



The Fairview Press

“Serving Fairview Where “People Make The Difference”

FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: MOVING FORWARD!

Friday, February 24, 2006, Fairview Neighborhood Plan Committee Members Allen Kemplen and Darrel Hess met with Staff of the Planning Department and Office of Neighborhoods as a follow up to the Committee’s initial meeting with the group concerning the Fairview Neighborhood Plan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Staff officially endorsed the Fairview Community Council as the agents to write the Official Fairview Neighborhood Plan under Municipal Ordinance!

Thanks to Cathy Hammond, Erika McConnell and Tom Davis with Planning and Carma Reed and Tyler Robinson with the Department of Neighborhoods, for taking the time to



meet with our Committee and give their advice and feedback.

It has been a long road, but we are finally beginning to lay the foundation for Fairview in the 21st Century!

An Anchorage Assembly Resolution officially authorizing the Fairview Community Council to write the Fairview Neighborhood Plan, will be on the March

14th Assembly Agenda for action. PLEASE ATTEND AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FUTURE!

Many thanks to ALL of the individuals, businesses, organizations and Department Staff who have helped in our effort!

A special thanks to the Members of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan Committee: Sharon Chamard, Harry Deuber, Darrel Hess, Noel Rea and especially our LEADER, OUR CAPTAIN, COMMITTEE CHAIR ALLEN KEMPLER!

“People Make The Difference” in Fairview, and has taken a great TEAM effort to make a difference with our Neighborhood Plan!

THANKS to all of your, and we’ll see you at the Assembly on March 14th.

FAIRVIEW ROUND UP

*Congratulations to the Alaska Aces who recently received the National Education Association –Alaska Champion of Children Award for their outreach to Alaska’s school children. The award was accepted by Ace’s Partner Dan Coffey and members of the Team. Well done! Support Fairview Team: The Alaska Aces!

*Many Thanks to Senator Johnny Ellis & Representative Les Gara for their Annual Mid-Session Constituent Meeting & Pizza Party, held at the Fairview Community Center on Sunday, February 26th. A good time was had by all, and residents got a chance to “bend” Les & Johnny’s ears! Thanks to the Moose’s Tooth, Carrs/Safeway, and Fairview’s own Let Them Eat Cake for providing refreshments & beverages.

*Congratulations to FVCC Education Committee Chair Daley Myhill on the birth of his new grandson-Noah.

*Kudos and THANKS to FVCC Neighborhood Plan Committee Members Sharon Chamard & Noel Rea for their recent trip to Juneau where they met with Legislators and Staff to educate them on the Fairview Parkway (Highway To Highway) Project, and inform them of the FVCC’s position regarding the project. Well Done!

*The Fairview Parkway Project is on the Agenda for the Saturday March 4th Meeting of the Anchorage Legislative Caucus: 10am-2pm at the UAA Lucy Cuddy Dining Hall. The Council has made an appearance request. Please show up and support our efforts!

*Congratulations to Mayor Mark Begich who was recently

presented National Youth Leadership Award by Senator Lisa Murkowski.

*The Fairview Community Council’s Annual Election of Officers will take place at the March 9, 2006 General Membership Meeting. A slate of candidates will be presented to the Membership, and nominations will be taken from the floor. All four of the Council’s Officers are standing for reelection Any Member in good standing who attended at least one General Membership Meeting between September 2005 and February 2006 is eligible to vote. Please attend this important meeting!

*The Council’s page on the Federation of Community Councils web site is up and running. We still have some information to upload, but there has been progress.

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Tentative Agenda Topics

For the March Meeting

- An update by the Chair of the Neighborhood Plan Committee
- The Council’s Annual Election of Officers
- An update on the 16th Avenue Terrace Project
- Action on the Land Use Map Resolution introduced in Feb.
- Review of 2005 Oaken Keg
- Resolution
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Committee & Community Reports

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

Judy Garland



CELEBRATE:

**NATIONAL WOMEN’S
HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 2006!**

**SAY THANK YOU TO
THE WOMEN WHO HAVE
MADE A DIFFERENCE IN
YOUR LIFE!**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2006 FVCC MEETING

EDITED HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING:

Treasurer's Report:

The previous balance was \$5,443.93. After deposits of \$8.00 and expenses of \$82.43, the balance forward as of February 2nd is \$5,369.50. People are reminded that the \$1.00 dues for 2006 are now being collected.

Guests and Presentations:

16th Avenue Terrace Project

Darrel Hess reported that the next public meeting regarding this project will be on March 8th from 6-8 pm at the Anchorage Senior Center. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss evaluation criteria and review different concepts and get feedback. People in the area most affected by the project will be receiving notice of this meeting by mail.

