

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 20, 2014

[Next ALCC Meeting January 29, 2014 at Abbott Loop Elementary School](#)

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m., by ALCC Chair, Ray Metcalfe. Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Board members present: Ray Metcalfe, Connie Carlisle, Linda Zaugg, Dan Boland, Faith Alexander, Michael Moeglein, Trish O'Hara, Dan Boland, Bruce Roberts, Pixie Siebe, John Weddleton, and Gordon Wetzel.

Connie Carlisle, Secretary: Took and transcribed the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes from last month: October minutes were approved.

Treasurers' Report: Treasurer reported a balance of \$53.55 in the ALCC donation can. Treasurer will provide an update of the ALCC's account balance at the January meeting.

Legislative Report: No legislative report this month.

Assembly Report: Representatives Dick Traini and Elvi-Gray Jackson. Assembly report for November provided by Rep, Dick Traini was the Taxi (ordinance?) passed, as well as the Towing Ordinance. The Towing Ordinance passed with a restriction that towing companies cannot charge for towing on weekends if towing companies are not open.

The following Assembly reports submitted by Representative, Elvi Gray-Jackson. The Assembly is currently working on the following:

Assembly Report-November 20, 2014

The Mayor's 2015 General Government and Utility Operating and Capital budgets were introduced at the October 7th meeting. Highlights follow:

- The Administration faced a \$1.8M Budget Shortfall
- Majority of Services reduced to cover shortfall were within other services i.e., contracts, travel, supplies and equipment
- Total Budget - \$471.4
- Funds acquired through attrition will allow for two police academies
- Positions in both Police and Fire are static
- Seven full-time vacant positions eliminated within the following departments: Chief Fiscal Officer, IT, Community Development, and Health and Human Services. One position in Mayor's Office will be eliminated July 2015.
- Seven full-time positions added within the following departments: Employee Relations, Finance, and Public Transit
- Senior Center Funding reduced – Anchorage (\$67,207) and Chugiak (\$41,190) - The Mayor has reinstated this funding.
- One full-time position (filled) is eliminated in Parks and Recreations
- Department presentations were held in October and a Work Session will be held on November 24th from noon – 2:00 (City Hall-Assembly Conference Room) to review the Assembly's proposed amendments.
- The Assembly will hold a special meeting on November 26th at noon to debate and approve the budgets.

- SAP – The Administration requested and the Assembly approved another \$3M (6-5) by way of a loan for the continued implementation of the Financial and Human Resource Enterprise Resource Planning System (SAP).
- Ms. Demboski and Gray-Jackson brought forward a resolution requesting a \$200,000 appropriation from Fund Balance to provide funding for an independent review of both the Payroll System (Kronos) and SAP implementation. The Public Hearing was held on October 21st and it was approved 7-4. In September 2013, a resolution was brought forward by Mr. Traini and Ms. Gray-Jackson for the same purpose but it failed 4-7. Current costs for SAP - \$34.6M. The RFP went to potential bidders November 6th and are due back on November 21st. This process will be aggressive in order to have the contractors hired and working ASAP.
- Chugach Access Plan (CAP) first public hearing was held on September 9th and continued to the meeting of September 23rd. Forty-eight persons testified – 38 in favor of immediately approving the plan and 10 concerned about property rights. The Assembly held two work sessions. The CAP Plan approval was postponed until the meeting of November 5th to allow for the Chugiak/Eagle River Advisory Board the opportunity to review the Plan as required by Code. The Board requested that the Assembly postpone approving until its concerns are addressed. At the November 5th meeting, the Assembly approved postponing action on the Plan until the meeting of March 25th.

Assembly Report-December 18, 2014

The Assembly held a special meeting on November 26th and approved all budgets. Highlights of the approved GGOB budget follow:

- Senior Center Funding was reinstated
- Vacant Senior Planner position was reinstated
- Assembly proposed several amendments. The Mayor accepted 95% of the proposed amendments. It was one of the most amicable budget processes during the six years of the current Administration. Total budget: \$473.7M – almost \$200,000 under the cap.
- Chugach Access Plan (CAP) Update - at the December 2nd meeting, the Assembly heard AO 2014-147, an ordinance providing for implementation of the Chugach Access Plan through Title 21 changes submitted by Mr. Starr and Mr. Traini. The ordinance was forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Public Hearing will be continued at the March 24th meeting. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Evans had an ordinance also revising Title 21 regarding the Chugach Access Plan – AO 2014-140 - and the Public Hearing was continued to the February 17th meeting.
- At the December 2nd meeting, the Assembly heard an ordinance submitted by Assembly Members Demboski and Evans to elect to allow permanent registration of certain motor vehicles and trailers within the Municipality for vehicles eight years or older. The cost would have been \$6M in additional property taxes or a reduction in services. The Assembly approved allowing only trailers at a cost of \$210,000.
- At the December 16th Assembly meeting, the Public Hearing on AO 2014-148 prohibiting the operation of cultivation, manufacturing and testing marijuana facilities was heard. There were 67 persons who testified with nine supporting the ordinance, and 58 in opposition. The ordinance failed 9-2.
- The Assembly reorganized with Mr. Traini being elected Chair and Ms. Gray-Jackson, Vice Chair.

