

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Draft Minutes
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave
February 14, 2019 — 7:00-9:00 PM

Call to Order 7:02PM Quorum 7:04PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Miller moved to approve agenda. Lesley Pickens seconded. Amendments: 9PM adjourn, add AWAIC presenter, add Mayday Trees presenter. Approved as amended. Klein moved to approve January meeting minutes. Chamard seconded. Changes: "Dunbar said that we can no longer...". Approved as amended.

Legislative Reports

Tom Begich - House voted 21-18 to nominate Bryce Edgmon as House Speaker. Edgmon changed party to non-partisan. Governor introduced budget. Budget cuts 25% of base student allocation. Wipes out ferry system, 44% of university system, 280 million from Health and Social Services, eliminates over \$500 million dollars in federal matching funds. Translates to 1600 loss of jobs. "My comment is 'If you like this budget, you don't like Alaska'". Working with Senator Cathy Giessel. Governor's office budget went up 7%. Governor proposing to wipe out the ability of municipalities to collect taxes on oil and gas property. Governor wiped out senior services, pre-kindergarten budget. Governor's dept of administration provided sole-source contract to company called Well Path Health. Sole-source contract may have violated procurement code. Company formed in October. Contract given in January. "Governor is wrong". Chamard: do we know the destination institution of moving 500 prisoners out-of state? Begich: no. Need : what is over/under on being able to veto? Begich: I'd give it about 64.

Zack Fields - Thrilled to have Edgmon as speaker. Potential illegal privatization of API under single-source procurement process--hoping to end this contract. Unilateral privatization of API is unacceptable and need to be prioritizing safety of patients and employees. Governor's budget: "travesty", "unprecedented in Alaska History". We need to pass a responsible budget. Medicaid: Medicaid has not cost the SOA anything to implement in state general fund dollars. Saved more money through medicaid expansion than we have spent as a state. Total spent money by state (\$42 million, offset by medicaid savings) brought in 1.13 billion dollars and thousands of jobs. Repeal of medicaid expansion would cause 3700 job losses. According to legislative research, repeal would cost premium increases and add cost state and local governments up to \$181 million. We have to fight for medicaid expansion.

Christopher Constant - API privatization: crisis predated governor. Last several legislators decided not to fund API emergency system. Topic important to Fairview because here is where get dropped off after API and hospital cares. Idea of finding more money (\$40-50 million) to give to previous business interests is shocking. April 2 - election. March 12 - ballots go out. 2 school board seats, number of bonds, and charter change proposals. Road bond: vote yes to see support for Fairview. Anchorage getting ahead on car theft issue. 2018 report: car thefts have been on the decrease, down below 200 from previous year, with high thefts in January/February/March. Gov Walker declared emergency for opioids. Report from dept of health: state opioid overdose deaths dropped by over half from last year. Working with ACEH and mayor's office--looking at Land Use Plan and Transit Supportive Corridors and will come up with map to identify locations for housing projects in Anchorage. Old Native Medical Hospital Site: Public Review Draft - available at muni.org. Design concepts are exciting. Resounding unanimous support: create and allow a monumental memorial in for local Alaska Native folks. Reviewing Transit Plan. Downtown PEL was funded \$5 million into TIP/STIP. Additional money conditionally put in budget but denied by governor's office. "Quote from Wally Hicke: 'No vision/hope/future for Alaska if your only cause is to cut budget'". Lots to be done.

Presentations

AWAIC (Tamás Deák) - Leadership: Suzy Pearson (exec director) and Sean Holdridge (project manager). Planning Dept will not let us go through planning without presenting at FVCC. AWAIC seeking

improvement for programs. A St and B St and 13th avenue. AWAIC in this location with conditional use ordinance. Remodel done in 2003. Today, looking at rehabilitation of north side. It will house donation programming, providing space for staff and meeting rooms, support for clients, and providing additional 15 beds. Klein: Is the goal to add capacity? Deák: need for better support of existing programs, such as managing donation system, better arrangement of space. Rittenberg: reduction in capacity during construction? Build addition to the North, and move patients, and renovate current building. Chamard: are you seeking a resolution of support? Deák: would like support, but not seeking formal resolution today.

Mayday Trees (Hans Thompson) - Evasive cherry trees. Bird cherries are ornamental trees, but when unsupported, it will act as a vine. Difficult to manage and not well-maintained by parks. Asking to use herbicide by trained professional, Tim Stoddard. Already unanimously approved by South Addition and North Star. Federally funded, EPA approved, DEA certified, MOA approved. Fairview is last hurdle. Professional will apply it in a way that reduces amount that is necessary. One-time application and will clear bird cherries, allowing growth of native plants. Will reduce lack of visibility along Chester Creek. Asking for a motion of a resolution to approve use of herbicide by a trained professional.

SJ moved to pass resolution encouraging city to continue use of herbicides to remove Mayday trees. Chris Schneider seconded. Need: speaking in support, cherry grow in a way to create visual barriers that prevent people to use public spaces. Klein: knows Tim Stoddard. Outdoorsman, avid fisher, cares about doing things right. SJ moved to amend letter to spell Kemplen's name correctly. Need seconded. Amendment motion passes. Chamard: after trees are eliminated, plan to put anything else in place? Thompson: would like to apply for a challenge grant to use tree seedlings given away on Arbor day and plant them, but conditional on many things. Currently there is only a plan to eliminate the invasive species. No objections. Resolution 2019-01 approved as amended.

