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FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIDE AND DIVERSITY DAY IN ANCHORAGE!

Saturday, July 16th, dawned cloudy and rainy in Anchorage, but not even the elements could dampen Fairview's Spirit, as the Neighborhood celebrated Fairview Community Pride and Diversity Day with our Annual Block Party!

The festivities kicked off with a prayer by Pastor Michael Keyes from Central Lutheran Church, followed by Fairview Elementary Principal Dr. Marc Robinson singing our National Anthem.

Following Dr. Robinson's performance, Mayor Mark Begich issued a Proclamation, recognizing July 16, 2005 as Fairview Community Pride and Diversity Day in Anchorage. Mayor Begich also recognized Fairview's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in our Neighborhood.

At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks, several individuals and groups were honored for their contributions to Fairview. Assemblyman Allan Tesche accepted a

special award on behalf of Barry Tanner, owner of Barry's Baranof Lounge. Barry was honored for his continuous and generous support of the FVCC over the years, including support for our Annual Block Party, the Harry Hanson Substation, and World Changers.



Mayor Begich and Representative Les Gara presented the FVCC's 4th Annual Fairview Beautification Award to Don Warden and Anchorage Memorial Park. Don and the Park were recognized for the outstanding revitalization and beautification projects that have taken place over the past couple of years at the park.

Mayor Begich, and Fairview's

own Senator Johnny Ellis, presented FVCC Community Patrol Leader Lee Ross with the FVCC's 3rd Annual Citizenship Award. Lee was recognized for his continuous efforts to make Fairview a safer place to live for all of our residents!



Other groups and individuals that were honored included: The Neighborhood Health Clinic, Nine Star Enterprises, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, The Fairview Recreation Center, Fairview Elementary School, Chappie James American Legion Post #34, The Anchorage Senior Center, Central Lutheran Church, Dr. Marc Robinson, the FVCC Board, Regina Manteufel and Miss Benita White. (continued on pg 4)

LEE ROSS HONORED BY THE FVCC

Fairview Community Patrol Leader Lee Ross was honored at the FVCC's July 16th Block Party with the Council's 3rd Annual Citizenship Award. Last year's recipients were Charles and Celeste Benson, and the inaugural recipient was Senator Johnny Ellis.



Lee was recognized for his continuous efforts to make Fairview, and indeed all of Anchorage, a safer place for all to live! The award was presented by Mayor

Begich and Senator Ellis, along with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council.

Lee Ross is one of those community volunteers who labor week in

and week out, year after year, outside of the limelight, to make a difference in our lives, seeking neither recognition or reimbursement.

Lee's hard work, dedication and commitment exemplify Citizenship, and more than make him a worthy recipient of the Fairview Community Council's highest honor, and a piece of cake from Johnny & Les!

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

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Tentative Agenda Topics

For the August Meeting

- Title 21
- Graffiti
- Daube Wyatt: Land Use Officer
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Committee & Community Reports
- Anchorage Assembly Report by Allan Tesche
- Old Business
- New Business

"Diverse groups have a broader and richer base of experience from which to approach a problem"

Taylor Cox



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S JULY MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:07 pm.

Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:

There was no quorum, hence no motion or vote to approve the minutes of the June General Membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Harry Deuber:

No report

APD Report, Sgt. Cindi Stanton:

A meeting was held recently with members of the Public Safety Committee to discuss various issues. As a follow-up, call histories were run on two properties mentioned during the meeting, and nothing significant turned up.

A gang unit has been established at APD. Some officers will be redeployed from units working on drug house and prostitution cases, so there will be fewer officers in those units for the next two to three months until the new recruit class becomes active.

Questions and comments from the general membership concerned the following:

Q: How can the Violent Crime Compensation Board be contacted?

A: Their number is 1-800-247-9763

Q: What is the makeup of the gang task force? When is their next meeting? Is the task force strictly internal to APD?

A: Yes, it is internal. If people have questions, they can call Sgt. Gil Davis.

Q: Is there an effort to look at the lower grades in schools?

A: Lt. Cobb is in charge of the officers in schools program, so yes, there is a focus on schools.

