

Bayshore/Klatt Community Council

Council Meeting - May 16, 2024 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Schulte..
- Board members Petoskey and Thibault were in attendance.
- A quorum of members were present.
- Motion to approve December, January, February and April minutes by Vice-President Thibault; seconded by President Schulte. Minutes approved.

Cathy Giessel, AK State Senate

- Session ended at 11:50 p.m. last night and was her 12th and most productive year.
- The budget includes \$500K for 100th & Victor safety upgrades, \$1.5M for House District 10.
- Railbelt energy a top priority, carbon capture and storage bill passed, included is gas storage facility and regulation of price, reserve based lending allows AHFC to issue loans for exploration.
- Permanent Fund dividend expected to be approximately \$1,600, no funds spent from savings.
- Education - the BSA increased to \$680/student. Board member Thibault inquired about chances to increase the formula and the Senator reported that Governor Dunleavy had vetoed it this year but they will keep trying.
- Madeline Ringer asked about SB88 which creates a modest pension for teachers who are not eligible for Social Security. The Senator reported that it passed the Senate but was held up in the House Committee and the bill died last night. She will not give up.

Matt Claman, AK State Senate

- No report.

Tom McKay, AK State House of Representatives

- No report.

Randy Sulte, Anchorage Assembly

- The Assemblyman reported on several issues before the Assembly to include next Tuesday's agenda, Title 21 revisions, right-turn-on-red, Chugach State Park, Assembly's role in Eklutna power, Title 23 (sheds for homeless), port modernization, and abatement of homeless camps.

Anna Brawley, Anchorage Assembly

- No report.

Old Business

- CEA Campbell Lake Substation - The Municipal Board of Adjustment met on May 10th to decide the appeal filed by SPMA. The Board unanimously agreed with SPMA that Chugach Electric failed to comply with Municipal Code on procedural issues and the case will be remanded back to P&Z. The landscape and fence issues on appeal cannot be decided until after the procedural errors are cured.

New Business

- Special guest Hank Grinold, Vice-President of Operations for AK Regional Hospital, addressed the Council regarding a proposed Emergency Room facility in South Anchorage. The facility would be located near Huffman and Old Seward unless community objects as land has already been purchased. Although the project was attempted last year, they are trying again. The remainder of 2024 will be used for meeting with the community and requesting a Certificate of Need. Ground-breaking would occur in 2025. There was discussion with those in attendance to include questions on whether a traffic study had been obtained, whether 24-7 urgent care could handle the need, why Emergency Dept. traffic is increasing when our population is decreasing, etc.
- Issue raised by residents of Hilltop/Toy Drive concerning drainage problems with surface water "running like a river". There is a newly constructed home in the area. They were referred to MOA Right of Way Enforcement but no relief as of yet.

Bob Laule, FCC Delegate

- Ballot curing ends May 29th.
- ASD policy change re: community council attendance
- Downtown bike lanes connecting Chester Creek and the Coastal Trail
- Anchorage Affordable Land Trust - 271 housing units (mostly for singles) purchased during COVID at much less than today's prices, lenient policy such as no credit check, \$250 deposit, \$840 rent, long waiting list, Trust employs 2 people.
- Jun 15, 2024 Deadline for Capital projects for Community Council.

No JBER, APD, AFD, or ASD reports

Announcements

- BKCC will take the summer off after the May 16 meeting. However, if business arises that requires the community's attention, BKCC will convene a special meeting.
- Capital Improvement submissions will be discussed via email prior to June's deadline.
- Board member Petoskey will send email to all those involved in the Hilltop/Toy Drive drainage issues to facilitate a resolution.

Ryan Thibault moved to Adjourn, Kate Petoskey seconded the motion. Adjourned 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024.