

# **Federation of Community Councils, Inc.**

## **Board of Delegates**

### **Minutes of September 21, 2016 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris.  
Quorum achieved (almost twice the required number). New delegates welcomed.

#### **FCC Delegates in attendance (24):**

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| Airport Heights    | Teri Penn                     |
| Basher             | Don Crafts                    |
| Bayshore/Klatt     | Bob/Marie Laule               |
| Bear Valley        | Kevin Durling                 |
| Birchwood          | Dave Wolfe                    |
| Campbell Park      | Kevin Fimon                   |
| Chugiak            | Deborah Jones                 |
| Downtown           | Michelle Gallagher            |
| Eagle River Valley | Tom Freeman                   |
| Government Hill    | Kyle Stevens (FCC Vice Chair) |
| Hillside           | Lance Powell                  |
| Huffman/O'Malley   | Matt Burkholder               |
| Midtown            | Peggy Robinson                |
| North Star         | Sam Moore (FCC Treasurer)     |
| Northeast          | Bob Reupke                    |
| Rabbit Creek       | Mindy Willis                  |
| Rogers Park        | Bob Churchill                 |
| Sand Lake          | Talbot Chang                  |
| Scenic Foothills   | Ted Johnston                  |
| South Addition     | Jeff Manfull                  |
| South Fork         | Andrew Brewer                 |
| Tudor Area         | Jake Tuckerman                |
| Turnagain          | Cathy Gleason                 |
| University Area    | Al Milspaugh                  |

#### **Others in attendance included:**

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| FCC Chair         | Bonnie Harris             |
| Dick Traini       | Anchorage Assembly        |
| Kathleen Plunkett | School Board              |
| Mayor Berkowitz   | Mayor's Office            |
| Norah Morris      | Mayor's Office            |
| Jared James       | Mayor's Office (343-7150) |

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| Tom Davis       | Public Works, Long-Range Planning Dept. |
| Jodi Seitz      | Public Works, Long-Range Planning Dept. |
| Mark Butler     | Council Center Manager                  |
| Lt. Jack Carson | APD                                     |
| Officer Nave    | APD                                     |
| Sharon Cissna   | AHCC member                             |

**September 2016 Agenda:** Approved – Sam Moore and Tom Freeman

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum:** Bonnie Harris, Chair
  
- B. Approval of Agenda**
  
- C. Approval of April and May Meeting Minutes**  
Moore, Reupke
  
- D. Standing Committee Reports:**
  - 1. FCC Chair** - Bonnie Harris\  
Office hours summarized, introduction, summary of staff (Mark and Susan)
  - 2. FCC Treasurer** – Sam Moore, written handouts  
Statement of Financial Position provided (hard copy), Butler summarizes spending is within budget
  - 3. FCC Outreach** - Kyle Steven. Kyle late.
  
  - 4. Community Councils Center Manager** – Mark Butler
  
- E. Municipality (5 minutes each):**
  - 1. Mayor’s Office – Mayor Berkowitz**
    - Crime & Public Safety: Many components, no easy solution. Requires prevention, policing, prosecution, punishment. Working at building APD numbers. Out of 386 officers, 50 are in training, optimal number is 450. Drug & alcohol treatment important (currently have 14 beds). State troopers reduced (out of Girdwood, reduced on highway). Released inmates need monitoring, inadequate personnel. Preschool helps crime abatement (Alaska one of few states without).
    - Mayor’s office update: Beluga River power acquisition good for MLP equalizing power, farmer markets positive, budget work “interesting,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Welcoming Week recognizing people born elsewhere.
    - Spice use is waning.
    - Bike lanes—Vision Zero intended to raise biker visibility. Further conversation on diagonal parking and road striping visible in wet conditions.
  
  - 2. Anchorage Assembly – Dick Traini**

Request for FCC budget request, 11-12:30, room 155, City Hall Friday meeting with Mayor, impact of state cutbacks on muni, budget balancing means decisions. October budget hearings. Marijuana, 2 licenses pending for cultivation on King St., retail not in process yet. Traini setting up meeting early October for FCC meeting and Muni public safety department.

Public safety issues rampant. Burglaries, home invasion, murder.

**3. Anchorage School Board – Betty Davis (Absent, Kathleen Plunkett substituting)**

48,102 students enrolled, above (not including pre-K, special ed). Mt. Iliamna Elementary move and Groening MS repairs (and presumably other budget items) in school bond, dependent on budget finalized late October.

New superintendent working well, focus on student achievement.

ALIS (emergency response by students/school staff) training—generally accepted.

**F. Presentations (5 to 10 minutes each)**

**1. APD Questions – APD Deputy Chief Gilliam, Nina Morse Office of the Mayor**

9/22 Security Town Hall meeting announcement

9/22 Neighborhood crime watch, volunteer meeting, request for Neighborhood Crime Watch flyer

Lt. Carson, APD in charge of CAP (interface with FBI, DEA, Marshall):

- Focus on homeless communities, proactive crime suppression (targeting high crime areas). Questionnaire sent last year to 38 councils had 18 CC responders, plan now in preparation. Plan includes police response and community preparations/actions to reduce incidents. Request for FCC delegates to educate CCs. Effort for additional questionnaire to be distributed through Survey Monkey.
- Reducing crime: lighting (leaving lights on in parks), bus stop safety (13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell in particular), change environment to be less conducive to criminal activity. Provide serial numbers, owner names, and pictures of stolen items (provide all names associated with property).
- Officer Nave addressed original request to distribute on paper and request for limited responses, improved intake and summary process to include more responses. Lt. Carson summarized benefits of community input.
- Norah Morris (Muni) Crime reporting system (Nextdoor?) being considered, but preference is going through APD dispatch. Carson notes importance of reports to catch individuals for future acts.
- 386 officers currently, goal of 400 by year-end.
- Homeless, aim is to move homeless to shelters, APD notes abatement, problem with homeless camps returning. Cleanup is huge job, community help with cleanup appreciated, but abandoned trash can be dangerous. Report camps to APD (through Muni Works). Provide specific details. APD follows rules from ACLU for camp cleanup/abatement.

- Sample letter to be provided from APD, distributed from FCC to CCs.

2. **MOA Planning Map** – Tom Davis, MOA Long Range Planning Dept. (343-7916)

Half of CCs responded to 2040 Land Use Plan, ~500 pages of responses to review. Plan will be online. Public information meeting times and places provided in handout. Deadline for comments 10/17/2016.

Upcoming document title “Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan”

Request for written and verbal comments from CCs (preferably resolutions, letters, or emails), request for committee member to follow project through Assembly stage.

Cathy Gleason moves to request Administration, Assembly, and Planning Dept. to move end of comment period to November 1 (Andrew Brewer second). Tied vote, FCC chair votes yes. One abstention.

**G. Old Business:**

None

**H. New Business:**

None

**I. Council Sharing (brief points)**

Canceled due to lack of time this meeting.

**J. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting)**

Canceled due to lack of time this meeting.

**K. Adjourn**

Move by AI, seconded by Jeff Schultz  
Adjourned 8:01 p.m.