

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 30, 2014

Al Tamagni, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Connie Carlisle, secretary and board member, took & transcribed minutes.

Minutes for October 2013 meeting were not available for distribution for this meeting. They will be available for the February meeting. A total of 108 attended the January meeting.

Board members present: Dan Boland, Connie Carlisle, Patti Higgins, and Al Tamagni.

Treasurers Report: Total funds in the community council's account: \$244.38.

Legislative Report: Representative Charisse Millett provided updates on education, gas taxes, decline in revenue. Charisse said overall things are going well, and are moving forward.

School Board Report: Pat Higgins from the Anchorage School Board provided an update regarding the Anchorage School District budget and indicated ASD has received some legislative grants, but not enough to cover the full budget amount needed meaning some positions would be eliminated. Pat stated that municipal funds have been capped, that school police officer positions are paid even when vacant that is a factor in the budget. Mentioned was healthcare is the biggest driver and expense in the Anchorage School District (ASD). ASD healthcare costs are estimated at \$23 million.

Assembly Report: Assembly Representatives, Dick Traini and Elvi Gray-Jackson, provided updates of Anchorage Assembly current agenda items. Assembly updates provided herein were provided by Assembly Representative, Elvi Gray-Jackson from the Assembly Report dated 1/30/14.

- At the January 14th meeting, the Assembly approved the Title 28, Elections Code rewrite after several amendments based on input from the public. Available on line at www.muni.org.
- On Tuesday, January 28th the Assembly approved, with a vote of six to five, holding the referendum on AO 37 with the State election in November 2014. The ordinance also states that if an agreement on running the election can't be reach with the State, the election will be held at the regular election on April 7, 2015. Ordinance can be found on line at www.muni.org.
- Assembly members Gray-Jackson, Traini, and Steele introduced an ordinance to require a vote of the people in order to change the election date. The Public hearing was held on January 14th and the ordinance was postponed indefinitely due to clear lack of support.
- Mr. Traini, Mr. Steele, and Chair Hall introduced an ordinance that would require two-thirds majority vote to change the date of regular municipal elections. The Public Hearing was opened at the January 28th meeting and continued to the March 25th meeting.
- Mr. Birch, Mr. Starr, and Ms. Demboski introduced an ordinance to move the April election to November effective in 2017. Public hearing will be held at the February 11th meeting.
- Rules Committee met and determined which recommendations from the Citizens' Task Force on Public Hearings could be codified and which would be implemented through policy. The Assembly's attorney has drafted a Code change was introduced at the January 14th meeting and public hearing was opened at the January 28th meeting and continued to the meeting of February 11th. A substitute version that will be reviewed by Rules Committee and Task Force prior to the continued public hearing on February 11th.
- Mr. Traini, Gray-Jackson, and Honeman introduced an ordinance to prohibit acceptance of lobbyist fundraising when the lobbyists are registered for municipal work and the candidates are

Municipal elected officials or employees. The ordinance will be heard by the Ethics and Elections Committee prior to the Public Hearing.

- Ms. Demboski introduced an ordinance to allow for disclosure and appropriate adjustment of travel reimbursement for municipal employees and elected officials engaging in candidate fundraising while on paid travel status for the Municipality. The ordinance will be heard by the Ethics and Elections Committee prior to the Public Hearing.
- Several bond proposition ordinances were approved at the January 28th Assembly meeting. Public Safety Facilities and Police Service Area Capital Improvements - \$650,000, Anchorage Fire Service Area Capital Improvements - \$1,950,000, Park and Trail Improvements - \$2,550,000, Area-wide Facility Improvements - \$5,550,000, Safety and Public Transportation - \$1,793,000, Roads, Storm Drainage, and Related Capital Improvements - \$20,200,000

Next Assembly Meeting-February 11th

Announcements

Elvi Gray-Jackson, current Anchorage Assembly Representative, announced plans to run for re-election to an Assembly seat.

Pete Nolan, retired Anchorage Police Officer, announced plans to run for an Assembly seat.

Update on old business

A. The Resolution to Dedicate Parks in Abbott Loop Area, Meadow Park Lake Otis Buffer Park, Atkins Park, Kobuk Park, Turinsky Park, Nadine Park and Spruce Park was not discussed at this meeting.

B. Discussion of locations for future Community Council meetings.

New Business and Presentations

C. Joshua Durand presented information regarding the upgrades to Abbott Loop Community Park that were made possible through grants. Joshua stated the park will be ADA compliant. Expressed concern that the playground appears it will be constructed far in the woods where there is bear activity. Joshua stated the playground is not intended to be a full-inclusive playground which serves to make it more accessible. Suggestions are welcome.

D. Tom Dreyer presented information on Case S12044-1: Hulquist Homes, 3510 E. 80th Ave, to Subdivide 1 Tract in to 23 Lots; Case S-12048-Spinelli Homes Inc, 7101 Spruce St., to Subdivide 1 Tract in to 22 lots, and Case S-12046-1, and Spruce Ridge Estates to Modify Plat 2013-42, modification of access on East 88th Avenue. Tom is seeking your feedback currently regarding the pending upgrades. Plans for a new Subdivision named GreyHawk, Case S120041 Independence Park, to subdivide 1 Tract in 23 lots with 126 Multi-Story units generated discussion and concerns from residents. Call Tom at 907-306-8104 to provide feedback.

E. Case #2014-018: Jack DeMoss: Mr. DeMoss is seeking an Administrative Variance at 8431 Cormorant Cove Circle to increase occupancy limits from (5) to (8) for a Residential Care Facility. High turnout from homeowner's and residents shared concerns and comments of possible community and Homeowner's Association non-compliance regarding the property.

F Resolution to override the bylaws were motioned by Linda (last name unknown) and Seconded by Michael Eldridge and supported by community members in attendance and voted upon. A vote of 74 Yeas (78 counted that included 4-children) and 1 Nay, to override the bylaws, and in support of the Resolution 74 Yeas, and 1 Nay.

~Next Abbott Loop Community Council Meeting Scheduled February 27, 2014~