Secret Garden Cannabis (James Thornton) - located at 15th ave between Gambell and Ingra. 2 years of process (1 year in FV). In the final phases to become operational. Premise of design process has changed. Asking for increase in square footage of manufacturing area. Not changing operational plan, nor adding equipment or processes. Appreciate a letter of non-opposition. Klein: when does this go in front of assembly? Thornton: 75 days from today. Chamard moved to have FVCC send to assembly a letter of non-objection. Need seconded. No objections. Motion approved.

Parks and Recreation (Taylor Keegan) - Fairview Park (Latouche and 13th/12th). Anchorage Parks Foundation contributed \$250,000 to priorities identified in master plan. Council and ACLT applied for challenge grant and received additional funds of about \$1100. Community Advisory group met last month. Enjoyed community quilt idea--Arctic climate, African American community, Alaska Native culture--but too horizontal. Darrell Hess became advocate for raven's roost. Quilt theme/Raven. Add lighting around the park. Turn the tennis court to unused court to mixed-use basketball/volleyball court. Need - lay resolution on table supporting Fairview Parks (Resolution 2019-02).

CompACT (Open House/Smythe) - Driving Force for design: what is good anywhere? Spine, creates open spaces between two units and a number of bedrooms. Aimed to find architecture to support stability. Approach is to be realistic. didn't really have code variances; potential for parking variance. Evening sun to south is important. Design provided least impact to four-plex neighbor.

CompACT (Fairviewers/Jorgenson/Kemplen) - Design welcomes and embraces the sun. Linear along length of lot, oriented to south. Two big atriums in the middle. Concept built upon urban co-op. People to share, live-work, no need for vehicles, Training area, stairs to basement. Focused on making facility light, airy, opening and welcoming. North side is all common space. Code issues: minimum off-street parking requirements. Corner grocery store.

Standing Reports

President - community challenge grant from parks foundation. Park in south fairview is a good location for challenge grant. People mover is having a number of public meetings. Transit On The Move: Muni short-

range public transit plan. Public transportation system report card on website. February 22 5:30-7PM meeting in Fairview. Seeking input. Society of American Foresters having tree seedling sale. Climate Workshop -- see handouts.

Treasurer - \$7 fee. \$550 general. \$1246 community development. \$274 beautification . \$2070 total. Chamard moved to request Darrell Hess to audit. Need Seconded. Approved.

Unfinished Business

Civic Heroes and Signage (Kemplen) - everyone should vote in favor of road bond. If road bond passes, signages will be installed this summer. Nomination Forms for Fairview Civic Hero available.

Native Medical Center Site Master Plan (Kemplen) - copy of draft master plan available. Two alternatives. Out for public review from February 12 to March 13. Taking written comments. March 14 11:30AM Permit and Development Center on Elmore Road. Chamard moved to authorize president to submit comments, on behalf of council and in consultation with Design Committee, to master plan. Klein seconded. Need: technically it is in a different community council; we usually reserve comments until other councils have weighed in. Klein: this park is Fairview's park as much as any other councils and affects Fairview more than downtown. Chamard: a master plan is different than someone asking for council approval. Need: it would help to talk to downtown council first. No objections. Approved.

Form-Based Code - meeting set up with planning dept staff March 1st at 10:30AM. Presentation next month.

Mid-Town Congestion Relief Project (Klein) - attended last business advisory group. They gave design concepts. Gave us a chart to grade. Then presented what they thought how the concepts should be graded. Michigan U-turn. Unidirectional frontage roads with thoroughfare. Many wondered why they asked for our opinion. Public Open House at end of month. What they do with this is going to significantly impact Fairview. Everything they are pushing for adds lanes of traffic. Only benefit is that the thoroughfare could be depressed or underground.

Black Angus Inn (Chamard) - met a few weeks ago with 3 people who have a plan to purchase Black Angus Inn to house freshly released inmates for 2-3 months. Service to reintegrate into society. One is a counselor, another is a real estate agent, and another a mortgage broker. Not too impressed with plan. Claimed that idea was evidence-based because they have a patent.

Klein laid resolution on table regarding MCR PEL (2019-03).

Art Totem Initiative - FV school doing it next year (?)

Sitka Park/Green Space Master Plan - running with it. will be hearing more about it in the future.

New Business

Elections - executive board elections next month. Think about nominations and consider running for executive board.

CIP - more in depth next month. Due in May. Need happy to coordinate it.

Marijuana/Alcohol (Klein) - new license application filed with state. Two facilities concerned. One has filed paperwork. Other is moving into old Rice Bowl building; no application on file. Individual has initiated application, but no submissions.

AMATS Citizen Advisory Committee - call for open nominations for public members. Put in nomination if interested.

EPA Environmental Justice Grant (Chamard) - opportunity up to 30,000 dollars. Public outreach public

education grant. Idea is to educate community on climate change. Due March 8. If anyone is interested on working this with me let me know.

Chamard laid resolution (2019-04) on table. Proposing a new route going to east fairview and down to key entertainment and shopping centers in midtown.

Community Comments

Adjourn Chamard moved. Thornton seconded. 8:58PM