

# January 25th, 2023

## Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

6:30-8:30 pm

IN PERSON: Trail Side Elementary, 5151 Abbott Rd and VIA ZOOM

### Call to Order

- Round of Introductions 6:30
- Changes or additions to agenda- no changes, approved as they are.
- Approval of minutes from November 16th, 2023: Kathleen Easley-no objections- approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage- \$310.73, Money used for picnics June/July, passing cup around to collect \$.

### Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman- Matthew Harvey- Legislative report.
  - Procedural things and some important bills moving forward. Education and energy SB140 big discussion-steps (Internet for schools) and another portion to the education package- adds a BSA and busing- voted yes to this. In the House Rules committee rather than \$680, changed to \$380. Some charter school and correspondence changes. Still in the House and changes to be made. Education is the top priority this year. Energy- grid resilience- Brick Grant \$206 million requiring a state match- \$30-50 million this year. Cook Inlet Gas is another topic. Anchorage Delegation- Co-chair with Donna Mears- top things are snow removal, homelessness, housing, energy (grid resilience), as well as downtown revitalization are some of their priorities. Met with ALCC and others to speak about CAPSIS- projects coming up 2nd week in February. Input from our council and will speak to Rep Schrage. Early stages of the session.
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
  - Rapid start to the session. CAPSIS- making sure these are loaded up and making sure we are getting the work done- thank you to Mr. Harvey for help on this. Education funds/Governor's veto-one time \$680 BSA, which was inadequate, Governor vetoed to half this. The best way to close the gap is to provide this funding- meet our constitutional obligation. The House forced a vote on trying to override, disappointed that this vote failed and we were not able to override the veto. SB140- started with internet access and this bill would upgrade internet and quality- lots of impact for rural areas. Went to House- they added in additional funding for BSA. SB140 was brought up in House Rules Committee- instead of scheduling bills- they brought up changes- \$380 raise in BSA, this ends up as a cut, on top they added various provisions- added in bills like adding in state control of Charter schools- authorizing charters in local areas with no local input managed by a board run by the Governor's board- not local schools. Violates processes. Trying to get some of this fixed- in his opinion this has been twisted and don't think this will get passed. Most pressing issue before the legislature.

### Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for November.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
  - Felix Rivera- April ballot. Body worn Cameras- positive update- installation and deployment is going quicker than originally planned. As of three weeks ago- about 100 employed out of 350. Would like APD to do a demonstration for the Assembly and with the public at large- so there is familiarity. Housing- 1.5 million in Alcohol tax for the next step of the program- Aggressive strategy to house and support 150 individuals currently in emergency cold weather support by the end of April- real benefit for the community. Emergency cold weather is running fairly smoothly. More proactive about resolving issues- better for the community. Administration has not given any update on warming centers- roughly 200-300 unhoused currently-

advocating for warming centers. Appropriated money to rehab 30-40 units coming online in the coming months. Funded a transitional shelter model-30-40 individuals. We still expect a large unsheltered population this summer- but it should be less. Probably around 400-600 individuals this summer, we should be going through trying to figure this out soon to avoid chaos like last year.

- Meg Zaletel- Legislative program sent down to Juneau and asking the legislature to focus on. Many of the community priorities are: port, housing, behavioral health/mental health needs- needs state level reforms and state funding. Muni wide priorities: Restoration of Eklutna river, defined benefits for Muni employees, tax exemptions for new development, and snow removal and working with the state snow removal (and their budgets) look at capacity on arterial and collector roads working with state. Bonds approved by assembly for the ballot upcoming- Approved bonds: \$47+million road bonds- Midtown, drainage improvements at the same time, \$1.5 million for safety Elmore building/roof repair. \$4.1 Cemetary Capital Improvement- improvement in Anchorage, but adding Girdwood/Eagle /Chugiak areas to create cemeteries. We do have a cemetery capacity shortage. \$4.35 Parks and Rec bond, \$4.5 million bond are wide safety/traffic calming measures. Trying new innovative projects. Anchorage Goes bond \$5million, bathrooms throughout the muni, and Chugach access bond \$4million. Some public safety bonds have some public transit funding- ADA and bus stop improvements. Schulte/Zaletel- Short term rentals- coming with licencing fee and standards- working on this. Postponed until 2nd meeting in February- to see if any additional could be adjusted. Public hearing coming.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
  - Dave Donely- Anticipating upcoming preparation of budget. \$95-100 million deficit. About \$71 million is being saved by unfilled positions-150 teachers/TA, and across the board jobs are empty- so this will close the gap for this upcoming single year. Still leaves a huge gap. Board voted to increase classroom size to cover this. Personal note- board wants to go to Action Minutes-not going to record motions that die without a second- I have made many, he is continuing to object to that. Believes that you should have on the written record all substantive motions made by a board member. Cut administrative overhead is how he would like to reduce the budget- proposed various percentage drops- last year dropped 1.5% drop. Think we are going to have to look at fees for things- like sports, The Dome (contact with them) this might have to go away. Do away with the Middle school model- thinks this would save 3.5 million dollars. One he will not support is cutting the SRO program- we only have 11 SROs at 4 days a week/90 schools- leaving a huge gap in safety.
- [Mayor's Office Report](#)- not requested, no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no update

## Candidate Introductions

**Janice Park- candidate for State senate District F**

**Walter Featherly- candidate for House of Representatives District 11- Independence Park area of ALCC**

**Chris Tuck- Mayoral candidate, representative**

## Reports

**FCC Representative:** Lizzie Newell

- Owl video conference tech- available from FCC to use for meeting minutes- will see how it goes for other CCs.

**HALO Report:** Lizzie Newell-

- CASA Bond-Cannon Road. Chugach Park access- Upper Dearmon taken off. Small amount of property owners to pay for access upgrades.

**Roads & Projects Committee:** Mary Miner

- Asking for someone else to step up and help with this committee.
- February will have Dowling Surface Rehab - Lake Otis Parkway to Elmore Road- DOWL..

**Parks & Rec Committee:** Mark Miner

- Susan Soule- Alaska Native Charter- Susan, Patti, Principal and Asst. Principal met for an hour today. There is a RuralCp grant program \$60,000 max to Title One schools to find Orchard in the Parks project. Our council has already mentioned that we want to work on the park behind the school. Letter of support by ALCC drafted a letter of support for AN Charter school partnership and that we encourage their application of this grant. Motion to send the letter was seconded and all supporting, no objections. Some conversation about other opportunities.

**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Mary Miner

- Spruce Hollow Subdivision- Spinelli Homes- Andre Spinelli-Spruce Street and Fergy Circle/Miranda Drive. Purchased in 2013. 72nd and Spruce Street- dead ends, access would be from 68th. Approval for a 21 lot subdivision- didn't develop at the time. Existing home has been rented out. Hoping to do roads and water/sewer/storm drains this summer. Wanting to build 1,200-2,000sq homes. Drainage water- A) R1 lots- single family homes, in theory could be two units per lot (house with ADU). Question is if water is above ground or below/piped- wanted to know what ALCC would prefer. Pedestrian connectivity- this is an area of trees water drainage.

**Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Yolanda Meza

- From November 2023
  - ML#10828 Glacier Extracts Complete Marijuana License Renewal
  - ML#10747 Great Northern Cultivation, Inc Marijuana License Renewal

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell

- Picnic this summer

**Abbott Loop Community Patrol:** Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

- Nothing to report

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- No new business

**Announcements/Comments**

- No announcements

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month but can be subject to changes based on holidays and the ASD school schedule.

- February 29th
- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 30th

**Adjourn 8:30pm**