

Basher Community Council Meeting Minutes
Feb 2, 2012
Baxter Elementary School, 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by President Dirk Sisson at 7:05 pm

Guests:

Adam Trombley, Anchorage Assembly
Paul Honeman, Anchorage Assembly
Kristy Cada Brown, Spokesperson for Paul Honeman
Jimmy Ord, Anchorage Housing Finance Corporation
Duane Wyatt, Municipality of Anchorage, Land Use Enforcement Officer
Steve Kari, Anchorage Tomorrow
Anne Marie Moylan, One Anchorage

Attendance: 19 signed in

Oct 6, 2011 minutes were approved with no amendments.

Assembly report

Adam Trombley:

1. Proposed regulation change defeated: the city was proposing new regulations mandating in-home sprinkler systems for neighborhoods with a single-road entry (like Stuckagain). He spoke against this because it could cause problems for homes not on city water. It did not pass.
2. Lawsuit regarding reapportionment: when it is resolved, boundaries will have to be redrawn and they will likely shift south. He is not sure whether or not Stuckagain Heights will remain in his district.
3. Public transportation: not an important issue to Stuckagain residents, but there is a proposal to move the transfer station on Muldoon to the Commons to increase ridership, and thereby decrease the state subsidy.
4. Ballot items: co-sponsored the military widows property tax exemption with Dick Traini.
5. Chester Creek realignment (near Muldoon/Debarr intersection): the city has proposed realignment of the creek to alleviate flooding issues. The assembly moved to reconsider relocating the creek due to neighborhood concerns about a community park vs. commercial development. The 2 community councils in the area (Northeast and Scenic Foothills) requested that realignment of the creek be delayed until the future use of the land has been reviewed.
6. Title 21: The Title 21 re-write is ongoing. Most of the changes have to do with mid-town development standards (building height, parking lot configuration, vegetation requirements, etc.). After the re-write is completed, it will go to planning and zoning, then to the assembly.

Dirk Sisson asked about the status of the Eastside District Plan. Adam Trombley stated that there is \$160,000 in the budget for a consultant.

Paul Honeman

At last Tuesday's assembly meeting members voted to end the IM testing program (effective date March

1, 2012). The fireworks issue will not be on the April ballot, a move by Dick Traini to place it on the ballot failed. Paul has introduced an ordinance to adjust the law according to the feedback he has gotten.

Anchorage Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

Jimmy Ord, Energy Programs Information Manager, presented information on the Home Energy Rebate Program, energy efficiency, and home weatherization. AHFC has information about these topics and other programs, such as the Research Information (RIC) Library, the Cold Climate Housing Research Center, and the Alaska Craftsman Home Program. He encouraged people to visit AHFC or go the website (www.ahfc.state.ak.us) to learn more. Other informative websites include www.EnergyStar.gov and www.akenergyefficiency.org.

Municipality of Anchorage, Land Use Enforcement

Duane Wyatt, Land Use Enforcement Officer for the municipality, invited residents to contact her directly about land use violations. The type of violations the municipality responds to include right-of-way issues (ex. junk appliances the right-of-way), illegal setbacks, accessory structures, trash, litter, and parking. Duane provided information on ways to file a complaint: call her directly (343-8337), call the complaints hotline (343-4141), call the junk vehicle hotline (343-8380), or file online (www.muni.org/contents1/codeviol.cmf).

LRSA Update

Jeff Allen reminded residents that plowing snow into the right-of-way creates a problem for the road clearing crews. This is currently a big problem within the neighborhood, and the municipality is considering ticketing violators (\$300 ticket). They have a list of about 20 addresses that will be receiving notices.

Anchorage Tomorrow

Steve Kari gave a presentation promoting the bond issues that support facility expansion and maintenance that will be on the April 13th ballot. He presented information about 3 bonds:

- 1) Road and Drainage Services Bond
- 2) Parks and Recreation Bond
- 3) Transit Bond

One Anchorage

Anne Marie Moylan gave a presentation urging the community council to pass a resolution in support of Proposition 5 (the initiative that would add sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination code). The text of the resolution had been prepared in advance by One Anchorage.

Kris Mann moved for the community council to adopt the resolution provided by One Anchorage.

Barb Hood seconded the motion.

Discussion: Anita Soquet asked if there are data that support the statements made about the extent of the problem. Anne Marie responded that a survey was conducted that supported the statements, but noted that it is difficult to document discrimination in groups of people that do not have status. Matt Moore stated that the community council needs advance notice of all resolutions presented at meetings, and because this resolution was not presented in advance, we should not vote on it at this

time. Barb Hood suggested that those present at the meeting who choose to support the resolution should sign a non-binding resolution as individuals. Barb edited the text to reflect this, and the resolution was circulated for individual signatures.

Miscellaneous:

Dirk stated that \$3.7 million had been allocated in the capital budget for the Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrade.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Boucher
Secretary, BCC