



The Fairview Press

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Fairview: Home of the Kelly Cup Champion Alaska Aces

REMEMBERING RUTH: THE POWER OF ACTIVISM

DIVERSITY
IS OUR
STRENGTH

November 14th, I received an email from Ruth Mouton concerning an issue in the Neighborhood. Weathered in at Valdez, I planned on responding when I returned to Anchorage.

Friday the 17th I drove to Seward on business leaving at 6am, and returning at 10pm. I figured I would give Ruth a call on the next day. Saturday morning, as I reached for my morning newspaper, I was shocked to see notice of Ruth's passing on the front page.



Ruth was one of those rare individuals who worked to improve her Neighborhood and Anchorage, with no thought of recognition, monetary reward or elected office.

Ruth did what she did, simply because it was the right thing to



do. Ruth worked tirelessly for the establishment of Anchorage's Town Square, so residents of our Community could enjoy an oasis of peaceful tranquility in the midst of concrete, steel and traffic congestion.

Although Community Council boundaries changed a few years ago, Ruth was still very much a part of Fairview.

We will miss her emails, ideas, suggestions, and concerns. We will especially miss working with her at the Council's Annual Plant Sale.

I think that Ruth was preparing for her passing: over the past few months she gave me quite a few documents pertaining to the FVCC, and video tapes of past Anchorage Assembly Meetings where issues concerning Fairview were discussed.

Two of the most important things I learned from Ruth were

- Individuals **CAN** make significant positive changes in their Neighborhood and Community
- There is a **BIG** difference between empowering individuals, and enabling them.

Since Ruth's passing her friends, including Assemblyman Allan Tesche and myself, have been discussing how best to remember Ruth.

We believe that a flower garden, bisected by a pathway, with a couple of benches, in the southeast corner of Town Square, would be a very fitting memorial to Ruth, and the power of Community Activism.

Individuals are encouraged to contact their Assemblypersons, and voice their support for "Ruth's Garden."

In Fairview, we like to say that "People Make The Difference." Ruth definitely made a difference. She will be missed!

Darrel Hess
Chair, Fairview
Community Council

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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

"Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.."

Ruth Moulton
Fairview Activist
(1931-2006)

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 NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:06 pm.

Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:

There was no quorum, hence no vote to accept the previous meetings' minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Fairview Elementary Report:

Dr. Marc Robinson introduced the Fairview Elementary School Student Council officers and the faculty advisor, Francisca Guilford. Upcoming events at the school include Sports Day on November 30th and a canned food drive from November 15th to December 15th. The food drive will serve families in Fairview. The annual winter music program, entitled "Paint the Town," is on December 5th at 7 pm.

Allan Tesche:

The Assembly passed the 2007 budget two weeks ago, which included about \$400 million for general government. Mill levies and tax rates are going down, largely because of state legislative funding of \$22 million in 2006 and another anticipated \$22 million in 2007.

The Assembly will consider an ethics code on November 14th.

There will be another one-hour meeting sponsored by AFACT at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Klevin in Russian Jack on November 27th at 7 pm. This meeting will bring together Mayor Begich, Police Chief Heun and Anchorage School District Superintendent Comeau with the community for a discussion about youth and how to address the problems of youth. Sharon Chamard commented that she had attended simi-

lar AFACT meetings in the past and was impressed at how efficiently they are run. She asked about the outcomes of previous AFACT meetings. Pam Tesche replied that one notable outcome has been the creation of a free after-school Campfire program at Central Lutheran Church to serve the youth of west Fairview.

President's Report, Darrel Hess:

To cut down on e-mails sent out to people from the Federation of Community Councils, the Federation has adopted a new policy: notices and what-not will be posted to a central page which will be available for viewing by anyone, at anytime.

United Way recently announced that its 50th anniversary "Day of Caring" project will be held early next summer in Fairview. Fairbanks, Fairview, and Fairview Lions Parks will be project sites, as well as the Fairview Community Recreation Center and possibly the Anchorage Senior Center and Fairview Elementary School. The FVCC has obtained funds for Fairbanks Park from the Parks Foundation (\$35,000) and the state (\$50,000), and the municipality will put \$200,000 towards materials for the overall Fairview-wide project. Allan Tesche said that it means a lot that Fairview has been selected, and that we are very lucky, as this will be a defining project for the community.

