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FAIRVIEW: UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING 2007!

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

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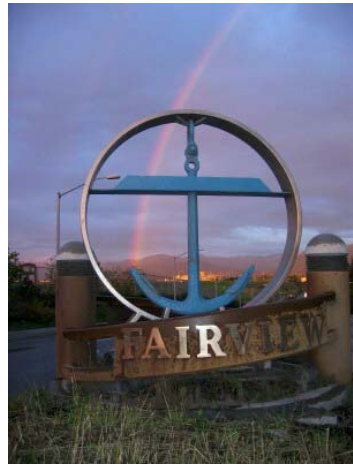
GREAT News for Fairview! Our Neighborhood has been selected as the focus of the United Way's 50th Anniversary Day of Caring in 2007.

United Way made the decision to focus Day of Caring in Fairview with the support of Mayor Mark Begich, Economic & Community Development Department Director Mary Jane Michael, and Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Dillon.

The project will take place in late May or early June 2007. The Fairview Community Council's Neighborhood Plan Committee has taken lead on the project, working with Susanne Fleek from Mary Jane Michael's office and Jeff Dillon.

The event will involve a myriad of projects at Fairview Lions Park, Fairview Park, Fairbanks Park, the Fairview Community Recreation Center, Fairview Elementary School, the Anchorage Senior Center, and improvements to existing streetscape and landscape elements in the Neighborhood.

Plans include refurbishing the



softball field and volleyball court at Fairview Lion's Park, and converting the volleyball court to an ice skating rink during the winter.

Other elements include a Community Walk of Heroes for the park, recognizing those individuals who have made a positive difference in Fairview, and a diversity mural on the interior wall of the Recreation Center, that will be reflective of the diversity of the Neighborhood's residents.

If you are an artist, and would like to help design the mural, contact FVCC Chair Darrel Hess: 258-3714, or gmpeon@alaska.net.

We may have upwards of 1,500

volunteers in our Neighborhood, working on projects that will help transform our parks virtually overnight! It is important that Fairview's residents pitch in as best they can, helping with the effort, and making the volunteers feel welcome in our Neighborhood.

This is a GREAT opportunity for us to show the rest of Anchorage the Fairview that we all know and love, not the stereotypical Fairview that so many people still think of when our Neighborhood is mentioned.

If you have ideas for projects, or if you or your organization would like to be part of the event, please contact FVCC Chair Darrel Hess, NHP Committee Chair Allen Kemplen (274-9772, or kemplen@alaska.net), or Secretary Sharon Chamard (222-0649, or chamard@gci.net).

In Fairview we say that "People Make The Difference." The United Way, Municipality of Anchorage, & Fairview Community Council, along with a veritable army of volunteers, will be making a BIG difference!

Tentative Agenda Items :

December Membership Meeting

- 2nd Reading and vote on the Resolution transmitting the Fairview Neighborhood Plan to the MOA-Planning & Zoning Department
- The Fairview Community Council's 2nd Annual Holiday Celebration Starts at 7:30pm

"There aren't any great men. There are just great challenges that ordinary men like you and me are forced by circumstances to meet."

Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey (1882-1959)

Many thanks to Tesoro Alaska, which recently made a donation of gas cards to the Fairview Community Patrol. The company has a 36 year history of supporting community organizations that strengthen communities, protect the environment, and educate our youth.



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Meeting called to order by presiding officer Harry Deuber at 7:05 PM

Introductions of those in attendance

Secretary's Report-No quorum at meeting for official acceptance of September minutes.

Treasury Report: Harry Deuber

Balance Forward 8/14/06	\$7,844.06
Deposits: 9/12 Donation to Flower Patrol, Lee Ross	50.00
Expenses: 8/15 Let Them Eat Cake/Block Party	125.00
8/22 Bank Fee's-Deposit Slips	31.32
8/28 Rec. Center PC Lab donation	160.00
9/6 A.C.S. Patrol Hotline	19.32
9/6 Ak Best Water, APD Substation	39.00
Total Expenses	\$374.64
Ending balance 9/15/06	7,519.41

Assembly Report: No report

Juneau Report: (out of sequence) Geran Tarr said that Sen. Ellis had no opposition in the coming election and that they were preparing for the return to Juneau. Among this year's priorities is funding for a substance abuse program. She listed several local projects that had been approved in the last session including funding for pedestrian safety and Fairview Elementary. She reported that Rep. Les Gara had concerns relating to the pay raises given to KABITA executives and other top-level administration officials.

