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FAIRVIEW SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 2005: SATURDAY MAY 7th

Spring has sprung, and with the disappearance of winter's snow, a season's worth of accumulated trash and debris rears its ugly head! You can tell it's springtime in Anchorage: bikers, joggers, budding trees, clean cars, and trash everywhere!



The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce's 37th Annual City Wide Clean Up Week is April 30th-May 7th, capped off by Neighborhood Clean Up Day Saturday, May 7th. The Fairview Community Council and Fairview Elementary School will once again take point in Fairview's Neighborhood Clean Up Day.

Neighborhood Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get together with your Friends and Neighbors, and "Make A Difference" in our Community! Dumpsters will be

available at the Fairview Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue.

Residents will meet at the Rec Center at 9 am, to pick up bags and spread out through the neighborhood. You can team up with others, or work solo! Teams in pickups will drive the neighborhood picking up large objects. The Community effort will run until 1 pm.

Fairview Elementary Students will meet at the school starting at 10 am, and will work until 2 pm. Hot Dogs, Chips and Beverages will be served at the school from 12pm-2pm, courtesy of Carrs Gambell and the Fairview Community Council. There will be great prizes for lucky student participants.

Our Community's Annual Spring Clean Up Day is a great opportunity for Fairview to show the rest of Anchorage our Community Spirit! It's a lot of Hard Work, Fun, Food, and a great opportunity to get acquainted with your neighbors! For more information, contact Harry Deuber at 440-6372, or Darrel Hess at 258-3714

Anchorage Regional Landfill and the Central Transfer Station will have free dump days on April 30th, May 1st and May 7th.

FLOWER PATROL GEARING UP FOR SEASON

The Fairview Flower Patrol is gearing up for a busy season this year! Plans are already afoot to plant the Karluk diverters! The Flower Patrol will have to pay the Municipality \$75 per diverter this year for flowers.

The Flower Patrol and Council are looking for generous residents and businesses willing to adopt a di-

verter by providing the \$75 plant purchase price. If you are interested in helping to beautify our Community by making a donation, or if you would like to join the Flower Patrol, please contact Harry Deuber at 440-6372.

The Fairview Flower Patrol's next big event will be their Annual Plant Sale! This year's Plant Sale

will take place on Saturday, May 28th, from 10 am to 4 pm in the parking lot of Carrs Gambell. The plants are 1st Class, and the prices are unbeatable! Come early, because they will sell fast!

Last year's Plant Sale raised over \$1,000 to help support the beautification efforts of our Flower Patrol.

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Tentative Agenda Topics

For the May Meeting

- A presentation by Anchorage Animal Control
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Committee & Community Reports
- An update on the 13th & Gambell HSIP Project
- An update on the proposed Cordova Street Transit Project

"As long as the diversities and differences of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation, and for the recognition of differences"

Eugene McCarthy



Saturday, May 14th marks the start of this season's Saturday and Sunday Markets. This year marks the first full season of Sunday Markets. The Markets will run from 10 am to 6 pm Saturdays and Sundays through September 11th. For more information, call 272-5634, or visit info@anchoragemarkets.com. The FVCC wishes you a successful season!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S APRIL MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:08 pm.

Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:

Darrel Hess received an e-mail from David Post, one of the presenters at the March 2005 General Membership Meeting. He requested a correction to the March minutes, in which he is quoted as saying the Highway-to-Highway connection would cost \$2 billion, of which \$1.6 billion is federal. Mr. Post would like the record to reflect that all projects recommended for inclusion in the Anchorage Bowl Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) total nearly \$2 billion, and it is estimated that with no changes to current funding, there would be approximately \$1.6 billion in funds available, and that this estimate is based on historical volumes of federal, state, and local funds. The actual cost of the Highway 2 Highway connection is about half a billion dollars.

It was moved by Celeste Benson and seconded by Vince Stevens, to accept the minutes from the March 10 general membership meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Harry Deuber:

There has been no change to the two accounts since Celeste Benson's report dated March 14, 2005.

