

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024-7:00-9:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

In Person: Fairview Community Recreation Center

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

~Attending: James Thornton, Kelly Ittenbach, Mikea Fulton, Kaleb Cabrera, Lindsey Hajduk, Karen Gonne-Harrell, Janel Walton, Jim Renkert, Mike Robbins (ACDA), Melinda Gant(ACDA), Allen Kemplen, Sharon Chamard, Noah King (Dowl), SJ Klein, Chris Campbell, Karen Gressy?, Taylor Keegan, Terri Russi

Zoom: Dustin Molle (AFD), Suzi Alexander, Daniel Volland, Kay Gajewski, Grace Sy, Dana (Hypothermia), Joe (Ak Event Services), Denise Janson, Chris & Maria Crawford, Cliff Groh, Zack Fields.

James amended tonight's agenda to Remove Treasurer's report, and add AFD to agenda. Janel moved to approve agenda; Mikea? seconded.

SJ moved to approve March 14 minutes; Mikea seconded.

Captain Molle from AFD presented. Thanks to electorate for approving proposition 6. May 9th is community wildfire awareness event. Firewise inspections starting; make sure working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in house. Please feel free to tour station 1. No free detectors at this time; Red Cross maybe has free ones?

Elected Officials

~Anchorage Assembly Members Daniel Volland: work session on Glenn/Seward alternatives: interim alternative be seriously considered. Transportation Committee: April 17th is next meeting: proposal to prohibit right turns on red in downtown & also parts of Fairview; April 18th is special meeting: ordinance on abatement of homeless & proposal to allow RV & tent camping on private property.

Sharon: Concerned about buffers around these properties. Has a map been requested to show these buffers?

Dan: Yes, Map requested from administration to show buffers around town where homeless can /can't camp.

Presentations

~Noah King (DOT): Presented components of laying underground utilities and placing new lighting, new sidewalks along west side of Gambell Street from 3rd to 16th Streets. Slated to begin late 2024-2026. CEA contact: Brad Jackson.

~Mike Robbins executive director at ACDA: Presented about study done on 3rd and Ingra site. Vision plan called for temporary use of land. One idea is an RV Site. Called "Denali RV Resort." Working with HLB for temporary land usage. Three phases beginning 2024 for permitting to 2027 (phase 3). Fence up now around property. ACDA managing property, which is semi private, so will be able to escort folks off property. RV's using park can't be older than 10 years old.

SJ moved to lay Resolution 2024-07 (Denali RV Resort) on the table; also waive reading, Janel seconded.

Representative Cliff Groh: Passed operating budget; I voted against it; feel it needs improvement. Insufficient funding for education, energy. Voted against PFD amendment. Still have structural deficit more than 11 billion dollars. Proposed higher taxes on oil industry; advanced bill to make it easier to lease land for renewable projects; also a bill to create veterans and family help desk to connect families to educational opportunities; favors balanced budget that provides money for better schools, safety, roads. Passed special appropriation for shelter in Anchorage that is now going to the Senate.

Zack Fields: 20 progressive amendments adopted in this budget; Budget grossly out of balance and fails to do anything with energy crisis; PFD (which is too high) probably will be slashed in Senate. Liked some things in budget: Child care, human services, education funding same as last year plus \$8 million for Reads Act implementation. Thanks to Cliff and Loki for Capital projects: Tyonek Drive upgrades to Laine Fleischer Chester Creek Corridor.

Talked about importance of Bush legislators funding homelessness in Anchorage after Allen brought up subject. Urged DOT to cease and desist any plans to build highway through Fairview, rather reduce lanes and add non motorized facilities along the Gambell/Ingra corridor.

Chris Campbell had concerns regarding DOT's lack of following 2019 Federal studies that shows roads more than 30 MPH have more non motorized fatalities.

Zack trying to push for transportation safety reforms and improving connectivity for on-road safety.

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc)

~Parks & Rec/Community Gardens

~Transportation/Merrill Field/ CIP Design

~Reconnecting Fairview: Janel to chair

~Public Safety/Homelessness: Maria to chair?

~Bylaws: SJ to chair

~Fun: Lindsey: July 20 is block party. Keeping it at Fairview Elementary; applied for AARP Reconnecting Communities Challenge Grant - won't hear for a while about if we won grant. Loki to chair

Standing Reports

~Presidents Report: Vote in May runoff election! Remote free medical clinic April 20-21 at Begich Middle School.

Old Business

Lindsey discussed Resolution 2024-01 (Reconnecting Fairview); SJ moved to approve; Janel seconded. No opposition to resolution. Resolution was adopted.

Janel moved to table indefinitely 2024-02 (Establishing Homeless Committee); Mikea seconded.

Janel moved to adopt 2024-03 (3rd Ave Radicals); SJ seconded, but questioned if we need this resolution now with new resolution laid on table. Allen thinks we should pass resolution as presented. No opposition; resolution was adopted.

SJ moved to amend Resolution 2024-05; Lindsey seconded amendment. Janel moved to adopt Resolution 2024-05 (Seward/Glenn Alternatives) as amended; Karen seconded. No opposition; resolution was adopted.

New Business

~Allen moved to introduce Resolution 2024-04(Muni to Fulfill Responsibilities Managing Publicly Owned Land and Facilities); Allen moved to waive reading; SJ seconded.

~James made motion to change meeting times from 6:30-8:30 pm. No opposition; motion adopted.

~Fairview cleanup on May 11th.

~Allen talked about the importance of having list of Capital Improvement Priorities given to the office of OMB before May budget finalized. Allen moved to introduce Resolution 2024-06 (CIP List Priorities); Sharon moved to waive reading; Kelly seconded.

Community Comments/Concerns

Allen: Wants to extend appreciation and thanks to Parks and Recreation staff and Taylor Keegan and Fairview Rec Center improvements.

Janel: Ben Boeke lights are on all the time and very bright.

Taylor: Going through TIP amendment; look for 15th Ave to Sitka Park Trail re-pavement.

Allen: Will standing committees be required to record minutes per Roberts Rules and have regular meetings?

Meeting Adjourned 8:47 pm