Doe Anderson, Northwest Parks and Recreation District Manager

Tax preparation help will be available at the Fairview Recreation Center on Tuesday, February 23rd at 10 am. A two-day public forum workshop on the Delaney Park Strip will be held on March 14th and 15th. The first day will be at Pete's Gym and the second at Denali Elementary.

Fairview Neighborhood Plan

Allen Kemplen distributed an information packet including draft and revised tables of contents, draft and revised lists of tables and maps, a draft project schedule and public participation plan, and comments from the Department of Neighborhoods and Planning Department. Allen said he wants to ensure that information is shared freely with the membership of the FVCC and that we spend time in interactive communication. A lively discussion followed, wherein many people gave their suggestions about the values of the Fairview community: win-win solutions; nice landscaping; non-motorized transportation (public transportation, clean sidewalks in the winter, biking, walking, kids, reasonable vehicle access); diversity (cultural, ethnic, socio-economic); clean neighborhood; education (life-long, affordable access to information); recreational access (fun activities for youth, open spaces); public safety (lighting, pedestrian safety); public service (helping others, assisting the homeless); neighborhood-friendly businesses (moratorium on super-sized car lots, more diversity of land uses); and working together (churches, non-profits).

Allen Kemplen introduced for first reading a resolution relating to the 2nd public draft of the Land Use Map. He requested that Darrel Hess refer the resolution to the Neighborhood Plan committee.

Knik Arm Resolution

Resolution 2005-04, concerning the proposed Knik Arm Crossing, was read for the second time. *Sharon Chamard moved, seconded by Celeste Benson, that the resolution be accepted. There was no discussion. The resolution passed with a vote of 14-1.*

Sgt. Cindi Stanton, Anchorage Police Department

Sgt. Stanton distributed Fairview statistics from 2004 and 2005 showing the number of police reports for a wide variety of incident types. Assault numbers were up, but not by much. Burglaries went down. There were no homicides in 2005. Sexual assaults went up, but not a lot. Sex offenses in general increased. Violations of state and city regulations, such as driving without a license or insurance, also increased. There was a short discussion about what can be done to lower the number of crimes in Fairview. The Assembly recently passed a motion to add to the April ballot a question about a change to the municipal charter. The change would allow the police chief to designate municipal employees to write parking tickets and do right-of-way enforcement. Sgt. Stanton reminded people, in light of the recent tragedy on Lake Otis involving the stolen vehicle, that it is illegal to start your car and keep the key in the ignition. Sgt. Stanton can be reached at 786-2668, or by e-mail at cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Committee and Community Reports:

Education Committee, Dale Myhill

There was no Education Committee in January, and the February meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is on March 21st. Students at Fairview Elementary have begun corresponding with seniors at the Senior Center as part of the Elder Pen pals program. There will be a Dr. Seuss Celebration at Fairview Elementary on February 28th. Volunteers are needed to read to the children.

Fairview Recreation Center, Dave Brossard

During Spring Break from March 20th-24th, from 12:00-5:00 pm, there will be a day camp at the Rec. Ctr. for children aged 6-13. The fee is \$5.00 per child per day. Registration is open now. Darrel Hess asked if it would be possible for people to donate money to sponsor children for the Spring Break day camp.

Dave said it shouldn't be a problem and he would check with Amy Danzl.

Public Safety Committee, Sharon Chamard

At the last meeting, the committee put together a memo with comments for Chief Monegan in response to his request for feedback from community councils and residents. We also discussed a problematic property, and hope to meet with the owner of this property very soon. Things are fairly quiet, although a few new drug houses seem to have started up. Darrel Hess thanked the Community Patrol for shutting down in the last year 50 apartments that housed drug dealers and prostitutes.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Sharon Chamard said the Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for all Executive Board positions for the coming year. The annual elections will take place at the March general membership meeting. Sharon reported on the trip she and Noel Rea recently took to Juneau. The purpose of the trip was to educate legislators about the Freeway-to-Freeway Connection and advise them of the neighborhood's support for the project. Sharon and Noel met with six legislators and several senior staffers, and distributed information packets to the offices of all sixty representatives and senators. Sharon thanked Representative Les Gara and Senator Johnny Ellis, who met with her and Noel and helped them during the visit to the State House.

Darrel Hess said that Mayor Mark Begich issued a proclamation declaring February Black History Month in Anchorage. Darrel has a signed and framed copy that he plans to give to Fairview Elementary. Also, the muni's Department of Neighborhoods will be moving to the municipal building at 9th Avenue and Orca Street. The muni's weatherization program is accepting applications.

Allen Kemplen moved, seconded by Celeste Benson, to give the Neighborhood Plan committee the authority to submit comments regarding the Title 21 draft to the municipality on behalf of the Fairview Community Council. The motion passed 13-1. One of the members questioned the count, arguing the vote was not valid because there was no quorum. Darrel Hess, as chair, did not vote. There were 15 voting members present at the time of the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

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