

**Fairview Community Council
General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2003**

Meeting Commenced at 7:05 PM

Introductions & Welcome: Council Chair Dan Loring welcomed all present. Following Dan's welcome and brief remarks concerning the night's agenda, all council officers, members and guests briefly introduced themselves. During the introductions Ruth Moulton, with the unanimous consent of the membership, introduced and read a resolution concerning the extension of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. This resolution will be debated and voted upon at the February General Membership Meeting.

Secretary's Report: All present were asked to review the minutes of the December 12, 2002 General Membership Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was introduced, seconded and passed by unanimous consent. Council Secretary Darrel Hess reminded everyone that the Council's annual election of Officers and Executive Board Members At Large will take place during the March 13, 2003 General Membership Meeting. Darrel asked that anyone interested in running for office contact Dan Loring or himself.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Celeste Benson gave a brief report on the Council's finances. As of 01/07/03 the balance in the Council's account was \$3,406.24. As of 01/07/03 the balance in the Community Patrol account was \$1,963.92. Celeste reminded all members that a New Year means it's time to pay their \$1 annual membership dues for 2003.

Assembly Report-Allan Tesche: Allan reported that Squad 1 has been restored to Station 1 on a full time basis. Station 1 will now be fully staffed. In addition the AFD is moving a heavy rescue rig to Station 1. Allan noted that this reversal was a good example of local government working "right". Allan also introduced acting Municipal Ombudsman Greg Moyer.

*Claris Syren introduced a motion, seconded by Dick Maddox, to amend the agenda allowing Greg to hear community concerns regarding Zoning cases in Fairview. The motion to amend the agenda was passed by unanimous consent

*Jerry Haggerty gave a brief synopsis of the Freeman Case, which has been inching through the system for over 10 years. Jerry expressed the community's frustration with the length of time involved in settling such cases, and the lack of sanctions imposed on repeat serious zoning violators. Greg agreed to look into the community's concerns.

Julie Jessal-No Child Left Behind: Council Chair Dan Loring introduced Julie Jessal, Title 1 Supervisor for the Anchorage School District, to give a presentation on the No Child Left Behind legislation/program signed into law by President Bush on January 8, 2002. Julie introduced herself and explained that Title 1 is a Federal Program giving monies to schools where 50% of the students are from low income families. These extra monies are used for reading programs, tutors, Teachers Aides and other programs and personnel to help bring low performing schools up to standards.

Julie started off by emphasizing the scope of the NCLB legislation. The Bill was over 1,200 pages with a \$26.5 billion price tag! The bottom line of the NCLB Program is that if schools do not perform up to certain standards according to a predetermined time line, parents may elect to have their children removed from those schools and transferred to another school that is performing to standards, or making better progress towards reaching those standards. By 2013/2014 all students in all schools must be proficient in math and reading skills. Title 1 schools are being targeted first. The ASD has 16 Title 1 Elementary Schools and 1 Title 1 Middle School.

Due to the length, and importance of the NCLB presentation, I am attaching a copy of the outline of Julie's presentation to these minutes. Listed below are some of the highlights of her presentation.

- Ratings of schools will be posted on the web
- School's test scores are posted on the web.
- Students can test in a language other than English.
- Schools, including Fairview, are receiving no extra monies from the State to assess & compile data at this time.
- 91 different languages are spoken in the ASD.
- 82% of the Fairview Student Body is from low income households.
- The more children in a family, the less individual time parents have for one-on-one educational interaction.
- If parents elect to move their child from a Title 1 School to a non-Title 1 School, the student will not longer be eligible for Title 1 assistance.
- It takes an average of 26 phone calls and letters to get parents into their child's school.
- In the near future teachers will have to have a major in the primary subject that they teach.
- Teachers will have to take assessment tests to earn the label "Highly Qualified".
- If a Substitute Teacher that is not "Highly Qualified" will be teaching children for more than four consecutive weeks, parents must be notified.
- Teachers Aides will have to meet minimum educational requirements.

At the conclusion of Julie's presentation Council Chair Dan Loring thanked her on the behalf of the Council.

*Since it was time for the meeting's scheduled 9:00 PM adjournment, Dan Loring asked for the consent of the membership to extend the meeting for 20 minutes to allow Dewayne Harris, Programs Director at the Brother Francis Shelter, to give a brief update on the shelter rebuild. By unanimous consent of the body, the meeting was extended to hear Dewayne's presentation.

Dewayne informed the Council that Brother Francis will be going before Planning & Zoning on February 3rd, seeking to have their conditional use permit extended. Dewayne shared drawing of the new facility with the membership. Dewayne and two other representatives of the shelter answered questions put to them by the membership.

At 9:40 PM a motion was introduced, seconded and passed by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Darrel Hess, Council Secretary
January 10, 2003