Next Assembly Meeting: January 27th @ 5:00p.m., Z. J. Loussac Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK. 99503

School Board Report: Pat Higgins, Anchorage School Board Member, announced a surplus of funds for the Anchorage School District, stating although we should be happy about the surplus, it is not that way at all. The school district get to keep the reserves, however additional savings will be well below 10%, and a 10% turnover is expected this year. Graduation rates decreased 3% this year.

Abbott Loop Principal Report: Abbott Loop Elementary School is in need of volunteers if anyone is interested, or knows anyone who may be interested. Please contact Abbott Loop Elementary School at: 742-5400 for information.

Update on Business and Previous Presentations

- A.** Representative Dick Traini announced the Federation of Community Council budget was approved.
- B.** The ALCC Transportation Committee will report on the open house for South Anchorage intersections. An open house at the Alaska Zoo on December 4th for the South Anchorage and Hillside Intersection Study was to report and share the recommendations, answer questions, and take feedback. Patti Higgins and Pixie Siebe, offered to attend the meeting and will provide an update. A suggestion was made to invite someone from Kinney Engineering to walk us through the project/study. For updates on the South Anchorage and Hillside Intersection Study, please visit: www.southanchorageintersections.com.
<http://www.southanchorageintersections.com/>
- C.** Patti Higgins and Faith Alexander will have a report from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- D.** A decision on the Chugach State Access Plan, AO# 2014-140, has been postponed until March 2015.
- E.** Pat Higgins, Anchorage School Board Member stated Rilke Schule School withdrew its request for a new school. The expense for a new school was high, and there were a lot of public comments about it. Some of the students are currently being housed at Abbott Loop Elementary School. The Anchorage School District is looking at expanding optional schools.
- F.** Rob Jordan and Brian Studstill expressed concerns regarding vandalism in their neighborhood, and believe the lack of lighting in their neighborhood is a contributing factor. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Studstill believe if there was more lighting in their neighborhood, this would deter vandals. John Weddleton suggested they contact the Traffic department and neighborhood watch, and possibly contact Kevin Meyer. The Treasurer suggested the contact Artic Lights, a lighting company who can suggest lighting that will help deter vandals. Representative Traini stated he would look into having the lack of lighting issue added to the capital projects list.
- G.** John Weddleton provided updates on the South Anchorage Sports Park Master Plan #2014-0155 project, and provided suggestions. He stated there is an infinite depth of peat, and there are no major issues on the project. Suggestions recommended: 1) A recommendation to rezone to PR district, 2) Formally dedicate the park; this will prevent the land from being sold, and 3) This area was formerly a wood lot site. A recommendation to reserve space for a wood lot. John stated he would write a statement for this project.
- H.** A memo was submitted by Ray Metcalfe, ALCC Chair to the Assembly to request installation of the playground for Whisper Faith Kovach Park in 2015.
- I.** Gloria Stewart from the MOA, Planning Division stated cases 2014-0185 and 2014-0186 are to be heard on January 5, 2015. John Weddleton stated the cases to be heard required minor changes to correct poor wording. Changes recommended were to add a requirement for an application for pre-conference option, add a requirement for site-plan reviews, a requirement that ALCC be noticed, no pets within 10 ft. of a lot line, and requirements for lighting with a recommendation that we, the ALCC will support. John Weddleton submitted comments to the Assembly on these cases. A motion by John Weddleton to recommend these changes were approved, and seconded by John Paff.

New Business and Presentations

- A community member asked the ALCC if there is a map that indicates ALCC's coverage, indicating it is difficult to get an idea of where the Abbott Loop projects are, and a map of the Abbott Loop area would help greatly. The ALCC does not have a map. An ALCC Board Member stated she know of a business that can make the type of map the ALCC needs, and will obtain pricing to present at the January meeting.
- Presentation #1-Sean Baski, DOT&PF to discuss the Abbott Road Rehab project.
- Presentation #2-Josh Durand, MOA Parks Dept. to discuss plans for a sledding hill at Abbott Loop Community Park
- Presentation #3-Matt Grim (DOWL), to discuss Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) at 68th and Lake Otis.

Ongoing Announcements

*If you are interested in receiving the ALCC's minutes of the meeting, and agenda via email, please print your contact information legibly on the sign-in sheet. The ALCC's mailing list is updated monthly.

*Contact information for Ray Metcalfe, Abbott Loop Community Council President, and Chair:
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*Please request all proposed presentations, or additions to the agenda to Connie Carlisle, ALCC Secretary at: cconstanceh@gmail.com.

***ALCC committees were formed to work on current and future projects. Committees and members are listed below:**

Project Tracking-Mark Butler, Federation of Community Councils, Ray Metcalfe, Chair, and Connie Carlisle.
Transportation-Bruce Roberts, Nancy Smyre, Mike Moeglein, Dan Boland, John Paff.
Parks & Recreation-Patti Higgins, Al Tamagni, Faith Alexander, Gordon Wetzel.
Planning & Zoning-Dan Boland, Connie Carlisle, John Weddleton

*To remain up-to-date on projects in our community visit the following websites:
w3.legis.state.ak.us/
<http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm>.
www.muni.org/departments/assembly

**Future Abbott Loop Community Council Meetings
(The last Thursday of each month)**

January 29th @ 7:00p.m., Abbott Loop Elementary School

February 26th @ 7:00p.m., Abbott Loop Elementary School

March 26th @ 7:00p.m., Abbott Loop Elementary School

April 30th @ 7:00p.m., Abbott Loop Elementary School