

# Thursday, August 29, 2024

## Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

**\*\*ONLINE VIA ZOOM only for AUGUST MEETING\*\***

### Call to Order 6:30 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda - No changes to the agenda, no objections, approved.
- Approval of minutes from May 16th, 2024 meeting: Kathleen Easley. No changes to the minutes, no objections, approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage- \$220.22 balance on bank account.

### Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman-Dominik reporting-
  - SB134 went into effect without the governor's signature. Insurance status bill- wanted to point out a provision- mammography exams applicable- would be cost free to the insured, goes into effect January 1st.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe- Eleilia Preston reporting-
  - HB 179- 2 parts of bill. Transfer tax bill. Assessments- putting guardrails around this. Passed and signed into law 8/13. The Childcare Task Force had testimony. SafeRoutes to school- currently working on the O'malley money. Started a weekly or bi-weekly business spotlight for D11, call the office or cell for this.
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage-
  - Election season, legislative time is slow. Bills to be signed, vetoed or going into effect without his signature. One to highlight was a bill from Rep from Sitka- helps encourage and incentivize teachers to go for higher accreditations/certification to provide bonuses for teachers that pursue higher levels of expertise. Small steps to address recruitment and retention. Positive step forward. Question about losing out on Federal Transportation funds: is there a possibility to correct errors. STIP issues, projects added into the STIP that weren't on the list and so on. Easy funds to get, huge pay off to the state usually is a 90-10 funding. Asking questions and the administration has blamed this on new computer programs, and others- DOT mindset is that the top level and governor are trying to get projects to qualify that would not. Asking for clarifications and trying to see about how to resolve them. Cooper Landing project, and others- no specifics right now but can do some follow up.

### Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for this month.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
  - Felix Rivera-
    - Eklutna- in the news, approaching a climax with the dam and what we are doing to restore water- related to the 1991 agreement- Governor sent out a letter interested in learning more. Asked good questions- have a meeting 9/3/24 where the Assembly and mayor are going to respond to this letter. Meeting 9/9/24 meeting with all parties to be present and federal partners- each will speak and respond. Governor will likely give some response after reviewing. During the three year pre-implementation- The first two years, should be fore reviewing all the proposals.
    - Officer involved shootings. Reforms put forth and are looked at. Review with 3rd party, Policies, Practices and Training. Also a 3rd party investigator reviewing current shooting. Looking at non lethal ways- conversations to be had, also Mobile Crisis Team to be used. So far 7 different officers involved shootings- none have had the Mobile Crisis Team involved. Maybe a civilian oversight model- community conversations to be had.
    - Next Step project- testing abatement to housing model. So far 3 encampments so far with good success, funded to house 45 individuals- so far about 30 individuals

using this model. \$4 million dollars received from the state for shelter for the rest of summer and through into winter until Municipal funds kick in to help.

Administration still reviewing their plans- ideas of smaller, multiple, scattered sheltering.

- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
  - Kelly Lessons-Board members rotate through and she will be our School board member for the next year. Back to school for a few weeks now. New school start times, 6th grades all joined into middle schools, and the district launched the Freshman academies at the comprehensive high schools this year. Two board meetings in August. Overview of one time funds from the state. Bringing a high rate of attrition rates back down to a normal rate. Deficit is projected for 2025-2026 budget will be up in February- which December starts the process. Budget challenge but also a school district footprint challenge- a “right sizing” initiative. Reconciling smaller numbers of schools but keeping special programs- lots of conversations coming. District wide cell phone policie- looking at feedback.
  - Pat Higgins- BSA- one time increase this time. If we do not get an increase we are facing a big problem. Defined benefits- this is a big issue for teachers. Salary and defined benefits are two reasons for job/employment- asking for public involvement.
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- [Mayor’s Office Report](#) - no report.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no report.