People have been coming to the FVCC for about six years advocating a project to deal with consequences of the 15th Avenue rebuild. The median on that street makes it impossible for motorists coming south from Nelchina or Orca Streets to turn left; people must go to Medfra Street to the

stoplights. This excess traffic goes on 16th Avenue Terrace, although it is essentially an alleyway. The 16th Avenue Terrace project has been scoped and funds have been set aside. It may be delayed because one of the two houses that were slated for demolition to widen 16th Avenue Terrace is owned and occupied by a former teacher from Fairview Elementary who has cancer. The municipality wants to be sure to take care of her needs.

The 13th and Gambell project will go ahead in spring 2007. There have been some delays because of right-of-way acquisition. Some aspects of the development will occur because of the parameters of the Highway Safety Improvement Project--V.F. Grace will lose the use of its parking lot on the northwest corner of the intersection, and the Carrs/Safeway sign will be moved and replaced (because of the new municipal sign ordinance). None of this will be charged to the community.

At the Assembly on November 14th, two issues of importance to Fairview are on the agenda: a resolution posthumously recognizing Helen Mason for her contributions to the Fairview community, and a \$220,000 contract with Kinney Engineering for the 16th Avenue Terrace project.

The Mayor's Homeless Plan calls for a respite center for the homeless. A possible venue was the Mental Health Consumer Web's Computer Connection location at 13th and Gambell. Darrel Hess, who is a member of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Commission, argued that this location is inappropriate because of its proximity to two liquor stores

AROUND FAIRVIEW!

***The Fairview Community Council and the Staff of the Fairview Community Recreation Center** would like to thank the Minority Community Police Relations Task Force for donation 20 new tables and 25 chairs to the Recreation Center. They were much needed, and greatly appreciated! 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. Lee Ross will provide a slide show depicting some of the Council's activities over the past year. We hope to see you all there!

***The Resolution** transmitting the Fairview Neighborhood Plan to the Municipal Planning Department will have it's second reading, and an up or down vote, during the Council's Thursday, December 14, 2006 General Membership Meeting.

***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

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

and the poor condition of the building; the location has been dropped for the list of possible respite center sites.

The 30th anniversary of the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission will be held from 4-6 pm on Thursday, November 9th at the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

The Fairview Education Summit was held last week. Darrel said he thought it was the most productive meeting he has attended in several years, and there was good media coverage on channel 2.

Guests and Presentations:

Barbara Jones, Executive Director, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission

This was a brief presentation on the Commission's upcoming 30th anniversary celebration. Ms. Jones also announced that the Minority Community Police Relations Task Force, which meets monthly at the Fairview Community Recreation Center, recently bought 10 new tables and 25 new chairs for use in the Center's multi-purpose room.

Committee and Community Reports:

Education Committee, Dale Myhill

A written report detailing the Summit is attached to the minutes. A key issue brought up at the Summit was the need to get more adults involved in the classroom. The Education Committee is planning a roast pig luau in January.

The next meeting of the committee is on November 28th.

Public Safety Committee, Sharon Chamard

At the last general membership meeting, several residents from Chugach View and Chugach Manor came to report on drug dealing in the buildings. The Community Patrol is working on gaining more cooperation from residents. There was a discussion about the shift in tenant makeup there from predominantly elderly to increasing numbers of mentally ill persons, and the possible relationship of this change to reports of drug activity.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

HONORING HELEN MASON

At it's November 14, 2006 Meeting, 2003, she served the City as an "corner" so she could expound, the Anchorage Assembly unanimously approved Assembly Resolution NO. 2006-293, remembering the life and contributions of Helen D. Mason to her beloved Fairview and the City of Anchorage. Helen passed away April 26, 2006, in Detroit, Michigan, where she had moved to be cared for by her daughter Kay. Helen came to Alaska in the early 1950's and was employed by the City as a visiting nurse. In later years Helen served on the Transit Advisory Board, and as recently as

election worker. rather candidly and passionately, Helen loved her home where she resided for over 50 years in her beloved Fairview neighborhood. Personal highlights of Helen's very full life include attending the World Women's Conference in Africa, attendance at the Democratic National Convention and Inaugural Ball with President William J. Clinton, and attendance at various Governor's and Mayor's inaugurations. Her friends in Fairview will miss her unique and lively personality. She was truly one of a kind!

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