



CRAFTING A COMMON VISION

Fairview residents, property owners and business owners have a long history of working together to create winter city Neighborhoods of Choice. This visioning effort has occurred over many years, with many partners, in a sustained and systematic way.

We worked with local non-profits in the early 1990's to define our problems and brainstorm ideas for progress. Again in early 2002 we organized numerous community workshops, held in all parts of the Fairview community, to establish the foundation of a positive vision for our common future.

In 2006, we were approved by the Anchorage Assembly to develop an official Neighborhood Plan for Fairview. A final draft has been passed by the Council and we are working for formal passage.

You can obtain a copy of the community's game plan by visiting the Federation of Community Councils website and clicking on Fairview.



THE FAIRVIEW COUNCIL AREA

Community Councils are established in the Municipal Charter as the grass roots of better government. Their boundaries are adopted by the Anchorage Assembly and typically reviewed every decade. The Fairview Council is built around the boundaries of the old Fairview Public Utility District. The area operated as an independent governing entity until it was forced into the City by the Alaska Legislature.

The Fairview Community has several distinct neighborhoods (East, West and South) whose edges are defined by major streets and distinct topographical features. West Fairview has the strongest connection to the Downtown business district. However, all three neighborhoods share the historical grid pattern of blocks, streets and alleys typical of a traditional urban center.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL



INTRODUCTION

The Council meets every 2nd Thursday of the month in the multi-purpose room of the Fairview Community Recreation Center, located at the corner of Karluk Street and 10th Avenue, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Council operations are governed by a nine-member Executive Board that meets every 1st Thursday at the same time and place.



Neighborhoods on the Move

A REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

The Highway-to-Highway project is likely to significantly change the type and volume of traffic moving along Gambell and Ingra Streets. Traffic volumes will decline as regional trips switch to the new road. Most of the remaining vehicle trips will likely be to and from a specific destination within the corridor.

This means that businesses dependent on capturing the attention of regional traffic may be hard pressed to achieve a positive bottom line. It is very likely that the loss of vehicle traffic will cause significant change in the type and character of properties, both commercial and residential, within the corridor.

A healthy neighborhood is a place where it makes economic sense for people to invest their time, energy, and money in the prosperity of its commercial centers.

A comprehensive corridor revitalization strategy will create a partnership among federal, state, municipal agencies, the private sector, community organizations and neighborhood residents in order to ensure that properties along the corridor are worthy of robust investment.

RESTORING OUR MAIN STREET

A number of neighborhood workshops held over the past few years revealed a desire for returning Gambell Street to its original role as Fairview's Main Street. These community discussions are captured in the draft Fairview Community Plan. This document identifies a shared vision for the corridor and the Fairview area.

However, while the larger plan establishes a positive direction, real change must come from corridor businesses and property owners.

Come join your neighbors and fellow business owners to discuss the future of Fairview and the vitality of our Main Street.

Your participation is important.



TWO-WAY GAMBELL STREET - WINTER 1953



FAIRVIEW

Where People Make The Difference



ESTABLISHING A SENSE OF PLACE

During the late 1980's, neighborhood residents felt besieged by forces not under their control. One of their more effective solutions was the establishment of Defensible Space from which citizens could create stronger bonds of civic identity. This was accomplished by changes to the streets to eliminate cut-through traffic, installation of a neighborhood Gateway and unique street furniture, adoption of Fireweed signature colors and creation of a professional logo.



RECENT COUNCIL INITIATIVES

INITIATIVE	SCOPE	DATE
CHRONIC PUBLIC INEBRIATES	WORKSHOPS AND POLICY CHANGES	IN PROGRESS
16TH AVENUE TERRACE	WIDENED FROM ALLEY TO STREET	2009
COMMUNITY REC. CENTER STUDY	RENOVATION FEASIBILITY	2009
REHAB OF STREET AMENITIES	REPAINTING	2008
IMPROVEMENTS AT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	GARDENS, FENCES AND RENOVATIONS	2008