### Candidate Introductions- Voting November 5th

- **Janice Park- Senate District F**
- **Walter Fealtherly- Representative District 11**
- **Calvin Schrage- Representative District 12**

### Reports

#### FCC Representative: Lizzie Newell

- The September 18 meeting will be voting for a new chair. Current project changing community council boundaries- doesn’t affect ALCC area. New logo for the FCC. CHange to be aware of is the FCC- no longer allows our council to use their EIN to be used for individual councils- treasure will need to learn about this. Upcoming Training: Delegate training 9/17. Demystifying Community Councils training 9/23. A review of Petrovich Park.

#### HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

- Fire mitigation, funds and planning to use for volunteer efforts to cut dead trees. This did not pass through the Assembly yet. Campbell Tract and Ruth Arcand park are in this area of concern. Felix Rivera: State insurance made HALO ineligible to receive the funds- the Fire Dept is working with HALO to manage and disperse the funds and set priorities. Maybe some upcoming education for ALCC and educating people how to help themselves on their properties- UAA folks can maybe come to a meeting.

#### Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner - not in attendance.

- E 72 Ave (between Lake Otis and Brayton) Traffic Study/Calming Resolution presentation
  - John Hauge- looking to get the city to come do a traffic review in the area- Lake Otis to Brighton Dr. which is downhill from Zurich to Basel St. APD did park out there when Lore had work, so traffic slowed. Resolution. Hoping to look at speed hump for this area. Presentation of it at this meeting and vote at the next meeting.

#### Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- Adopting **Adkins Park** with Alaska Native Cultural Charter School- Susan/Patti
  - Lizzie notes: Working on this with the school and would like to adopt that park. Would mean 4 times a year cleaning up and working on the park. Has the paperwork for this. This is a presentation of the idea, and at the next meeting vote on a Resolution of support for this.

#### Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner- not in attendance.

- Moorehand Subdivision Addition #2 Lots 17 & 18 Rezone, Kate Sauve w/ S4 Group- 9130 Golovin.
  - Handouts on ALCC website/in chat, information and presentation as part of the process.

**Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Yolanda Meza (not in attendance)

- Los Arcos
- Seward's Folly
- 88th Liquor Boutique
- Hollyweed/Higher Altitude (will go on next meeting agenda)

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell

- Tuesday, June 25th BBQ and Community Picnic & Potluck at Abbott Loop Community Park- 87 signed in, likely more than 100 people there.
  - Under budget- Total cost was pavilion rental, food ~\$330.
  - Next year planning- get the pavilion reserved before the February meeting, buy for 130+ people, ALCC should buy drinks as well as food.
- Thursday, July 25th meeting at Adkins Park- over 24 attendees joined to pull invasive weeds.
  - Special thank yous: Anne Billman, Sayako Schwing, and Finn Newman from Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District as well as Ellen Devine- Community Outreach Anchorage Parks and Rec (her helper too!).

**Abbott Loop Community Patrol:** Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>- nothing to report.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- Upcoming 9/26 meeting- Officer and Board elections
  - Taking nominations tonight for: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 9 Board positions
  - Need someone committed to help with tech/Zoom meeting management.
 Patti Higgins nominates: Officers- President- Lizzie Newell, Vice President- Susan Soule, Secretary- Kathleen Easley, and Treasurer-Mary Miner. For the nine Board positions: Pat O'Hara, Patti Higgins, Emily Sullivan, Mark Miner, Marilyn Russell, Charles Joy, Kari Nore, Jon Roder, Rachel Laki, Emily Carol, and Jon R nominates- Simon Rose.

**Announcements/Comments**

- Voting at the September meeting. Review procedures on agenda.

**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.

- September-26th            Voting for ALCC Board and Officers, back to hybrid meetings
- October TBA                New board and officers first meeting. 10/24 ASD ½ day, last Thursday is Halloween
- November 21st            Potluck- TBA (11/28-the last thursday is Thanksgiving)
- December                 TBA/No meeting

**Adjourn 8:05PM**