Council account- balance forward	3,116.49
Planning Workshop deposits	1,185.00
Audit Report	(50.00)
Workshop expense	(668.13)
FVRC Computer Lab	(406.06)
Balance as of 3/14/05	3,847.30
Patrol account- balance forward	944.21
ACS	(19.31)
AK Best Water	(23.00)
Bbalance as of 3/14/05	901.90

Darrel Hess reported that the Neighborhood Planning Workshop ran a surplus of \$846.88. There were in-kind donations totaling \$1,659.91, and cash donations of \$1,900.00. Expenses totaled \$1,053.12.

Fairview Elementary School Report, Marc Robinson:

Students in grades 3-6 just completed the new Standards-Based Assessment, which tests reading, writing, and math. Results will probably be available by early August. This is the first year the tests have been administered in Alaska, so it is not know what the cut scores will be. It is expected that Fairview Elementary will move

closer to making Adequate Yearly Progress.

Title One is opening a new preschool. All Title One schools are eligible to house the new school. Fairview Elementary has requested to be that school, but the decision has not been made yet.

There will be a summer school at Fairview Elementary, operating from 9:00-11:30 am for six weeks from June 20th-July 28th. Students can register for either language arts or math. Parents are responsible for transportation. The fee is \$75.00, but fee waivers are available.

Assembly Report, Allan Tesche:

Mr. Tesche commented on the recent election and his opponent, Carl Loerbs. Although it was known by Mr. Tesche that Mr. Loerbs was a member of a racist group, Council of Conservative Citizens, he decided not to bring up the issue because it would reflect badly on the political process. Mr. Tesche regrets this decision, and commended Darrel Hess for his courage in writing a letter to the editor of the Anchorage Daily News, and thus bringing the issue to a forum where it was subsequently publicly discussed.

The mayor did well in the election. The convention center and museum propositions were both approved. The new Assembly will be more conservative. There will be efforts to hold back changes made in the past few years with respect to matters such as the sign law and the spraying of pesticides.

At Tuesday's Assembly meeting there was a debate to roll back funding to the sexual health clinic. The motion was unsuccessful.

Mr. Tesche plans to work with downtown groups, businesses, etc., on the new downtown plan, which incorporates ordinances, housing, zoning, and parks. The goal is to have one of the best downtowns in the country. The Fairview Community Council should take a very active role in this because Fairview is connected to downtown, and the changes should be consistent with our neighborhood values – that the community should be a place to raise a family where housing is still affordable.

Question from the membership:

Vince Stevens asked what is happening on Cordova Street. Darrel Hess replied that People Mover plans to put in enhancements for the bus stops along that street, and that Tom Wilson will be coming to the May Executive Board to discuss the project. The Board met last month with Jacques Boutet, a project manager for the municipality, and were only told of the People Mover project at that time. We told him we

want to delay the project until we make sure what they want to do meshes with our vision for the neighborhood.

Guests and Presentations:

Lisa Mills, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing, on Neighborhood Leadership Circles

The next Neighborhood Leadership Circle, on "Conflict Resolution," will be held on Wednesday, April 27th. This workshop was held recently in Mountain View, and was very successful. A series of Neighborhood Leadership Circles is planned; there will be more in the fall. One on diversity awareness will happen during the Mayor's Diversity Week, and there will be another on public speaking skills.

World Changers want to come to Fairview this summer. They need 18-20 projects for the 250 youth who will be coming to Anchorage. The projects can involve roofing, exterior painting, or fencing.

Sarah Doyle and Melissa Janigo, Winterberry Charter School

This new charter school will be operating as of Fall 2005 in the Shiloh Baptist Church building. Its website is

<http://www.winterberryschool.com>. The school will have between 150-180 students. It will be based on the Waldorf education model. Two issues are of concern: traffic problems created by all the students being dropped off and picked up, and access to the park and trail system. The school organizers are working with the traffic department about making the street safe, perhaps by putting in a crosswalk across E. 20th Ave. They are also working with Parks and Recreation regarding a user's permit. They have \$3,000 to spend on improving a part of the park for the school's use. They are welcoming input from the community on this permitting process.

