

**FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave  
November 14, 2019 — 7:00-9:00 PM

**Call to Order 7:01 PM**

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Leslie Kleinfeld, seconded: Chris Crawford. No objection.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Chris Crawford, seconded: K Wirscham. No objection.

**Official Reports**

Senator Tom Begich (on phone)

Court decision re forward funding education, against the governor's attempt to hold up funds for distribution. Homeless issues: Group to meet to discuss U-Med tiny homes. House and Senate engaged in discussion for a 100 day session and budget. Revenue concepts are in the works. Kleinfeld: Oil tax movement? Begich: Initiative for \$8/bbl led to a willingness by other members of the senate and house to increase taxes on oil production. However Conoco and others have raised \$7MM to oppose the initiative. Intends to file for reelection.

Representative Zack Field (on phone)

DOT has a PEL planned for downtown following the MCR PEL. It shouldn't ask for too much. Kleinfeld: confused about a downtown PEL. What about Fairview? Fields: I mean Ingra/Gambell. Constant: We have been working on this for ten years, so it's taken a long time to make this happen. Field: Prefiling childcare and prison transport. Klein: does that include felons, sex offenders? Mull: The state expects 500 more prisoners with the new crime bill. To prevent recidivism, there is no distinction between offenders.

Assemblymember Christopher Constant

The homeless have been driven to our neighborhood and have been driven to do things they wouldn't normally do, and if the governor sends our prisoners outside, we might end up imprisoning our sick. Municipal budget and amendments are in negotiation right now. Carving up last year's turkey and seeing how thinly we can slice it. Mayor's budget wants more police but the assembly wants park rangers. Rolling closures of equipment in the firehouses because of budget cuts. Trying to move funds from snow plowing. Josh Durand is new head of parks. Rasmuson, Widener, Providence have all put money into homelessness. The city is focused on health and safety. Constant is working on a 1% reduction in all budgets to build shelter in midtown. Kleinfeld: Will the midtown shelter provide mental health services? Constant: we would have to bring in providers. We don't have budget to provide services. Constant: MCR and downtown PEL have complicated relationship. Downtown PEL has been in the works for a long time. DOT decided to start in midtown first, but Downtown is ready. New problem: Vanguard and Academy project is an example: started in 2003, brought side projects which the state was going to match, but now the municipality is on the hook for. State is saying, well, if you don't fund it, we will take our funds elsewhere. The result of these decisions is a statement that Fairview doesn't matter. Kemplen: What about the \$15 for MLP, Alaska Treatment Center at Pt. Woronzof? Constant: MLP sale is with the RCA. Reminded us about the beluga project settlement

agreement which will benefit legacy ratepayers. \$15-20 MM for a mental health campus. Properties down the hill will be transferred to Chugach. Alleva: How is the land by ML&P valuable? Constant: It will be when our economy starts working again? Alleva: How are you going to convince midtown to take a homeless shelter? Constant: Midtown has asked for it. February 4 should be the RCA decision.

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy – not present

### **Community Comments**

Marvin: Drug house across from them is being foreclosed on (1575 Latouche). Harrell: Is there a reason why we would want a resolution? Kemplen described the resolution process and what it could achieve.

Klein: The resolution process takes two months, as we are a deliberative body.

Alleva: 160 homeless sent to Brother Francis with the cold weather ordinance. He is leaving the neighborhood because of the mess.

Crawford: Thanks to Knapp, Taylor, Thornton, Fairview Elementary for help with Trunk or Treat.

### **Standing Reports**

President – Allen Kemplen – He and Need presented to Neighborworks Anchorage. Comments are available. Fairview Park has a new raven. Opening event tbd. Check with the Parks Foundation web pages. ABC is considering a new beer wine and catering license at the Senior Center. Announced the “A Better Fairview” fundraising campaign: Community garden match, Eastchester Park match, Form Based Code package. Raising \$25K. Alleva committed to raising \$1,000.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard (in absentia)

\$8 less for the bank account. ~\$3,200 donated to the “A Better Fairview” campaign. Taylor: Do you have a website for the fundraiser? Kemplen is open to suggestions.

### **Presentations**

Hugh Wade and Fue Yang, regarding the City Laundromat incident 11/24/18: Wade: Yang has been a client for 7 years. He is about to lose a lot. Yang: From Laos, came to US. 7 years of college. Moved in Anchorage in 2001. Helped his brother run grocery store. Worked for Anchorage School District. 2003 started working in the store full time. 2009 started a home health care business. 2017 purchased Spirits of Alaska building and installed City Laundromat, opened 2018. On 11/24/18 a homeless man and a customer and Yang got into an altercation. Subsequently, Yang lost his health care business, and may lose his laundromat and home. Wade: Yang was charged with a felony for discharging a gun that struck another guy in the stomach. Wade won't speak to the charges or specifics, but thinks it's a shame that just because of the charge he is losing his business. Kleinfeld is not clear what the resolution is asking for. Wade mentioned that in his presentation to the Executive Board, the board did not want to weigh in on Yang's guilt or disposition of charges. Wade believes that the area is dangerous and Yang has lost all of his resources, when he has more to contribute to the community. Alleva: Would Yang accept a reduced charge? Yang: the charge will take away his ability to support his family and community. The state wants him to accept a felony charge. Yang doesn't have the money to fight the case in court. Has 7 kids and doesn't want to go on public assistance. Kemplen: is there an active member of the council who is interested in presenting the resolution as presented? Alleva lays resolution 2019-14 on the table.

### **Unfinished Business**

-Challenge Grant: Kemplen: Fairview asked the Parks Foundation for a \$35K grant for trees, box wraps, and other improvements to Eastchester Park. They expect \$17K cash and in-kind from the community. Logs from the community garden and other properties could be in-kind donations. Debarking Barbecue

to come.

-Community Gardens: Kemplen: FVCC working with ACLT to develop the project on the empty lot at 14th and Ingra. Preliminary cost estimate and site plan, should cost \$15,000. ACLT will provide \$7500, FVCC to match. Kleinfeld: Who is going to work the garden? Kemplen: Fairview Lions garden has a backlog, so we know there are more people who want to grow. Parks will administer. Bates: Where is it? Kemplen: 14th and Ingra.

-Resolution 2019-13 MCR PEL (waiting on traffic volumes, environmental justice) Klein Tables to next month. Whitsell announced that DOWL will accept resolutions from the community councils through January.

Motion to extend meeting past 8:30 pm passes without objection.

-Sitka Park resolution: Need: other councils are speaking for us through their resolutions, and a social trail exists: Wirscham moves, Kleinfeld seconds. Resolution 2019-10 passes unanimously.

### **New Business**

Bates: Homeless issue, wants the city to provide adequate housing to make camping illegal. Resolution 2019-15 read into the record.

### **Announcements**

-Phillips: Initiative to repeal the oil tax. "Fair Share" tax.

-Fairview Park is getting its Raven in early December!

-A Better Fairview Campaign to raise \$25,000 for the community garden and other projects.

-Holiday potluck after half-sized meeting Dec. 12. It is proposed that people bring:

last name            Bring

A-M                Pie

N-Z                Cake

Please feel free to bring other foods too! We will have chicken, sprouts, and whatever amazing foods you bring.

**Adjourn 9:00 PM**