



STUCKAGAIN AND NEAR POINT, LOOKING EAST FROM FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

February 10, 2021

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

LOCATION: This will be a regular BCC meeting, calling in utilizing ZOOM.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR February 11:

- Note that I will be running the ZOOM meeting and Margaret Nelson will be hosting the ZOOM meeting.
Here's the Zoom link. People can just click on it and it will direct them straight to the meeting online.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93531070075?pwd=OGIvQXA0aGtXTlhYbW5zbElCYis0QT09>

Meeting ID: 935 3107 0075

Passcode: 932856

Dial in: +1 253 215 8782

Please remember to turn off your microphone, except when speaking, to avoid too much background noise and electronic feedback.

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS (as available)
 - Liz Snyder, SOA Representatives report
 - Roger Holland@, SOA Senate report
 - Pete Peterson, MUNI Assembly report
 - Forrest Dunbar, MUNI Assembly report
- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – C Shift (as available)
- Campbell Airstrip Road Campbell Airstrip Road Speed Evaluation.

The MUNI Traffic Department compiled Traffic/Speed Data in May of 2018. Kris Langley was tasked with developing an evaluation to determine what the posted speed limits on Campbell Airstrip Road should be. This evaluation and the resulting signage has been completed. Kris will evaluate the few concerns (that our community has provided to me) sometime later this spring.

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed almost three Years ago.
 - Warrantee work will still proceed when/if/as necessary; we are not sure when the warrantee period ends. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board or me who can inform PM&E.

**S6/CAR LRSA REPORT– Ted Trueblood will present the LRSA report.
LRSA Board of Supervisors (BoS) report to BasherCC meeting of
2/11/21**

1. The nomination of Lonnie Brown to fill Seat D on the LRSA Board of Supervisors, which was vacated by the resignation of Harry Haywood, has been approved, so the BoS again has a full five members.
2. Two seats on the LRSA BoS are up for a vote at the Municipal elections in April. Seat B, Eric Johnson incumbent, and Seat C, Jack Walker incumbent, are on the ballot. Both incumbents are running for reelection.
3. The next BoS meeting will likely again by ZOOM and will be announced in advance by a Community Council email and on NextDoor. This meeting will likely be in March, where we will discuss the summer work program and proposed changes to the equipment list for the new maintenance contract.
4. Winter road maintenance has been fairly typical of recent years. The contractor's grader operator has been plowing our roads for many years and has

winged back the existing snow to provide for storage in expectation of another large snowfall.

5. Our Contract Administrator is Bob Groenweg. Either Bob or Jack walker can be contacted about maintenance issues.

6. We are still concerned about residential driveway snow being pushed across the roadway and/or piled up in the Right of Way. Municipal code (24.80.090) strictly forbids this practice and violations are subject to a \$300 fine for pushing snow across the roads. Use of the ROW for residential snow storage can result in a \$1000 fine. These practices are both unsafe and result in increased costs for road maintenance.

- Harry Haywood retired from chairing the LRSA Board of Supervisors and has moved out of our community. What does the BCC constituents wish to do to show appreciation for his many years of service.
- UPDATE: MUNI Road Maintenance/Restoration
 - As you all know, paving for CAR/Basher Rd. in the area near Basher Trailhead by the MUNI Street Maintenance Department has been completed for some time now. As mentioned at several times since then, this is at best a temporary fix; in about 10 -12 years we will surely be faced with major road Maintenance/Restoration needs again. We are not sure whether (or how much) MUNI or State funds will be available when we face that situation. It is definitely not too early to start thinking about it.
- Regular BCC CIP list report (Construction in Progress)-We will be putting in our submittal request to the MUNI Public Works on or before the May 31, 2020 deadline, if the data base becomes available. Our LRSA Board and I believe that our priority should remain as we have indicated past several years: to upgrade the section of Basher Road from mile 1.1 to mile 3.5 (top Big Hill) to include offsetting bike/walking trail as was also outlined in previous annual submittals.
- Troy Weiss will update us on the recent Basher Community Patrol and Safety Committee Meeting
Date: 2/4/2021, Attendance: 4 (marked by x below)
Community Patrol Community Patrol Members:

x Troy Weiss, Craig Nardi, Margaret Nelson, x Diane Schenker, Richard Fuller, Loran Baxter, Robin Dublin, Hilary Morgan, x Doug Luiten, x Barbara Luiten

- Denny Hostetter, Public Affairs Specialist, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
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dennis.hostetter@us.af.mil Dennis will discuss ways to increase the iSportsman usage and will inform on how the program works to all those who are not familiar with it.

- John Parker, President; CEO, IRIS and John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, will not be available to present an update on the wildfire detection system. AFD has completed the testing phase of this project. At past BCC meetings, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System were installed with towers at Stuckagain Heights (across from the Basher Trailhead) and at the MUNI Permit Center/Fire Prevention Office. It has a range of approximately 6 – 8 kilometers. It is described in this u-tube video as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEvrwxO85ul>

The following is the latest update:

<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/08/30/new-technology-could-help-save-anchorage-homes-from-wildfires/>

Note: AFD will hopefully still be providing Firewise Home Inspections; however, I believe that all new inspection requests are being pushed out to at least later in the spring. You can schedule a home inspection by either calling John See's MUNI phone, 267-4902, or by applying online as follows:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

However, John will likely not be able to respond in the immediate future due to lack of budget/manpower availability.

- Again, there likely will not ever be a USPS presentation; they've been very unresponsive to Margaret. Margaret or I will let you know if/when that it might occur.
- An East Side Mayoral Candidate Virtual Forum is scheduled to be held on Monday, the 8th of March, at 7:00 PM. This will be held including 4 separate Community Councils. Meeting details will be provided at a later

date. This is in lieu of allowing politicians to speak during normal Community Council Meetings.

- The alternate Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Delegate is still Hilary Morgan. Margaret Nelson is still the 2nd alternate Delegate. Susan Kent-Crafts is still the 3rd alternate Delegate. These meetings are still ZOOM. When face to face meetings resume, anyone else who wishes to attend any of the monthly FCC meetings usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-8 p.m. in the 1st Floor conference room at 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100, is certainly welcome to do so.

Thank you,
Don Crafts, Basher Community Council President
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