Comment: The police can't deal with gangs by themselves; community input is needed.

Sgt. Stanton can be reached at 786-2668, or by e-mail at cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Guests and Presentations:

Teri Albrecht, MOA Community Capital Coordinator

This was a short presentation on the process concerning the capital projects wish lists. So far 19 of 38 community councils have submitted their lists. The lists go to Ms. Albrecht, Bruce Holmes, and Jim Lamson in the Office of Management and Budget for review. More information will soon be put on the MOA website, and there is also more information on the Federation of Community Councils website. The municipality is putting on workshops on Context Sensitive Design on July 28th to advise citizens on the project design process, so they can get involved in things from the beginning. Ms. Albrecht commented that the Fairview Community Council's Neighborhood Plan Workshop this past March was the best such workshop she has ever attended, and that this community is "already doing it" and can look forward to help from the MOA.

Assembly Report, Allan Tesche:

Mr. Tesche has recently started an Assembly Report blog. It can be accessed at <http://teschereport.blogspot.com/>. It is posted every Wednesday morning, and e-mails are sent to people telling them the blog is available.

At the last meeting the Assembly

Did not resolve the discussion about operating conditions for the "Call of the Wild."

Passed an ordinance restricting the use of eminent domain in Anchorage.

Rezoned property in south Anchorage for a Sports Dome.

Continued discussion on Janice Shamberg's proposed ordinance on bicycle helmet use for children.

Approved the first step of a transfer to the Anchorage Community Development Authority of 25 acres of land at Mt. View Dr. and Bragaw St. for the possible construction of a regional shopping center. This is an exciting project that promises change for Mt. View in keeping with its "Arts District" plan. There is also money in the Governor's budget to bring back the Mt. View library.

Postponed action on the neighborhood planning ordinance until August 9th. Some Assembly members do not like these neighborhood plans because they think this should be left to the municipality and there should not be involvement of outside groups.

Approved the conveyance of property in Eagle River for Chugiak Senior Housing.

Postponed action on legislation that would allow ML&P to work with other railbelt utilities to build future generation and transmission facilities.

Approved Dan Coffey's proposal to relax current charter provisions that limit parking and traffic enforcement to sworn APD personnel. If the charter amendment passes in the April 2006 election, the ordinance would allow the Chief of Police to "designate" municipal employees empowered to issue parking tickets.

Questions and comments from the general membership concerned the following: non-enforcement of handicapped parking, the size of the school board budget, lack of area-based representation on the school board, a proposal for a loop van program, the increase in the Fairview Elementary budget coupled with a decrease in student performance, and the importance of the neighborhood plan process.

Juneau Report, Les Gara:

Since Johnny Ellis's report to the community council last month, we worked hard to make sure the Governor would not veto certain budget items. Several discretionary projects affecting Fairview will receive funding:

13th and Gambell for planning and/or construction of pedestrian improvements

Neighborhood Health Center

Kitchen upgrades for Bean's Café and the Food Bank Books for Fairview Elementary

Dan Loring remarked that Title 1 funding in the state is at an all-time high, and while funding at Fairview Elementary has gone up, student performance has gone down. Yet no one is talking about it. Les Gara replied that increasing budgets might not be enough in areas like Fairview and Mt. View where there are many homeless children, and that increasing budgets cannot cover increasing costs as well as reduce class size. Regina Manteufel suggested that legislation be passed to force parents to attend meetings quarterly to hear about programs at the school and their own child's performance, and that if they don't attend these meetings, they would not be permitted to register their children at the school. Les said he had tried something like this before that tied attendance at PTA conferences to receipt of the PFD, but it turned out to be administratively unfeasible.

Committee and Community Reports:

Ad-Hoc Block Party Committee, Darrel Hess:

The Block Party is this Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm at Fairview Lions Park. Members of the Chappy James American Legion post will be tending the grills, and the principal of Fairview Elementary, Dr. Marc Robinson, will sing the national anthem. The program will start at about noon, and Mayor Mark Begich will declare July 16th as Fairview Community Pride and Diversity Day. The following awards will be made – the Beautification Award to Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery, and the Citizenship Award to Lee Ross.