Presentations: Julie Riley introduced herself as the new administrator at the **Gateway Learning Center**. She passed out brochures from the organization and described some of the programs and opportunities available through the center. There were various questions from the audience regarding services available.

Neighborhood Plan Committee: Harry Deuber passed out copies of the plan and said the plan was available on the councils website. He explained that a resolution would be read at this meeting and that the membership would vote on the resolution at the councils November meeting. There will be an open house at the Rec. Center on Oct. 28th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Residents are encouraged to attend and comments would be welcomed. There were several questions raised about how to make comments.

Community/Committee Reports

Beautification: Harry Deuber reported that the diverter flowers had been cleaned up for the season and thanked the volunteers for their efforts this past summer.

Education: (out of sequence) Dale Myhill reported on the upcoming Education Conference to be held at Fairview Elementary School on Nov. 4th at 10AM. The purpose is to develop ways to involve more parents, adults and business leaders in school activities.

Regina Manteufel announced that the Back To Work Network would be having a conference at the Rec. Center on Monday Oct. 30th. A full day of speakers will concentrate on educational, financial, employment and health issues.

Fairview Elementary: No report.

Fairview Rec. Center: No report.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Zoning Committee: No report.

Community Comment & Concerns:

Emma Brown and a group of residents representing Chugach View and Chugach Manor (AHFC Properties) raised concerns and gave testimony regarding problems with other tenants. A relatively new policy of allowing residents with mental disabilities and drug addiction histories to become tenants in the complexes formally reserved for senior citizens has raised safety and noise issues. There have been reported drug sales, arrests and assaults at the buildings. Lee Ross offered to contact the building manager Ken Moore and Geran Tarr from Senator Ellis' staff will notify the Senator regarding the problems there.

Resident Lena Kilic spoke in opposition to the Knik Arm Crossing Bridge. She spoke of the negative effects of the proposed bridge and suggested residents attend the upcoming open house sponsored by KABITA.

Hosanna (unknown last name) a board member from the Mental Health Consumers Web said the center was trying to change the atmosphere and improve security there. They would like to work with other community organizations to improve services offered. They are having an open house and fundraiser on Oct 17th. U.S. House of Rep. Candidate Diane Benson will be the featured speaker

Resident Virginia Lee-Anderson talked about drug and noise issues at an apartment building on the E. 500 block of 14th Ave. The vacant lot to the east has become strewn with junk vehicles. Lee Ross offered to contact the building manager and Geran Tarr spoke about the need to identify which apartments were problems and to document as much as possible.

Many comments were made about continued problems at the 13th/Gambell intersection.

Orca St. resident Vesta Elliot (sp?) spoke of the noise and disruption caused by the industrial properties along Orca St.

Large trucks driving near the school and residential streets, loading and unloading using forklifts in the streets and loud intercoms are disrupting the quiet and creating safety hazards. Harry Deuber suggested the Council might be able to make inquiries and contact some of the businesses involved. Potelcom was mentioned as the main source of traffic.

Unfinished Business: Harry Deuber read the resolution regarding the Fairview Neighborhood Plan. He said that the issue would come to a vote at the November council meeting.

Other Comments: John Kagerer (SP?) from the Horn Doctor said his business would like to expand but was having trouble getting a permit from the Municipality of Anchorage. There is uncertainty regarding possible zoning changes and the exact routing of the proposed freeway-to-freeway connection through Fairview.

APD report: Sgt. Cindi Stanton reported on crime statistics in the neighborhood. There was an overall decrease in the past month from 1432 calls to 1386 calls. She took questions from the audience regarding several problem properties discussed earlier in the meeting. She outlined some of the steps needed to properly report suspected drug activity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Minutes submitted by Treasurer Harry Deuber

AROUND FAIRVIEW!

***The Anchorage Equal Rights Commission** Celebrated its 30th Anniversary at a gala event held at the Fairview Recreation Center on Thursday, November 9th.

