

Campbell Park Community Council Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) meeting was called to order at 7:36PM On Thursday, Sept. 18,, 2014 by Council President Kevin Fimon.

PRESENT

There were approximately 20 people present including Senator Berta Gardner, Representative Andy Josephson, Assembly member Elvi Gray Jackson and Assembly Member Dick Traini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

We approved the minutes of the August meeting.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin asked for a volunteer to be our secretary and discussed how important it was for us to have one.

Tammy Townsend, representing Mayor Sullivan, was introduced.

A number of general announcements of upcoming meetings were made including:

- upcoming Candidates' forum
- AO37 information
- 6th grade placement in ASD
- CD on sidewalk draft on Little Street

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - SENATOR BERTA GARDNER

Senator Gardner stated that since the Legislature is not in session, not a lot is going on. The big issue in front of her right now is the National Guard issue. She is exploring it thoroughly

REP. ANDY JOSEPHSON

Rep. Josephson brought us up to speed with what he does during the interim. He is in his office most mornings by 830.

Issues Rep. Josephson has been dealing with this past month include:

1. He is working on Criminal Code changes related to biker/pedestrian safety. He wants to make sure that the bill does not overreach and recognizes that there are bad drivers but also there are bad bikers/pedestrians.
2. He discussed legislative trips he is making during the interim to acquaint himself more thoroughly with Alaska's natural resources.
3. Rep. Josephson serves on the Legislative Budget and Audit acts as Legislature when Legislature is not in session. Currently audits of all state agencies are occurring determining where dollars can be saved.
4. Rep. Josephson made some brief remarks about Becharof and problems with traffic behind Bingo.

Kevin introduced a short conversation here asking Andy about DOT/PF traffic problem in the Becharof area - cabs near bingo parlor. Kevin had spoken with Mr. John Powers about possibility of speed bumps. It has become apparent that a discussion of these issues probably needs to happen at level above Mr. John Powers with Pfeuffer and Sitnasock. Andy did not have much to add here from what he had learned.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ELVI GRAY JACKSON

Assembly Member Elvi Gray Jackson commented about several items:

1. AO 37 will be on the state ballot in November.
2. The Mayor's preliminary budget says there will be a \$4-6,000,000 shortfall. Mayor has to present a balanced budget to Assembly by Oct. 1
3. There will be a series of work sessions on the budget in October open to the public. Elvi will be chairing this effort. Further she says that there is a work plan for the budget committee which on the website.
4. There is a new alcoholism study being reviewed by an ad hoc committee of the assembly. They meet the 1st Thursday of the month from 11-1 at City Hall.
5. She announced that the dilapidated viewing platform at the foot of Folker in the Campbell Creek Park will be removed in the near future (next spring). Both ADFG and Muni Rec Dept. think it needs to come down.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER DICK TRAINI

Assembly Member Dick Traini discussed the following items:

1. He discussed cuts to the police department and paramedics - including doing away with special units simply to have enough police to do patrols. This included a discussion of the academies not giving us enough policy/firefighters to make up for the loss of personnel,
2. He presented the following information on senior housing at St. Mary's - 15 units - efficiencies, 1 and 2 bedrooms costing \$3,200 to \$4000 a month. This will include 2 meals a day, water, sewer, etc.
3. Whenever we get our bylaws in - they are never too late according to Assembly Member Traini.

FIREFIGHTERS FROM STATION 4

Mike Davidson did his drop by with three of his firefighters. His safety tip was to make sure we have CO detectors in our homes. He wants us to make sure that we cycle the batteries. Detectors have expiration dates and to make sure we check that out. He said if your home is multiple levels then you need at least one on every level - especially in sleeping areas. He said shelf life of a CO detector is about 7 years. That date starts when it is made not when you start using it. He invited us to stop by and bring our families to visit. A call ahead would be helpful.

