



# The Fairview Press

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## FVCC DECEMBER MEETING

The Membership of the Fairview Community Council worked their way through a full agenda at the Council's December 11, 2003 General Membership Meeting.

APD's new liaison to the FVCC, Sgt. Joe Masten, introduced himself to the Membership and spoke of APD's concerns and priorities in Fairview. Drugs, prostitution and meth labs continue to be a problem in Fairview. With the recent budget cuts, Sgt. Masten asked that Fairview's residents act as APD's eyes and ears in the community.

Anne Brooks and Art Johnson briefed the Membership on the proposed Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) upgrades slated for Gambell & Ingra Streets between 15th Avenue and Fireweed Lane.

### FAIRVIEW REC CENTER FACING CUTS

Fairview Recreation Center Director Dave Brossard, at the December 11th FVCC General Membership Meeting, reported that the Rec Center is facing severe budget cuts in 2004.

Beginning in January, the Rec Center will close on Sundays, displacing three local churches who conduct services at the Rec Center.

In addition, the Center will be losing two full time staff positions, leaving



HAPPY 2004

More than 110 traffic accidents have occurred in this area over the past three years. The proposed upgrades, including overhead lane designators, more durable striping, and a triangular median at the intersection of Ingra Street & 20th Avenue, should help traffic flow and reduce the accident rate.

Susie Paine, with DOWL Engineers, briefed the Membership on the Salvation Army's request for a conditional use permit for the proposed McKinnell House rebuild at 16th & A.

Jenni Ragland & Major Bob Rudd, with the Salvation Army, spoke of the proposed Salvation Army Family Resource Center Campus. Major Rudd also responded to questions concerning the proposed campus that were submitted by the FVCC Membership

Following Major Rudd's response to the questions, the Resolution of support for the proposed campus, that was introduced and read in May with a second reading in June, was brought to the floor for discussion and a vote. Following comments and discussion from the Membership, the Resolution was passed by a vote of 17 for, and 1 opposed. Following Committee Reports & Community Comments & Concerns, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

### DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The first Thursday in January falls on New Years Day this year. So that the members of the FVCC Executive Board can enjoy the New Years Weekend with friends and family, and because the Rec Center is closed January 1st & 2nd, the regular January FVCC Executive Board Meeting will not be held. Instead the Board will hold a brief meeting at 6:30pm on January 8th, prior to the General Membership Meeting.

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### Agenda Topics for the January 8th Meeting

- An update on the planned 9th Avenue upgrades..
- A presentation by Big Brothers & Big Sisters.
- Proposed Bylaws Amendments.
- Priorities and Concerns for Senator Ellis & Representative Gara.
- What's Nest: The FVCC In 2004.

### IMPORTANT UPATE

AFTER FEBRUARY 2004 THE MOA WILL NO LONGER MAIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS TO MEMBERS. NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL.

YOU NEED TO SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO COUNCILS@ALASKA.NET, OR GIVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO DARREL HESS, FVCC PRESIDENT, AT 258-3714. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FVCC MEETINTINGS.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING THE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND BY REGISTERING**

## **FAIRVIEW'S LEGISLATORS NEED YOUR HELP**

*As Senator Johnny Ellis and Representative Les Gara head off to Juneau for the next session of the Alaska Legislature, they need your help!*

*Johnny and Les need to know what's on your mind, what you would like to see achieved and accomplished in Juneau this session, and what you feel the priorities for Fairview and its residents should*

*be during the session.*

*Many of Fairview's residents were especially hard hit by the Governor's budget cuts during the last session, and Johnny and Les need your input and feedback as they prepare to go to work for us!*

*Please jot down a few concerns and some thoughts for the Council to pass on to Johnny and Les. You and your thoughts are important!*

## **2004: WHAT'S NEXT**

*2003: A Year of Accomplishment! An Education Summit, a new APD Substation, a great Community Block Party, another successful Spring Clean Up Day, and Help In The Hood!*

*As our community prepares to welcome 2004, we as a Council and a Community need to set an agenda for the New Year! We need to ask our selves: What's Next?*

*Do we need to refocus and revitalize our Community Patrol and Block Watchers Program? Do we need to help our Community's Recreation Center weather, and surmount, deep budget cuts?*

*The Executive Board needs your help in getting the FVCC on track in 2004! Please come to the January 8th Council Meeting prepared to discuss or 2004 priorities.*

### **The Fairview Community Council Executive Board 2003-2004**

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2. Vice-President-Allen Kemplen
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7. At-Large-Denise Janson
8. At-Large-Noel Rea
9. At-Large-Daretha Tolbert

### **BYLAWS REVISIONS**

The FVCC Executive Board has been studying proposed amendments to the Council's Bylaws. The Council's Bylaws were last amended in 1993, and several loopholes in the Bylaws need to be closed, and some grey areas better defined.

The proposed Bylaws amendments will be introduced and discussed at the January 8, 2004 General Membership Meeting of the Council. The input of the Membership is vital to this process.