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## HARRY B. HANSON SUBSTATION DEDICATED ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMS "FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY"

Thursday, September 25, 2003 was a day of celebration and remembrance in Fairview, as our community celebrated the Dedication of the Harry B. Hanson Anchorage Police Department Substation at 1341 Fairbanks Street while pausing to remember Officer Harry B. (Jim) Hanson, Jr.



More than 150 persons braved a chilly September rain to honor Officer Hanson. The dedication ceremony opened with "Amazing Grace" performed by the Alaska Highlanders, the presentation of the Colors by the APD Honor Guard, and our National Anthem, performed by Fairview's own Tony Eldridge.

Following our nation's anthem, FVCC President Darrel Hess welcomed those in attendance, recognized our Honored Guests, and thanked those businesses and individuals who donated time, labor, money and equipment to the project. Darrel singled out Lieutenant Paul Honeman for giving 150% to the project, and noted that without Paul's help and leadership the project would never have been completed.

Darrel recognized and thanked our very special guests, Officer Hanson's sons Harry III, accompanied by his wife Vanessa, and Leo J. Hanson. The Hanson's traveled all the way from Fayetteville, North Carolina to attend the Open House and Dedication ceremonies. Darrel noted that their presence made a special day for our community even more special.

Carrs/Safeway District Manager Joe Gulley recognized and thanked those Carrs/Safeway employees who went above and beyond on the project: Denise Janson, Mike Clancy, Gwyn Ackerman, and Jeff Steig.

Mayor Mark Begich, Senator Johnny Ellis, Representative Les Gara, Assembly Chair Dick Traini, Mrs. Pam Tesche and Chief Walt Monegan all lauded the businesses and individuals who helped to make the substation a reality, and reflected on Officer Hanson's commitment to, and sacrifice for, our citizens.

Mayor Begich cited the project as an example for others on how the Municipality, private businesses, and individuals can work together for the common good of Anchorage and it's citizens.

Chief Monegan spoke eloquently of his friend Harry Hanson and his passion for public service, both as an Army Ranger in Vietnam, and as a K9 Officer with the Anchorage Police Department.

Following Chief Monegan's remarks Assembly Chair Traini and Pam Tesche read Assembly Resolution # 2003-291, "A

RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION OF THE HARRY B. HANSON SUBSTATION AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2003, AS FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY.'

After the reading of the resolution Mayor Begich, Chief Monegan, the Hanson family and Carrs Gambell Store Manger Denise Janson cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the substation, as the Alaska Highlanders performed "Going Home."

Following the ribbon cutting all of Anchorage's serving Canine Officers, and their two-legged Partners were introduced and representative of Dollars For Dogs presented a Plaque of Remembrance to hang in the substation in honor of Officer Hanson.

In closing the dedication ceremony, Lt. Paul Honeman presented Carrs/Safeway, Denise Janson, Mike Clancy, and Darrel Hess with commemorative plaques recognizing their contributions to the project. All present then enjoyed a Community BBQ hosted by Carrs Gambell.

Following the Dedication Ceremony Lt. Honeman accompanied Harry III, Vanessa and Leo to Officer Hanson's gravesite at the National Cemetery on Fort Richardson, where they paid their respects to a man who is a Hero to our community, but Dad to Harry III and Leo. The trio will carry the memory of their Alaska visit with them all of their lives.

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### Agenda Topics for October 9th Membership Meeting

- Representatives of the Responsible Beverages Retailers will give the Membership an overview of their efforts to help clean up the community.
- A wrap up report on the Harry B. Hanson APD Substation, at 14th & Fairbanks, including the dedication ceremony.
- New Business & Committee Reports.

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## SENATOR ELLIS ACCEPTS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Following the dedication of the Harry B. Hanson Substation, FVCC President Darrel Hess and Representative Les Gara presented Senator Johnny Ellis with the 1st Annual Fairview Citizenship Award. Senator Ellis was recognized for his commitment to Fairview and her residents.

Darrel noted in his remarks that Johnny has served our community in the State House and Senate for most of his adult life. Les remarked that NO ONE is more committed to our community, our city and our state than Johnny Ellis, and that Johnny is an shining example of public service.

In thanking the FVCC for the award Johnny stated that it is, and has always been a great privilege for him to represent Fairview in Juneau. Johnny promised to continue to fight the Good Fight. Johnny stressed his commitment to education, public safety and our senior citizens.

The FVCC Executive Board established the award to annually recognize an individual, a couple, a business, or an organization that demonstrate outstanding citizenship attributes and make positive contributions to Fairview and her residents.

## Around Fairview

At our September 11th General Membership meeting representatives of the EAST Group and the State DOT addressed residents concerns with EAST's proposal to construct an 8 lane divided freeway between Gambell & Ingra Streets, with a full interchange at 15th Avenue.

Those Fairview residents present were UNANIMOUSLY opposed to the freeway proposal, and felt that EAST had not given enough weight to alternatives, including a tunnel under Fairview and mixed land use.

The gentlemen addressing the Council noted that the project was several years away, and that no final decisions concerning actual

routes, etc had been made. They noted that before the start of the project there would be several opportunities for public input.

Following these assurances on September 11th, many Council Members and area residents were shocked, dismayed and angered when one week later Governor Murkowski announced his support for the Fairview freeway proposal, without even hearing the concerns of Fairview residents!

**The Council encourages all Fairview residents to contact the Governor's office, Senator Johnny Ellis, Representative Les Gara, Mayor Mark Begich, and Assemblyman Allan Tesche and let them know how you feel about the proposed Fairview freeway.**

## The Fairview Community Council Executive Board 2003-2004

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### OCTOBER 9TH BOARD MEETING

THE OCTOBER 9, 2003 FVCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HARRY B. HANSON APD SUBSTATION, LOCATED AT 1341 FAIRBANKS STREET.

THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM, AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FOR INFORMATION CALL 258-3714

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