AHCC Meeting - 16 May 2023

See recording for more details on any topic

Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)

Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)

Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)

Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)

Joan Fisher

Sheri Whitethorn

Genevieve Mina (also State Rep)

David Gardner (in person)

Andy Erickson (in person)

Diana Saverin (in person)

David Carol (in person)

Lila Carol (in person)

Amanda Moser (in person)

Guests:

Remington Purnell - Rep. Mina's staff

Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board; wilson dora@asdk12.org; 907-884-8584

Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly

Meg Zalatel - Anchorage Assembly

Anna Brawley - Anchorage Assembly

Brooke Blessing - Municipality of Anchorage

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Approve May 2024 Agenda

Moved by E. Weiser, seconded by Dave (in person)

Moved to amend to remove Snow plowing prioritization by E. Weiser, seconded by Dave Approved by consent

Approve April 2024 Minutes

Moved by E. Weiser, seconded by Dave (in person)

Approved by consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

State Representative Mina - she will be back in Anchorage next week; the 33rd legislative session is officially over. Review of passed legislation.

Assembly Member Rivera - runoff election votes will be counted through next week, certified May 31st, administration sworn in July 1st. Next Steps pilot program report out. Hotel emergency cold weather shelters are winding down. Debate on Tuesday (21 May 2024) about camp abatement.

Assembly Member Zalatel - pothole season is here, report to 343-MEND or email Meg/Felix if there is a whole-road issue. Street sweepers are out. Special meeting of the enterprise and utility oversight committee, mostly about the Port.

School Board Member Jacobs - it's also graduation season - congrats to all graduates and their families. Info on ceremonies is on the web page. Operating budget has one-time funding more than planned for, so fewer cuts will have to happen. Alas, this will repeat next year unless changed by the legislature. 6th grade going to Middle School, Career Academies, and start time change details can be found on the ASD website. Some Board members want to remove accountability measures for failure to attend their assigned Community Council; please reach out by email (schoolboard@asdk12.org) if you have an opinion on changing that CC attendance policy. (907)632-7285 / jacobs_carl@asdk12.org

Assembly Member Bronga - absent

Assembly Member Volland - absent

State Senator Dunbar - absent

JBER Representative Boston - absent

E 20th Ave project update

Brooke Blessing

Update on sidewalk plans. Will only be the 20th Avenue stretch (Phase 1), hopefully will do Nichols and Norene in later years. Drainage will be addressed, but there are limited storm drains to use. June 3rd is breaking ground; hopefully work is done by the end of July. Cracks in spur trail will be addressed; no other trail rerouting/expansion. Trail will be closed during the work but hopefully not too long.

Resolution regarding residential plow-out plan

Motion to approve made by J. Ferrarese, seconded by J. Fisher Move to amend to include additional active transportation by A. Moser, seconded by E. Weiser Alas, we lost quorum before we could vote on anything.

Housing Opportunities in the Municipality for Everyone Initiative (HOME Initiative) presentation

Assembly Members Brawley, Zalatel

Presentation and discussion. Submit comments to Assembly members and/or Planning and Zoning.

Monday, May 20th is the next public hearing.

Capital Improvement Program priorities

C. Ward-Waller

Presentation of community comments and projects

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Report from A. Moser - new exec committee; A. Moser is new President of FCC. They have some nuts and bolts rebuilding to do. Website rework coming.

Community concerns

Motion to adjourn - n/a due to lack of quorum