The event was well-attended, and speakers included Mayor Mark Begich, Joe Josephson, Vince Casey (first Executive Director of the Commission) and (via video tape) Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Presenters Mari Ogimachi, Richard Benavides, Cal William & Diane Benson profiled Civil Rights Leaders Yuri Kochimachi, Cesar Chavez, Thurgood Marshall & Elizabeth Peratrovich.

The evening brought home how far we have come, and how far we have to go.

***The FVCC's December General Membership Meeting** will be devoted to the Council's 2nd Annual Holiday Celebration. The Council will provide food and beverages, and the attendees are asked to bring a dessert. We hope to see you all there!

***Due to unforeseen changes** in her life, FVCC Executive Board Member Rebecca Kinney has resigned. The Board has selected Miss Benita White to fill the remainder of Rebecca's term, until the March 2007 Council election. Thanks Rebecca, and welcome aboard Miss Benita.

***Earlier, long-time Council** and Neighborhood Activist Celeste Benson, had resigned from the Council's Executive Board, and the Board selected Lee Ross to fill the

remainder of Celeste's term, until the March 2007 Council elections. Thanks Celeste, and welcome aboard Lee!

***A written history of Fairview** is part of the Fairview Historical Survey being funded by the Housing And Neighborhood Development Commission. The history will be written by APU Historian Timothy M. Rawson, Ph.D. If you have knowledge of Historical Fairview, especially prior to the 1964 earthquake, or historical photos of Fairview, please contact Tim: 907-564-8301: tmrson@alaskapacific.edu. We need your help to preserve Fairview's History for future generations!

UNTIL NEXT MONTH

JOHNNY & LES THROW A PIZZA PARTY WITH A MESSAGE

Sunday, November 5th, Senator Johnny Ellis and Representative Les Gara threw a Pizza Party with a message: VOTE!

The event was open to constituents from all of the Neighborhoods represented by Johnny & Les. The event was well attended, and great fun and food was enjoyed by all.



DJ Rohan Stevens & Island Entertainment (you can catch Rohan every summer at the Fairview Community Block Party).

Even though the event was fun and enjoyable, Johnny & Les took a moment to urge all registered voters present to get out and VOTE in the November 7th election, regardless of party affiliation.

In a world where people are literally dying for the right to vote in a representative democracy, the majority of



voters in Anchorage, and Alaska, fail to exercise that right every election cycle.

Voting is the great equalizer in our democracy: It does not matter if you have one dollar to your name, or a million dollars; if you were born in this country, or you are a newly naturalized citizen; we all have ONE vote, so exercise it!



Sahara Entertainment (Ruffles Da' Clown) provided face painting and balloon art for the young, and young at heart (notice FVCC Chair Darrel Hess's interesting balloon hat. Senator Ellis IS brave to get his picture taken next to that strange apparition!)

Musical entertainment was provided by



FAIRVIEW EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2006!

The Fairview Community Council's Education Committee, in conjunction with Fairview Elementary School and the Anchorage School District, held a Fairview Education Conference at Fairview Elementary School, on Saturday, November 4th.

The conference is the opening salvo in the effort to write a Fairview Education Plan, as an extension of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan. The Council feels that education is important enough to the community to rate its own plan.



The conference ran from 10am to 1pm, followed by a light lunch. Participants included Senator Johnny Ellis, Representatives Les Gara & Ethan Berkowitz, ASD Superintendent Carol Comeau, Elementary Education Executive Director Patricia McRae, Title 1 Supervisor Marjorie Waggoner, Fairview Principal Dr. Marc Robinson, Fairview Education Activist Dan Loring, FVCC Chair Darrel Hess, and Community Activist Fa'ana Tosi.

FVCC Education Committee Chair, and conference organizer, Dale Myhill, stated: "One reason for the Conference today is to try to get more adults involved in the classroom, not only parents, but community members, people from the senior center, people from businesses and so on. Not only for mentoring, but actually coming in to read to some of the young people that have trouble staying on task."

Superintendent Carol Comeau summed up one of the major issues facing Fairview Elementary School when she stated: "How do we connect with the parents so they'll feel part of the deci-

sion making process? They come to school events, they come to parent conferences, but when it comes to these kinds of meetings, they don't come."

Increasing parental, community and business involvement in the school was probably the #1 topic of discussion during the conference.

Participants and attendees all feel that a dialogue has been opened between ASD, the community and the school. A dialogue that could lead to positives for the school & students.



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Fairview

Community Patrol

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