

Mayor's Report 5_4_2023

Solid Start to the Tourist Season

I'm getting positive feedback from business owners that the season is off to a good start. Even with the loss of a Thursday cruise vessel, we are still on track to have our busiest-ever cruise season by a large margin. It also seems likely we will see a marked increase in independent travelers this season. I will be visiting Broadway business owners this season to see how things are going and listen to concerns as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

Consideration of Assemblymembers on the Clinic Board

The Assembly is responsible for appointing new Dahl Memorial Clinic Board Members (which makes it unique, as the mayor appoints all other board members). However, in 2021, the Assembly directed me to recommend two Assembly Members to fill clinic board seats. I understand that Assemblyperson Bass brought this forward and I recommend the Assembly waive this directive because it is no longer necessary.

As a reminder, code states that anyone in the community can nominate an individual for the clinic board. I think it makes sense for the clinic liaison to bring these recommendations to the Assembly in the future.

Consideration of Clinic Board Members & Liaison

I nominate Ethan Jansen and Joel Jorgenson for the two empty full-time clinic board seats. They have both been serving as alternates and doing a great job so it makes sense to fill those seats with volunteers already familiar with the board.

I also recommend the Assembly replace Assemblyperson Bass with Assemblyperson Weddell as the Clinic board liaison.

Committee Assignments

Standing Assembly Committee Assignments are handled by the mayor, so there is no need to include this as an agenda item. I recommend the Assembly amend the agenda to remove this item. I am appointing Assemblyperson Weddell to the committees indicated on the attachment.

Department of Health Representative in Town

I met with Megan Brocklesby, our Skagway representative from the Department of Health, on Tuesday. She is visiting Skagway this week, conducting outreach in regards to drug abuse and fentanyl response. I greatly appreciate the DOH's level of engagement and Ms. Brocklesby's high level of professionalism. I plan on meeting with the Substance Abuse AD Hoc Committee next week to discuss issues related to local drug trafficking and a recent upsurge in alcohol-related crime.

Congratulations to Mason Jennings

Mason's Jennings's essay entitled, "My American Dream" won the Alaska State Elks Association essay contest and has been submitted to the Elks National Essay Contest Competition. Congratulations, Mason!

- Andrew Cremata

Thursday, May 4, 2023
Assembly Standing Committees, Liaisons
Re: Mayoral Appointments

UPDATES MARKED IN RED, BOLDED & UNDERLINED

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES

Civic Affairs

- **Assemblymember Weddell, Chair**
- Assemblymember Henry
- Assemblymember Potter

Finance

- Assemblymember Burnham, *Chair*
- Assemblymember Hanson
- Assemblymember Bass

Health, Education & Welfare

- Assemblymember Henry, *Chair*
- **Assemblymember Weddell**
- Assemblymember Burnham

Parks & Recreation

- Assemblymember Potter, *Chair*
- Assemblymember Burnham
- Assemblymember Henry

Public Safety

- Assemblymember Bass, *Chair*
- Assemblymember Potter
- Assemblymember Hanson

Public Works

- Assemblymember Hanson, *Chair*
- Assemblymember Bass
- **Assemblymember Weddell**

LIAISONS & EX-OFFICIO

- **Dahl Memorial Clinic Board**
Assemblymember Weddell
- **Dyea Community Advisory Board**
Assemblymember Burnham
- **Planning & Zoning Commission**
Assemblymember Hanson
- **Recreation Board**
Assemblymember Burnham
- **Visitor Advisory Board**
Assemblymember Weddell
- **Historic District Commission**
Assemblymember Henry
- **Library Board**
Assemblymember Potter
- **Museum Board**
Assemblymember Bass
- **School Board**
Assemblymember Henry

3.01.090 Assembly standing committees.

- A. Committee Appointments.** The assembly standing committees shall consist of the civic affairs committee, the finance committee, the health, education and welfare committee, the parks & recreation committee, the public safety committee, the public works committee. Each committee shall consist of 3 assembly members. Within thirty (30) days after the annual election of members of the assembly, the mayor shall appoint standing committees of the members of the assembly. Any appointment may be vetoed by majority vote of the assembly. Each committee may call meetings as often as necessary to address issues brought forward by a member of the public, administration, a department, the mayor or any assembly member. All meetings are open to the public and shall be posted no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. The assembly standing committees are treated as work sessions and do not require recorded minutes. The assembly standing committees shall bring recommendations forward to the assembly during regular or special meetings for consideration and action by the assembly.
- 1. Civic Affairs Committee.** The civic affairs committee is tasked with addressing broad issues such as town signage, the street addressing system, and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The civic affairs committee is also tasked with review of the Skagway visitor department budget during the annual budget cycle.
 - 2. Finance Committee.** The finance committee is tasked with addressing issues related to finance such as payment of accounts, income and expense reports, land fund issues, and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The finance committee is also tasked with review of the land fund and bond fund during the annual budget cycle.
 - 3. Health, Education and Welfare Committee.** The health, education and welfare committee is tasked with addressing issues related to the clinic, schools and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The health, education and welfare committee is also tasked with review of the library, museum and clinic department budgets during the annual budget cycle.
 - 4. Parks & Recreation Committee.** The parks & recreation committee is tasked with addressing issues related to parks, trails, playgrounds, recreational use areas such as 7-Pastures Ball Fields and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The parks & recreation committee is also tasked with review of the Skagway Recreation Center and the parks & rec. division of Public Works budgets during the annual budget cycle.
 - 5. Public Safety Committee.** The public safety committee is tasked with addressing issues related to fire, EMS, police, traffic, parking and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The public safety committee is also tasked with review of the fire and police department budgets during the annual budget cycle.
 - 6. Public Works Committee.** The public works committee is tasked with addressing issues related to building infrastructure, water, sewer and refuse collection and infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, harbor and such other tasks assigned by the mayor from time to time. The public works committee is also tasked with review of the public works department and harbor department budgets including the enterprise funds for water, sewer, garbage and harbor during the annual budget cycle.
- B.** The Assembly of the Whole Committee shall consist of the mayor and all assembly members. The assembly of the whole committee meetings are treated as work sessions and do not require recorded minutes. Meetings may be called as often as necessary to address issues brought forward by a member of the public, administration, a department, the mayor or any assembly member. All meetings are open to the public and shall be posted no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. The assembly of the whole committee shall bring recommendations forward during regular or special meetings for consideration and action by the assembly. No action may be taken during work sessions. The assembly of the whole committee is also tasked with review of the following budget areas during the annual budget cycle: school district funding requests, capital projects, sales tax, administration and borough assembly.