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ELLIS & GARA MEET CONSTITUENTS

Fairview's own Senator Johnny Ellis, and Representative Les Gara, held their Annual mid-session Constituent Meeting & Pizza Party on Saturday March 27th.

The event, held at Rogers Park Elementary School this year, was well attended, especially by Fairview residents.

Attendees enjoyed pizza, fried chicken, chips, bread, salad, soda & candy, as well



as conversation with their friends, neighbors & legislative representatives. Johnny &

Les extended a special thanks to those businesses who helped make the event possible: Carrs/Safeway, The Moose's Tooth, Great Harvest Bread Company & The Lucky Wishbone.

Johnny & Les renewed their commitment to continue fighting for their constituents, and encouraged everyone to contact them anytime with any and all thoughts.

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

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"You can fool some of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time"

Abraham Lincoln

fvcc ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Fairview Community Council's Annual Election of Officers was held during the March 11th General Membership Meeting.

Darrel Hess was re-elected President and Noel Real was elected Vice-President. Sharon Chamard, Assistant Professor at UAA's Justice Center, was elected Secretary, and Celeste Benson was elected Treasurer.

Denise Janson, Dewayne Harris and Katrina Grundahl were re-elected as Board Members at

Large. Tony Eldridge, and outgoing Council Vice-President Allen Kemplen, were also elected to At Large seats on the Executive Board.

The fvcc would like to extend a big THANK YOU to outgoing Treasurer Martha Plummer, and At Large Board Member Daretha Tolbert. Their service to our community over the past year is greatly appreciated.

The new Executive Board's first meeting will be held Thursday

April 1st. In an effort to get back on track with strategic planning, beginning with the April 1st E Board Meeting, non-board members attending will be allowed 3 minutes each to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Following these brief remarks, the E Board will go to work on strategic planning for the community, discussion of any 'hot button' issues, and writing the agenda for the following weeks General Membership Meeting.

9th AVENUE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED

At the fvcc's March 11th General Membership Meeting, outgoing Vice-Chair Allen Kemplen introduced a resolution, co-sponsored by thirteen Council Members, urging the Municipality to expand the scope of the pro-

posed 9th Avenue repave project.

Currently the project is limited to repaving and upgrades to signal lights. The proposed resolution outlines the fvcc's desire to see an expanded design scope that includes significant pedestrian and

winter design elements.

A copy of the resolution will be hand delivered to Mayor Begich by Assemblyman Allan Tesche. Allan will also arrange a meeting with the Mayor and Mary Jane Michael in the near future.

Tentative Agenda Topics for the April 8th Meeting

- Introduction of New Officers.
- A presentation on the Denali Park place Condo development..
- A presentation on the rooming house being built at 11th & Gambell..
- Spirits of Alaska conditional use review.
- A vote on the 9th Avenue Resolution..
- A report on David Boehlke's visit.
- Community Comments, Concerns & Reports.

"My opponent and some in the media believe the answer is to impose new taxes to pay for an ever-expanding government. That is not my vision for Alaska. Some advocate paying for more government by raiding the Permanent Fund. That is absolutely not in my vision for Alaska."

Frank Murkowski

October 2002

COMMUNITY EXPERT TOURS FAIRVIEW

National Community Planning Consultant David Boehlke toured Fairview on Sunday March 14, yet still lacks a strategic plan. He feels that at this point the neighborhood is "spotty", with homes in disrepair right next to ones that have been greatly improved.

Mr. Boehlke was accompanied on his tour by Sue Fison, Executive Director of Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, ANHS Board Members Jerry Strang and Jan Sieberts, and several ANHS Staffers.

FVCC President Darrel Hess, and Secretary Celeste Benson, joined the group as official community guides and commentators.

Mr. Boehlke noted that one basket with the Mountain View Project, and the organization should work more closely with Fairview to help the community develop a strategic plan for the revitalization of their neighborhoods.

ANHS Executive Director Sue Fison has committed

Mr. Boehlke noted that several upscale units have been built, and are planned, at the west end of Fairview, but that the blocks around our Community Recreation Center and School are in need of improvements.

Mr. Boehlke stated that he feels that ANHS has been putting all of their eggs in

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Executive Board 2004-2005

1. President-Darrel Hess
2. Vice-President-Noel Rea
3. Secretary-Sharon Chamard
4. Treasurer-Celeste Benson
5. At-Large-Anthony Eldridge
6. At-Large-Katrina Grundahl
7. At-Large-Dewayne Harris
8. At-Large-Denise Janson
9. At-Large-Allen Kemplen



TWO YEARS AND COUNTING!

After more than two years of community complaints, this eye sore is still parked at 14th & Fairbanks Streets. Mr. Mayor, what does it take to get dregs like this removed from our neighborhoods? It's hard to revitalize with junk like this in the middle of our community.

BEN STEVENS vs. LOCAL CONTROL

Anchorage Senator Ben Stevens recent actions seem to have raised a firestorm of controversy. His efforts to void the will of Anchorage's residents, as expressed at the ballot box in April, and to take control of municipal road planning away from the Municipality of Anchorage, and give it to a group of rural legislators, has generated a plethora of comments. If you have an opinion, one way or the other, on Senator Stevens efforts, contact Senator Stevens, your legislators, Mayor Begich and the Anchorage Assembly. Take the time to write letters to The Anchorage Press, The Anchorage Daily News, and The Anchorage Chronicle. Be heard on the important issue of local control vs. state control of Anchorage.

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