Regarding fund-raising for the Block Party, Darrel and Sharon approached 22 or 23 Fairview businesses, and overall were disappointed with the response, especially from the larger car dealerships. However, many thanks go to those businesses that did make donations: the Crossroads Lounge, Affordable Used Cars, First National Bank, Bill Webb and the Downtown Market, and VF Grace. Special notice is made of Barry Turner of Barry's Baranof Lounge for his continued generosity to the Fairview Community. Last year he gave \$2,500 to the Block Party, followed this year by a \$1,000 donation. He also donated \$1,000 to World Changers a few years ago so that a senior in Fairview could get her roof redone, and \$1,000 to the Hanson substation.

Education, Dale Myhill:

Dan Loring is applying for a position with the Minority Education Concerns Committee. The Executive Board at its last meeting gave approval for Darrel Hess to write a letter supporting Dan's application.

Neighborhood Plan, Noel Rae:

At its last meeting, this committee reviewed the Title 21 material. It will be discussed in subsequent committee meetings, with a resolution presented at the August general membership meeting and voted on at the September general membership meeting.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S JULY MEETING

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Public Safety, Sharon Chamard:

Members of the committee met recently with Sgt. Cindi Stanton. Details of the meeting are written up in this month's newsletter, so won't be covered in this report.

There is a continuing problem with a small homeless camp in the alley behind a house in the 800-block of E. 13th Ave. Sharon called zoning and code enforcement and talked to Cindi Stanton about the matter and was disappointed to learn that there is very little that can be done. A cardboard tent does not count as a building, so there is no violation of code in respect to how many dwelling units can be on a lot. As long as the property owner is allowing the homeless people to stay there, the police can't do anything to remove them. Several people made suggestions, such as calling Channel 11 because they do stories on folks who are dissatisfied with the muni's response to problems, tracking down the deed of trust and meeting with the mortgager, and contacting the insurer.

Zoning, Dan Loring:

This committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the Rec. Ctr. At the most recent meeting, the committee developed a "top ten" list of

properties and infractions. To deal with these, a procedure similar to that used by the Public Safety Committee will be followed. With respect to Fairbanks Park and the problems there, this could be addressed by the Zoning Committee if it within the scope of the committee. We need a scope of work from the Executive Board.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Regina Manteufel – the Eazy Inn on Gambell St. is getting fixed up.

Justina Meyer – the four-plex at 1244 Hyder St. is up for sale. The muni sped up the process to make the owner do something with the property.

Darrel Hess commented that a big reason for action on that property is because it had become a public safety issue. Buildings that are just boarded up and left in an unsightly condition do not have a high priority unless there are safety concerns.

Dan Loring remarked that he had mentioned at the last Executive Board meeting that it would be a good community project to get a group of people together to buy the 1244 Hyder property.

Noel Rea – we had success getting the rehab project at the Habitat house in the 1200-block of E. 12th Ave. shut down. They were receiving as much as \$15,000 in CDBG funds through World Changers. But the

owners of the house have been indicted for having stolen property. Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services has said there will be a better vetting process of applicants next year.

Allan Tesche said that hearing that the neighbors were going to bring this to the attention of Channel 11 was helpful to me in getting the cooperation of the administration.

Dan Loring – The clean up of Fairbanks Park has been rescheduled for July 19th, starting at about noon. I've been making contact with neighbors near the park, as well as with Comtec, and they are excited about the possibility of fencing on the south side of the park, and the installation of cameras that could be viewed on the Internet.

Darrel Hess said that he and Sharon recently went with Doe Anderson to the park. She is investigating the fence possibility regarding utility line easement.

Dan Loring – I'm applying to get on the Minority Education Concerns Committee and would appreciate letters of support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

ANHS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK IN FAIRVIEW

Thursday, July 28th, Fairview Community Council Chair Darrel Hess presented Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services Executive Director Debe Mahoney with FVCC Certificates of Appreciation for ANHS and Debe personally.

The Certificates recognize the work of ANHS in Fairview over the past year: Neighbor Works Week Projects, Community Block Projects, Neighborhood Leadership Circles and

World Changers.