PAUL MIRANDA

Paul is a paramedic and firefighter who has just moved into our area. He was there to discuss the effects of AO 37 on city staffing and safety and urge its repeal. One specific example he gave is that there is a national standard for safety of 4 firefighters on a fire truck. Currently, the firefighters have negotiated a contract which says there will be at least 4 on 8 of our 13 trucks. That means that 5 of our fire trucks on any one day are not staffed according to national safety standards. If AO37 stays in place, the city could drop the number on even more trucks and the firefighters would not be able to negotiate for their own safety. This is the type of issue that the firefighters and police are worried about.

OLD BUSINESS

Before we moved into old business Kevin got clarification from Assembly Member Traini about whether we had to pass our bylaws tonight or could we come back to them after we had done some other business. Dick said to take our time if we needed to so Kevin moved on to a couple of other items with the idea that we would close out the meeting discussing the bylaws.

A. CPCC BY-LAWS -

These were tabled until end of meeting

B. LOCAL TRAFFIC/TUDOR BINGO

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

C. NEED FOR SECRETARY

This was covered earlier.

D. RESOLUTION TO REQUEST MUNI STOP SALE OF 2.5 acres near CP Playground on Lake Otis

The resolution had been semi-introduced at last meeting but not enough people in attendance to review the resolution. Assembly Member Traini had said at the time that this meeting would be soon enough. The resolution requests the assembly to stop proposed sale of 2.5 acres (old fire hall site) adjoining Campbell Park Playground on Lake Otis and use the land to enhance the park - some suggestions included more parking or more unstructured play area. The resolution passed unanimously

E. LETTER TO MAYOR'S OFFICE PROTESTING INADEQUACY OF REVIEW PERIODS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

A letter was drafted for the President's use to lay out for the mayor and assembly the problems and limitations of the current procedure for public comments that community councils must follow. The problems we listed are the following:

1. a number of community councils don't meet in summer and miss anything out for review at that time
2. the 30 day review period is inadequate for most issues to be introduced and voted on when community councils only meet once a month
3. the municipality does not always identify the correct community councils for proposed projects, and community councils are left out of the loop and not allowed to comment because "they" missed the deadline on a project that they were not even notified about.

The president was given unanimous support to revise the letter and submit it to the Mayor.

Senator Gardner suggested both letter and resolution should be sent to Assembly as well as Mayor.

F. LETTER TO THE MUNI REGARDING CUP VIOLATIONS ON SCF PROJECT ON LARK STREET

Judith announced that she had called Code Compliance regarding the status of a letter which we had sent two months earlier. It has just reached their review process. Rick Novey, the code compliance guy, said that her phone call actually gave him info he needed to keep working on it. He said that his initial driveways did not show any real violations. When she explained a couple of things to him, he said that helped him to understand better what is going on.

What Judith took away from this is that whenever the CC sends a letter to someone in the muni, the CC needs to follow up a month or so later checking on the status of our request, inquiry, etc. We need to keep the muni working on things that bother us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kevin announced that he is now the treasurer for the FCC and will continue to actively represent us on the FCC.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CPCC BYLAWS

The last part of the meeting was spent on bylaws.

Some of the issues raised included:

1. A longer process for public comment for all votes than the Municipality currently has in place
2. Voting eligibility questions - age and owner/resident issues
3. Slow versus Fast voting - slow track versus fast track depending on the issue
4. A discussion about the need for time to look at them and work on them some more

5. Christy Le Blonde, Sandy Traini, and Andy Josephson are a NEW committee who will review by passage in October the draft bylaws. Anyone who wants to meet with them can. Kevin gave them the charge to finish up and send to him so we can read and be ready to vote on them October 16, 2014.
6. Parts to look at include: Article VIII C/D, Age clarified at 18, issue of privacy/public availability, and quorum issues.
7. The original drafting of these by-laws started in June using the Municipality version as our baseline. They were then reviewed at the July meeting and postponed until August meeting. August meeting was not enough people. Kevin would like new committee to have them ready for vote on 10/16/14 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting of CPCC adjourned at 9:40PM