

**Campbell Park Community Council
Minutes
April 18th, 2024
Via Zoom and in-person at
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay's Room**

1-4. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes, and expressions of gratitude. Chairwoman Cupp called the meeting to order at 7:02. Participants expressed gratitude for the return of the sun, participants in the meeting, and election center workers. The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Old Business

Sanctioned Homeless Camp Resolution - TJ Andrew

At T.J. Andrew's request, voting on the resolution was tabled until the May meeting (after the election for mayor).

6. New Business

Capital Improvement Program Members reviewed an unranked list of capital improvement programs. Each community council's candidates must be ranked and submitted by June 15th in order to be eligible for funding, which is not guaranteed. The council will vote on the ranking at the May meeting. The unranked list may be viewed at

<https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/>

7. Reports (Limited to three minutes each plus q&a)
Legislature

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson SB 24 Mental Health Education for Schools had its first and second hearing and will next go to Finance and then to the floor for a vote. **SB 131 Asian**

American /Pacific Islander Program is waiting to be heard in Finance. Sen. Gray-Jackson's monthly report is included in the appendix to these minutes.

Sen Forrest Dunbar Sen. Dunbar's monthly report is included in the appendix to these minutes.]

Rep. Andy Josephson. The Finance Committee has adopted 9 of the 35 amendments presented by Rep. Josephson. Subjects of sponsored bills include vandalism of houses of worship, carbon capture, Cook Inlet gas crisis, and polystyrene.

Rep. Andrew Gray HB198 on extending renewal of SNAP Benefits has been heard. Links to upcoming constituent meetings and podcasts are at <https://repgray.com>.

Mayor's Office - no report, not present.

Assembly

Meg Zaletel -No report, not present, due to work session.

Felix Rivera No report, not present, due to work session.

School Board . Carl Jacobs described the School Boards response to the constitutional challenge to correspondence schools expenditures for private or religious schools: first, filing for a stay of execution with the court; second, pausing reimbursement payments; and third, preparing a resolution to the State Board of Education, requesting an emergency regulation to roll back correspondence school funding to the situation in 2014, prior to the current rules found unconstitutional. In response to a query from a resident about the new Academy program, he stated that he would be

in touch about the best format for a presentation to the community council.

Housing & Homelessness Committee Michael Burke, T.J. Andrew – no report.

FCC Delegate Kevin Fimon. No report, not present for first time in a decade or more, an attendance streak at CPCC deemed worth of note in the minutes.

Vice-Chair Andrew Satterfield suggested that the Council move to 10 meetings per year, rather than 11, given the end of the legislative session in May and the competition from other summer activities. He would also like to revisit our bylaw requirements for attendance at prior meetings for voting eligibility.

Treasurer T.J. Andrew. No report.

CPCC Chair Nicole Cupp urged members to review the Capital Improvement Program list before the next meeting

8. Open Forum Members discussed issues associated with homelessness, progress of the Next Step program in housing people, and a request to revise our council's meeting agendas to place reports community council officers before reports from government officials.

9. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30. The next meeting is Thursday, May 16th.

Appendix

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson. April report.

Sen. Forrest Dunbar. April report

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
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This Session

The following is an update of my current legislative priorities for this session.

Public Schools: Mental Health Education (SB 24) – The Bill had its first hearing in the House Health & Social Services on April 11th and is now waiting for a 2nd hearing.

Asian American/Pacific Islander Program (SB 131) –Is waiting to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee for the first time.

Stay at Work/Return to Work (SB 206) –This bill was heard and held in the Senate Finance committee on March 20th.

CPR Curriculum (SB 221) - This bill moved out of Senate Education Committee on April 10th, and it is now waiting to be schedule in the Senate Finance Committee.

Education for Deaf & Hearing Impaired (SB 143) companion to HB111 — This bill is a deaf and hard of hearing children's bill of rights that establishes consistency in the information provided to parents by the school district, allows parents to choose the best method of communication for their child and requires the school district to provide services using the parent's chosen method of communication. This bill had its first hearing in the Senate Education committee on April 10th and is now waiting for a 2nd hearing.

Budget Updates

The Capital budget passed the Senate, and the House passed the Operating budget. The Senate now has the Operating budget for review and amendments and the House has the Capital budget.

Operating budget included \$4 million for the low-barrier homeless shelter in the former Solid Waste Services building in Anchorage. This would allow that shelter to operate through the summer months. It also has a \$2,272 dividend that includes the energy relief funds. This amount is subject to be reduced by the Senate to make the amount more sustainable.

Constituent Meeting coming up

Please join me for a constituent meeting on April 18th. The meeting will be a good opportunity to share your concerns and opinions while also hearing an update from me regarding the happenings within our Legislature.

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Please click here to RSVP for the event link.

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/UQSC5DTEEEZMNP66](https://forms.gle/UQSC5DTEEEZMNP66)

I look forward to seeing you soon!



Always representing your interests!



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Session 2024 April Community Council Update

Legislative Updates

SB 77: MUNI PROP TAX EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTED PROP updates municipal property tax laws, including provisions for designating blighted properties and tax incentives for redevelopment. This bill is being heard on Monday, 4/22, in House Rules.

Four pieces of my legislation are waiting to be brought to the House Floor for a final vote:

SB 159: ALASKA VETERANS' POPPY DAY designates the Friday before Memorial Day as "Alaska Veterans' Poppy Day." Red poppies would be worn in gratitude for the sacrifices of those who served in wars.

SJR 13: AMEND NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT expresses the legislature's support for federal legislation seeking to return lands to Alaska Native communities.

SB 103: PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING PROGRAM establishes confidential counseling programs to provide emotional and moral support to first responder personnel who have experienced traumatic incidents in the line of duty.

SCR 9: MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ASSISTANCE PARITY urges the state to adopt behavioral health parity standards, ensuring behavioral health treatment has the same access and coverage as physical health treatments.

Two pieces of legislation are waiting for a hearing on the Senate floor:

SB 56: AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY updates the current Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), increasing access to postsecondary education in Alaska.

SB 166: MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHADELIC MED. TASK FORCE prepares Alaska for the potential medicalization of psychedelic medicines at the federal level.

SB 239: AIDEA WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT will allow AIDEA to offer financing for workforce housing development. We expect a Senate vote on Monday, 4/22.

FAFSA Applications

If there are graduating seniors in your life, make sure they submit their FAFSA applications! Most financial aid requires completion of the FAFSA. Reach out to our office if you need assistance navigating the FAFSA process.

<https://tinyurl.com/SenDunbar-Newsletter>