

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2024TO: Mayor and AssemblyFROM: Michael Brown, Borough ManagerRE: Manager's Weekly Post

Library Citizens' Advisory Committee Update: At the beginning of April, the Assembly approved OR 24-039 to form a Library Citizens' Advisory Committee (LCAC). This committee will serve in an advisory capacity to review challenged library materials. For clarity, the LCAC does not replace the Borough Library Board, which is tasked with a different purpose and scope than the LCAC. If you want to learn more about the MSB Library Board and its meeting schedule, please visit https://matsugov.us/boards/library-board.

Applications opened for the LCAC after the ordinance was passed, and the names of individuals being considered are available at <u>https://matsugov.us/boards</u> by the Clerk's office. Currently, there are twenty-two individuals who have applied for a position on the committee, including six in District 1, two in District 2, one in District 3, none in District 4, two in District 5, one in District 6, and ten in District 7. The Mayor will select a Chair, a Vice Chair, five members, and two alternates to serve.

The Mayor announced at a Special Assembly meeting last week that she will likely bring forward her appointments for the committee to the Borough Assembly for consideration at the May 21, 2024 meeting. Once the appointments are confirmed, the Community Development Department will work directly with the Chair and Vice Chair to facilitate the advent of the committee, including working with the Clerk to properly notice the meetings, working with the Borough Attorneys to provide training for Open Meetings for the Committee, secure the Assembly Chambers for meetings, providing livestream services for the public, acquiring materials for review and providing any other resources or administrative functions.

Additionally, it is worth noting that the Borough web developers & GIS team have been instrumental in helping provide a public-facing page for the <u>https://matsugov.us/boards/library-citizens-advisory-committee</u>. This page was designed and developed to promote an interactive platform that promotes an open and transparent process. The LCAC page will be updated with additional information and resources as they are available. It will include:

- Application for membership on the committee
- Membership of the committee
- The ordinance
- Meeting schedule (once set)
- Livestream link for meetings
- Online Library Reconsideration Request Form for patrons
- Dashboard with the status of the Library Materials that are being requested for review
- Link to the updated Library Materials Development Policy
- Meeting minutes
- LCAC advisory resolutions

If members of the public have questions, they can reach out <u>jillian.morrissey@matsugov.us</u> or (907) 861-8634.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Rail

 Alaska Railroad's 2024 rehab, rebuilding program has Mat-Su projects planned Frontiersman

Assembly

- <u>Mat-Su Borough now requires all "found animals get turned over to shelter</u> ADN
- <u>Mat-Su Borough offers online landfill coupons for first time</u>

ADN Fisheries

- Federal Government is assuming management of salmon fishing in parts of Cook Inlet Alaska Beacon
- <u>Knik River King Salmon sport fishery expansion</u>
 Frontiersman

State

- <u>Alaska Senate passes draft budget confirming 176 million in bonus public school funding</u> Frontiersman
- <u>State halts work on expanded arrest authority for Chickaloon tribal officers Anchorage Daily</u>
 <u>News</u>

ADN

MSB Facebook videos

- <u>Tractor Day Video</u> Views: 2,152
- <u>Spring breakup trail care video</u> Views: 3,183K
- Top Facebook Posts of April
 - <u>Mat-Su Central School Construction Video Update</u> Views: 62K
 - <u>Winter Weather Alert</u> Views: 34K
 - Economic Summit Tour at the Port Views: 17K