

AHCC Meeting - 15 February 2024
See recording for more details on any topic

Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)
Carolyn Ramsey (Vice President)
Amanda Moser (FCC rep)
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)
Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)
Tyler Boyes (Committee Chair)
John Whitlock (Board Member at Large)
Paige Coatney
Karlene Leeper
Larry Hayden
Sheri Whitethorn
Mikhail Siskoff
Mark Sable
Brianna Beswick
Anne Marie Moylan
Ed Brewer
Rob Clark
Emily Becker
State Rep. Mina (also a CC neighborhood resident)
Kevin Sullivan
Nate Solnit
Ryan Astalos
Curtis
Edith McKee
John Evans
Jay Lawton
Bobbe Reilly
Tucker Hurn

Guests:

Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board
Forrest Dunbar - State Senator
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly
Katy Giorgio - State Rep. Mina staff
Ria Smyke - Sen. Dunbar's office

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Approve January 2024 Agenda

Moved by A. Moser, seconded by C. Ramsey; J. Ferrarese requested to remove the item about the residential plow out plan

Moved by C. Ramsey, seconded by A. Moser, approved by consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

State Senator Dunbar - Education funding at the state level; defined benefit pension bill passed the Senate; energy (gas and other utilities); AK Performance Scholarship increase bill; joint resolution supporting revisions to ANCSA; STIP rejection

Assembly Member Rivera - Port of Alaska bond funding; no right on red downtown proposal by Member Volland will be taken up in March; homelessness emergency declaration ended this week (with warmer temps); what does transition out of winter shelter look like?; Next Step Pilot Program has housed 50/150 participants; AirBnB ordinance likely up for vote at Feb meeting (public hearing has closed)

State Representative Mina - School funding; bill to improve SNAP funding; STIP rejection info; Seward-Glenn PEL has an online open house with option to send comments through April 7; Anchorage Town Hall Sat March 9 at UAA Cuddy Hall 2-4pm (<https://www.facebook.com/events/436041418753865/>)

School Board Member Jacobs - focused on passing operating budget; shortfall made up through unfilled vacancies, larger class sizes, travel, holdback positions, technology limitations, IGNITE and immersion program changes; would like community feedback: email form at <https://www.asdk12.org/contactus/> and/or testify at meeting on 20th

Assembly Member Bronga - not present

Assembly Member Volland - not present

Assembly Member Zalatel - not present

JBER Representative Boston - not present

Neighborhood capital projects discussion (led by C. Ward-Waller)

CAPSIS - not much funded in recent years, last year was AH Elementary skating rink improvements. Idea is to submit traffic calming ideas previously identified and approved by the Community Council.

CIP - brief presentation of proposed topics and spreadsheet organization. Will create a community survey again.

Seward to Glenn Connection Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study discussion (led by Mikhail Siskoff and C. Ward-Waller)

Presentation of basic options. Discussion.

Action items:

- start a “talking points” file on Facebook for people who want to make comments (J. Ferrarese)
- develop a CC resolution for voting on during the March meeting (CC Exec Board)

Comment link:

<https://sewardglennconnection.com/Contact.html>

Design week Fairview event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anc-design-week-special-event-strong-towns-x-fairview-registration-805988712937?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Report from A. Moser - search for new FCC leadership underway (Executive Director)

Community concerns

E. Weiser - Snow removal signs on Alder! That section was missed on other rounds. Please move cars for most effectiveness.

Motion to adjourn - made by C. Ramsey; no objections