Following the presentation, numerous members welcomed the school to the neighborhood, and asked how the community could help the school succeed. Dan Loring asked how many of the students who have applied so far are from Fairview, and if the founding families of the school are from South Addition. Ms. Doyle replied that it is too early to tell where applications are from as they have just started doing outreach, and yes, the families are all from South Addition.

Committee and Other Reports:

Neighborhood Plan

The Neighborhood Plan Workshop was

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successful. There was good participation and good representation. The Mayor spoke, as well as Mary Jane Michael, Debe Mahoney, and Allan Tesche. Channels 2 and 11 both gave positive coverage of the event on the news. There were comments by the above-mentioned people in the morning, and a presentation by David Post from the state Department of Transportation and Facilities Planning. He talked about the LRTP, and especially the Highway-to-Highway connection. After lunch, the participants broke into four workgroups, each of which was given base maps and aerial photos to work with. Some common themes emerged.:

- West Fairview should continue to be medium to high density, while east Fairview should be mostly single-family housing and low density
- Fairview should be pedestrian friendly
- There was tentative support of the Highway-to-Highway connection if amenities were included
- Overlays with green space
- A trail connecting Chester Creek with Ship Creek
- Gambell and Ingra returned to neighborhood streets with more of a small-town feel with on-street parking

A report on the workshop will be written up and presented to the Council in the next couple of months. The next steps are to come up with concrete ideas about how to make these positive images of Fairview real. The first element is a planning document that the Assembly will adopt; the second element is an overlay zone plan (the 2020 Plan identified these zones as major tools for neighborhood planning). In the next three to four months the committee will be working on developing the overlay zone plan. This is a great opportunity to shape what our neighborhood will look like. As we develop something more tangible, more people will be interested. The more people are involved, the less apprehension and resistance there will be.

In the previous election, Fairview got \$100,000 in a bond package to study 16th Avenue Terrace. That project is ready to go for an RFP. Jacques Boutet suggested merging those funds with the \$250,000 Fairview received in the most-recent election's bond package. The scope of work of the RFP would be expanded to include how to improve bicycle and pedestrian

corridors through Fairview. We want to move ahead quickly. The process of developing this plan is public, so there will be neighborhood workshops, a neighborhood plan committee, and discussions about the zoning overlay. We can make a big difference in the next couple of years if people stay engaged and active.

Comments and questions from the membership addressed the need to have strong business advocates involved in this planning process, and possible use of some of the \$350,000 to finance pedestrian improvements and landscaping in conjunction with the Highway Safety Improvement Project that is scheduled to occur at 13th and Gambell. Members were encouraged to attend a public meeting about the LRTP at the Clark Middle School from 7-9 pm on Monday, April 18th.

Beautification, Harry Deuber

Clean-up Day activities will occur Saturday, May 7th, from 9 am-1 pm, and will be organized from the parking lot at the Fairview Recreation Center.

Five diverters in Fairview are available for \$75.00 under the Adopt-a-Garden program. Planting in these diverters usually happens around the last weekend in May. There is also a need for volunteers to tend these diverters throughout the summer.

The Flower Patrol sale will be on May 28th in the Gambell Street parking lot at Carrs.

Anchorage Police Department, Cindy Stanton

A flyer concerning meth labs was distributed. Following a question from Regina Manteufel, Sgt. Stanton explained procedures APD has for dealing with runaway children. Sharon Chamard commented about the growing problem of quality-of-life offenses in the neighborhood. Sgt. Stanton said there is a shortage of police officers and the detective units are very short-handed. However, the number of officers will increase soon when new academy classes graduate. Dan Loring remarked that Spenard also had a problem with public drinking, panhandling, and prostitution, but then plans to build the Millennium Hotel led to the political will to clean up Spenard. He said that it's not the shortage of officers, but a lack of political will that is allowing 13th and Gambell to remain the last area in Anchorage with dope dealers and prostitutes, and that this is a disgrace to the city. Sgt. Stanton disagreed with the comment that these problems only occur at 13th and Gambell, saying that there are also

problems in Spenard and Mountain View. Allen Kemplen said there should be more flexibility on the part of APD and the police union to allow people who are not full-fledged police officers to deal with quality-of-life offenses, along the lines of Community Service Patrol (CSP) and the Downtown Ambassadors. Sgt. Stanton replied that there were several programs like this, such as the Reserve Officers program, and they are trying to bring this back. Ken Stout is trying to create some sort of police auxiliary. CSP is at very low staffing levels, so sometimes the police have to respond to regular CSP calls. There are ongoing budget discussions about funding CSP.

