won't be enough for him- not the idea of getting though all these big issues- very concerned and disappointed in this. At the mercy of the House majority. Executive Orders- Twelve of them. Went into a joint session and 8 of the 12 were rejected. Legislature stopped the most concerning of these. Operating budget- concerned, maximizes the dividen, sacrifices other items that we will need to put money in there for. It spends all of our money to pay down to zero- doesn't leave room for a Capital budget. Leaves out many of our rural areas- where improvements are needed. It doesn't have room to get money- ie through federal matching. Spends down all our savings.

Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for March meeting.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)-
 - Meg Zaletel-
 - Passed ASD Budget- assumption of \$100 increase to BSA. Short-term Rental 7-5 vote, then vetoed by mayor, not taxed or managed like hotels. Consolidate zoning from 15 down to 5 zones. There is a webinar we can view on this. Postponing this to 5/20/24 as they reach

out for more information and will work on necessary plan changes to make sure they are up to date. This should be less red tape for builders, combined as they are on land use maps. Eklutna River- Special meeting Wednesday. Any option requires assembly approval before going to Governor- 2/3 owners could agree on an option- we need to know before allowing. AWWU- primary rights- negotiates with power companies to renegotiate-binding terms /voted to make chair subpoena to get out to the public to view. Public agreement (side agreement with muni/2 companies is confidential but should be open to the public). EPA examining ground water, etc. Clean energy, access to clean drinking water and making sure we are fulfilling our Eklutna Village agreement could increase water , electricity, and property tax rates. Next month AMATS-transportation.

- Felix Rivera-
 - Next week- Proposed budget revisions- true it up then mil rate is set. Getting a picture of financials. CIP-Capital Improvement Projects. Make sure community councils are ready- due May and June. Housing and Homelessness-at capacity with 574 beds, warmer weather numbers dip a little. April 9th deliberating extended ER Cold weather plan to end of May. \$1 million cost to extend to May. Asked state for \$4million to keep 1)part of Cold weather shelter (CWS) at SWS building on E56th open/operating through the summer. April 9th for vote on proposal from the mayor- proposal's original ask-no camping w/in 10 blocks of a licenced shelter, no camping downtown, no more than 50 people, power of AHD Director if they make a "waste water (issue) nuisance," which a site can be abated in 72 hours. No camp w/in 50 ft of park or trail. New reporting creates a place to park for campers/RVs within regulation. Next step is part of the pilot program-150 individuals housed/ 80 already though- 70 more by the end of April or May. Goal is 150 during the summer. Camp abatement to housing approach is the second phase would be about 300 a year. Municipal audit-not done for 2 years.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
 - Pat Higgins- Approved budget- without knowing what legislature was going to do-without knowing what funding amount. Voted unanimously. Nothing taken from the Ignite program, no teacher cuts, no admin removed. If we get one time funding-one year at a time. Difficulty and challenge- hope to see some sort of increase in BSA. Hold kids harmless. Teacher retention- Compensation- believes 25% below level it should be at. Preschool is important. 400 positions open of those over 140 are teaching positions. Defined contribution needs to be changed. This is a low number and will probably be more like 600 jobs. Lots of challenges ahead. Retaining staff in general, difficult if we aren't competitive. New high school potential schedule/plan- not set without input from families and public. Options for M/WF or T/W classes.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#) -no one requested, no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) no update or email report from JBER.

Candidate Introductions

Reports

FCC Representative: Lizzie Newell

- Transportation fair-Lizzie not able to attend, others from our community council were there.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Money for Firewise plans- some parts of ALCC are (Mars/Saturn) are high fires danger areas. We need to be looking into evacuation plans etc. HALO is recommending what we need to do, ER egress and we can put forward some ideas. There is a grant for this. Team Rubicon (Volunteers)/AFD Fire Chief. Patti- maps for our district- lots of single

access entry streets and cul de sacs in our council area. Abbott Road should not be used- maybe Lake Otis if we had to evacuate. We should talk about plans for fire. UAA has folks working on this as well. \$200, 000 to help propel HALP projects- they are a good point of contact to work on this. Picnic planned/Fire mitigation event each Spring, last year it was at Hilltop. Elmore/Abbott is the densest area for fire and tree concern in our council area.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner (Bruce reporting)

- Capital Projects submitted in February/No Capital budget funds at this time. Muni has Capital Improvement Projects- 26 Road projects, 12 Park projects- were given the same projects the past few years. Dan and Bruce and others need to meet and get a list together to submit by the end of May. No letter from mayor opening of CIPs.
- Transportation Fair- Not many projects in our area- Resurfacing of Dowling Road-is on Muni- 2024 pBond passes then this will start this Fall. Lake Otis re-surfacing Project- O'Malley to Abbott happened last year. Huffman to O'Malley future 2025 or beyond. Basel 73rd-75th horrendous potholes all over road- it is 5th on our CIP. Nancy Place/South of there engineering funds for Nancy Place at some time. Double Diversion /DOT reviewing- Diamond @O'Malley/Underpass at Scooter Drive. 2027 Academy/Vanguard Project/Scooter Drive- delayed as part of AMATS/TIPs project \$ ballooned too large.

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- Meadow Park planning- ASD-Rilke School planning is moving forward and they will present at the next meeting in April.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

- Nothing to report

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

- 2024/2025 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Application
 - LL# 3953 Los Arcos- 2001 E Dowling Rd #1, Transfer from Maria Gallo-Covarrubias to Jose Gallo

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- Picnic- pavilion not available for the June 27th time we had originally wanted. Lizzie will reach out and see what we can reschedule and get set for June picnic.

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

- Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

- East 72nd speeding concern brought to the council by a neighbor in attendance. People speeding down 72nd, gotten very bad over the past few years- even with sped humps- they are not deterring speeding. Safety concern for walking. Possibly asking about a request for a traffic study or request we support a study. Can a resolution of support for a traffic study be brought to the next meeting. Bruce will follow up with Tim Merlin. ALCC Patrol will monitor as well.

Announcements/Comments

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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.

- April 25th
- May 16th earlier in the month- ASD is out of school the following week.
- June 27th 4:30-8pm at Abbott Loop Community Park Pavilion (NOW TBA)
- July 25- Whisper Faith Park/Dog Park
- August TBA/No meeting

Adjourn 8:11

(\$40 collected last meeting, \$70 collected this meeting- will be deposited by Kathleen)