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COMMUNITY LEADERS TOUR FAIRVIEW

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IS OUR
STRENGTH**

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On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, a small group of Anchorage's community leaders toured Fairview with Fairview Community Council President Darrel Hess.

The group looked at several zoning and code enforcement issues of concern to the community, and viewed many of the positive changes happening in Fairview.

The group consisted of Mayor Mark Begich, Economic & Community Development Director Mary Jane Michael, Assemblyman Allan Tesche, Senator Johnny Ellis, Representative Les Gara, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services CEO Sue Fison, and ANHS Board President Jerry Strang.

The group started out as Carrs Gambell, discussing the proposed Highway Safety Improvement Project proposed for the intersection of 13th & Gambell. FVCC President Hess briefed the group on the Council Membership's concerns with the project as proposed.

Next the group walked over to take a look at the building on blocks, that has been sitting at 14th & Fairbanks for over two years. Shortly after the tour the Council was notified that the building has been moved up on the city's list of build-



The Fairview Tour Group, left to right, Jerry Strang, Sue Fison, Senator Johnny Ellis, Mary Jane Michael (back to camera), Assemblyman Allan Tesche, Mayor Mark Begich, & Representative Les Gara.

ings to be demolished.

The group then set out in a city van piloted by Mary Jane Michael for an in depth tour of Fairview. Mayor Begich co-piloted, all the while using his cell phone to call code enforcement and other city departments and administrators as issues cropped up during the tour.

During a stop at Fairview Park, the Mayor announced that the city would be using \$100,000 in CDBG money to upgrade the park this summer, and asked for the Council's input in the renovations. FVCC President Hess promised that the Council would have a proposal in to Ms. Michael's office within thirty days.

While touring the northern boundary of the Council, near

9th & Cordova, Hess mentioned the Council's resolution requesting the proposed 9th Avenue rehab project be rewritten to include more pedestrian amenities and be tied into a master plan encompassing the 9th Avenue Project, the Park Strip Master Plan, and the E Street Corridor.

The Mayor informed Hess that the contracts for the 9th Avenue Project had been recalled, so that they could be rewritten to include the Council's proposals.

The group made several stops, walking neighborhoods, viewing positives and negatives in Fairview, and discussing possible community/government/non-profit joint projects to help "Move Fairview Forward". Into the 21st Century.

Tentative Agenda Topics for the July Meeting

- A presentation on the Title 21 rewrite
- An update on the Gambell/Ingra Highway Safety Improvement Project
- July's Community Block Party
- Fairview Park Upgrades
- Community Comments, Concerns & Reports.

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book".

President Ronald Reagan

1911-2004

All in all, the group was very impressed with Fairview's efforts at neighborhood revitalization, and the group all expressed a willingness to work with the community on future projects

NEIGHBOR WORKS & FLOWER PATROL

BRIGHTEN UP FAIRVIEW

It's been a busy season for the Fairview Flower Patrol! The "Flower Power" people held the Council's Annual Plant Sale in the front parking lot of Carrs Gambell in late May. This years sale took in over \$1,000.

A special thanks to Harry Deuber, Claris Syren, and Ruth Moulton for making this years event a "blooming" success!

The Flower Patrol, working with the M.O.A.'s Adopt-A-Garden Program, got all five of our Karluk diverters planted before the end of May.

A special thanks to those Council Members who donated money for plants, and helped put them in the ground.

Volunteers are still needed for continuing maintenance, and new project ideas are always welcome.



BEFORE



AFTER

couple of great community beautification projects.

The evening of June 9th, these four groups got together with Team Captains Harry Deuber & Dan Loring to work on a project that extended from True Vine east to the corner of 13th & Ingra.

On Saturday June 12th, Team Captain Tammy Vaughan led a group that spruced up the area around 8th & Karluk.. Celebratory Bar-B-Ques were held at the conclusion of both projects.

Please contact Harry at 440-6372, Claris at 272-3379, or Dan Loring at 344-8258, if you are interested in pitching in with current or future projects.

The week of June 6-12, Webb, Carrs Gambell, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing, NeighborWorks, True Vine, and the FVCC joined forces to work on a

Many thanks to Lisa Mills, ANHS Community Coordinator, Team Captains Harry Deuber, Dan Loring & Tammy Vaughan, Bill Webb, Carrs Gambell, ANHS, NeighborWorks, Sharon Chamard, Claris Syren, and the many Council Members who helped.

The Fairview Community Council

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ANNUAL FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED

Fairview's Annual Community Block Party, our celebration of community pride and diversity will take place on Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Fairview Lions Park. The event will run from 12 noon till 5 pm.

Honored guests expected to attend include Mayor Mark Begich, Assemblyman Allan Tesche, Senator Johnny Ellis, and Representative Les Gara. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the event, call Darrel Hess at 258-3714.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE HOLDS JUNE MEETING

The Council's Education Committee met at True Vine Church on June 22, 2004. During the meeting Dan Loring reported on the recent Bullying Conference, and his frustration in trying to obtain Fairview Elementary School's test data analysis from ASD. New Fairview Principal Marc Robinson stated that he was not in a position to voice his mission for the school until after he had time to meet with teachers and staff. The date of the planned Fairview Education Summit II has been moved to October 2004. The next Education Committed meeting will be held at True Vine Church on Tuesday, July 27th, from 6-7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Committee Chair Dale Myhill-222-2925