Education, Dale Myhill

At the most recent meeting we talked about the Education Summit. On May 2nd, we are going to Fairview Elementary to clean up the planters. The Family Fun Night and Job Fair is on May 13th at the Fairview Recreation Center. There will be a community supper on June 9th. Elections for the PTA will be held on April 19th.

Fairview Recreation Center, Dave Brossard

The gym roof contractors found additional problems. The time frame for finishing is in May, but work on the ceiling will go on until the third week of June. The entire Center will be closed from June 6th-19th for work on the floors. The new District Manager in the Northwest District is Doe Anderson.

Public Safety, Sharon Chamard

At the most recent meeting, the committee talked about the Assembly resolution Brian Whittle planned to introduce concerning community policing. We generally agreed with the spirit of the resolution, but not its vision of community policing. The committee favors more direct contact between citizens and patrol officers.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Celeste Benson – On April 22nd at the Senior Center, the Alaska Commission on Aging is hosting a conference on the Future of Aging in Alaska to discuss issues of relevance to seniors. Recommendations from the conference will be sent to the White House Conference on Aging that will be held in Washington, D.C. in October.

Donna White – she has to attend an Administrative Hearing later in April because she has been fined \$30,000-40,000 by the municipality because of incidents of garbage mysteriously appearing by the dumpster serving her multi-

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-family building. She requested that someone from the Council attend the hearing with her, as she could not afford a lawyer. Dan Loring said that maybe someone from the Zoning Committee could be with her at the hearing

and collect the data. Darrel Hess suggested that she tell the Hearing Officer that she is meeting with the Council's Zoning Committee and would like a postponement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

FAIRVIEW FAMILY NIGHT JOB FAIR

A Job Fair with a twist! That's the best way to describe Fairview Family Night Job Fair! Friday, May 13th, from 6 pm to 9 pm, The Municipality of Anchorage, The Fairview Recreation Center, Nine Star and Kid's Kitchen will be sponsoring a Job Fair that will have Food, Games, Crafts and Books!

The event will take place at the Fairview Rec-

reation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue. There will be booths with displays n Resume Writing, Dressing for Success and Grants for Youth Training. Representatives from Nine Star, the Gateway Learning Center, the FRC and the Back To Work Network will be providing information on education and employment opportunities in Fairview and elsewhere in

Anchorage.

The Job Fair is a great opportunity to explore career and education opportunities and enjoy an evening out with the family. For further information or questions about booths, please contact Elgin Jones, with Kid's Kitchen, at 274-8522.

E BOARD MEMBERS & RESIDENTS TOUR NEW BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

The afternoon of Friday, April 29th, a group of FVCC Executive Board Members and Community Residents toured the new Brother Francis Shelter. Former FVCC Board Member, and Shelter Director, Dewayne Harris conducted the tour.

Sharon Chamard, Harry Deuber, Dale Myhill, Lee Ross, Claris Syren, Dave Syren and Council Chair Darrel Hess were among those who took advantage of Dewayne's invitation to see the new facility prior to it's planned May 12th opening.

The group found the facility to be bright and airy, with great effort put into functionality and practicality. The new shelter has more offices



for case management, quadruple the number of lockers, and expanded laundry and shower facilities. There is a library and computer room, and a quiet room for persons who arrive at the shelter in an intoxicated state., or who are loud

or abusive and exhibit unacceptable behaviors.

At the conclusion of the tour, the group spent considerable time quizzing Dewayne on community outreach efforts and a greater emphasis on treatment instead of just warehousing clients.

Dewayne promised to include verbiage concerning proper behaviors in the Community as part of the shelter's information board, and invited representatives of the Council and the Community to attend All Shelter Meetings and address the clients on acceptable behaviors in the Community. It is hoped that being informed about this issue by Community residents will have an impact on client's behaviors.

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