ANHS Community Organizers Lisa Mills, Hazel Blackmore and Lori Nealley were also honored for their efforts in Fairview. The FVCC appreciates ANHS's efforts in our Neighborhood, and look forward to future projects including a Diversity NLC in September and a Landlord Workshop in October! We hope that as many residents as possible will sign up for one of these upcoming events!



GRAFFITI: SENDING A MESSAGE! AUGUST MEETING

Over the past month, there seems to have been a rash of graffiti in the area around Fairview Park: the new park pavilion and even the stop sign across from the Park!

Graffiti, if not taken care of in a timely manner sends the message to the young hooligans who desecrate our Neighborhood, that the Community does not care! It is important that graffiti be nipped in the bud ASAP!

FVCC Secretary Sharon Chamard will be contacting Graffiti Busters, to find out the parame-

ters of their program, and see what the Community can do to help eradicate this problem in our Neighborhood. Sharon will be reporting at the August 11th General Membership Meeting.



Daune (Dawn) Wyatt, the new Land Use Enforcement Officer assigned to Fairview will be introducing herself at the August 11, 2005 General Membership Meeting of the Fairview Community Council.

The meeting will be held at 7pm, at the Fairview Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue. Please plan on attending, and help make a difference in Fairview!

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COMMUNITY PRIDE & DIVERSITY (cont)

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We had about 200 people that went through during the day. This is down from previous years, but the weather kept many people away. Everyone who did attend had a great time! The guys from American Legion Chappie James Post 34 did a great job! They said to let them know whenever we have a function planned and they will be there! We hope this is the start of a long term, positive, relationship between the Post and the Fairview Council..

The FVCC would to thank Post 34 Members Mayfield Evans, Willie Bankston, Post Commander, Charlie Clayton, Herbert Poole, Henry McKnuckles and John Youmans. A special thanks to Willie Mae Evans, Ladies Auxiliary Post 34. Your assistance, good cheer and community spirit are greatly appreciated!



Thanks to all of you for pitching in, helping set up and/or take down, schmoozing, or just showing up! The 11am-4pm time frame was perfect: we did not have to set up too early, or hang around too late! Justina, Sharon, Celeste, Regina, Benita and Darrel have kicked around ideas to make next years Block Party the best we have ever had! Stay tuned!

A special thanks to Sharon Chamard for knocking on doors, raising money, finding a

clown, and helping on Friday to haul everything to Carr's Gambell. And she did the flyer this year and proofread the program! Thanks to Celeste Benson and the Senior Center for the grills and Harry Deuber, Justina Meyer, and Regina Manteufel for the use of their vehicles, and Lee Ross for the muscles and for being the Fairview Community Council 's Official Block Party Photographer extraordinaire!

And we would be remiss if we did not recognize those businesses who made monetary and in-kind donations, without which we could not have held our Annual Celebration of Community Pride and Diversity:

- Barry's Baranof Lounge
- David Haynes & First National Bank Alaska
- Affordable Used Cars.
- Carrs Gambell
- Carrs/Safeway
- COSTCO
- The Crossroads Lounge
- DJ Rohan Stevens
- Ed & Vikki Madson at Let Them Eat Cake
- Paragon Distributors
- Pepsi Cola Alaska
- VF Grace
- Bill Webb

Support those businesses who support the Fairview Community Council and our many endeavors! Without them, we could not do all that we do in the Neighborhood! PEOPLE DO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE !



A special thanks to Miss Benita White, who raised \$250 for the Community Patrol Computer Fund, selling Fairview Pride Stainless Steel Coffee Mugs! Miss Benita could sell ice in the Arctic! We still have more mugs: \$10 each. Help the Fairview Community Patrol and show your Fairview Spirit!



Senator Johnny Ellis, FVCC Vice-President Justina Meyer, Representative Les Gara, FVCC Mover & Shaker Allen Kemplen, Assemblymen Allan Tesche & Dick Traini, and Fairview Elementary School Teacher Extraordinaire Sandy Traini relax after consuming mass quantities of burgers, dogs, hot links, brauts and knockwurst, washed down with plenty of beverages. Hey, Allan bought a Fairview Pride Mug!

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