

AHCC Meeting - 21 March 2024
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Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)	Garth Schultz
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)	Barry Weiss
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)	Taylor Horne
Bridget McCleskey	Amy Burnett
Nicole Kimball	Stephanie W.
Karlene Leeper	John Evans
Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)	Diane Evans
Larry Hayden	Maddie Halloran
Becky Kurtz	Aaron Jongenelen
Alice Young	Jared Fuller
Tyler Boyes (Committee Chair)	Barbara Pope
Joan Fisher	David Gardner
Ed Brewer	Marilyn Gardner
John Wolfe	Craig Knutson
Ryan Conti	Kathy Knutson
David Snyder	Cliff Penn
Carolyn Ramsay (Vice President)	Teri Penn
Paige Coatney	Edith McKee
Nicole Lebo	Gretchen Nelson

Guests:

Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board
Forrest Dunbar - State Senator
Seth Tigarian - staff to State Senator
Genevieve Mina - State House Representative
Katy Giorgio - staff to State Rep G. Mina
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly
Meg Zalatel - Anchorage Assembly
Beate Zinck
John McPherson - HDR
Lindsey Hajduk - NeighborWorks Alaska
Galen Jones - Alaska DOT&PF

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Approve March 2024 Agenda

Moved by E. Weiser, seconded by B. Mjos; approved by unanimous consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

State Senator Dunbar - Education veto override failed, figuring out what's next; other bills he's working on; discussion around education funding fallout and actions (reach out to all Anchorage reps with support and anecdotes about people leaving AK because of education issues)

[Update from Sen. Dunbar](#)

sen.forrest.dunbar@akleg.gov and/or 907-465-6944

State Representative Mina - Education Bill (SB140) veto; additional advocacy recommendations (if you are/have a child in correspondence/charter schools please speak from that perspective); multiple Dept of Health bills; wage increase bills

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Assembly Member Zalatel - Muni election in progress - solid early voter turnout; potential for supplemental authorization for school district (see recording for more detail); Ombudsman report; budget process underway but timing is tricky; did approve an executive pay package but doesn't immediately implement anything; raises and pay scale expansion for other muni employees/roles; some collective bargaining changes potentially changing up as well.

Assembly Member Rivera - port revenue bonds approved by Assembly means Port modernization is on track; emergency cold weather shelter is going well - may extend through end of May (not end of April) at cost of \$1.3 mill additional; working with State to keep one (off 56th) shelter open year round; Next Step pilot program has housed 78 folks, 72 left to house, want to house another 150 by end of summer

Assembly Member Bronga - absent

Assembly Member Volland - absent

School Board Member Jacobs (8:55pm, after initial PEL discussion) - education bill failure, budget options back in discussion

(907)632-7285 Jacobs_carl@asdk12.org

JBER Representative Boston - absent

Seward to Glenn Connection Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

<https://sewardglennconnection.com/>

Presentation by Galen Jones, Alaska DOT&PF; Edith McKee & John McPherson, HDR.

Comments and discussion followed.

Resolution regarding Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Aso7H1G9s8XSKrIAGEYhojsQ17D2357s/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110528794035060424095&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Suggestion to move forward on other items and then come back here

Motion to extend the meeting: made by C. Ramsey, seconded by E. Weiser, approved by unanimous consent

Switched to School Board report, CASA bond, FCC report, and Community concerns

Return to discussion

E. Weiser moved to postpone the vote until the next meeting and J. Fuller seconded.

In favor of postponing the resolution vote: 17

Opposed to postponing the resolution vote: 2

Abstain: 1

Confirmed with study representatives (see above) that although the general public comment period closes 7 April 2024, Community Council resolutions have a special extension due to our limited meeting schedule.

Review of proposed resolution. Discussion.

Chugach Access Service Area (CASA) bond proposal

Presented by B. Zinck - \$4 million bond proposition to improve road access to the Rabbit Creek Trailhead (Canyon Rd)

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Report from A. Moser - new Executive Director of FCC is hired and starts next week

Community concerns

Health clinic at Begich MS coming up

Motion to adjourn - Made by E. Weiser, Seconded by J. Fuller; Passed with No Objections