

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2020 — 7:00-8:30 PM

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84049110076> (see more details below)

Call to Order

7:06 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of June 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich

Still trying to get members to go to JNU to fix RPL. Most of the money is sitting in the Dept of Commerce. Only \$7M has gone out. People can request absentee ballots. State will send paper applications to people 65+. Tom thinks it should go to everyone, not just those 65+, because everyone can get COVID.

Funds for exceptions for paying rent and foreclosures should be extended, they expire end of month. Issues need to be addressed. Malfeasance not to. Members need to go to JNU. US Census collection has closed, less than 50% response in AK, much lower in rural AK.

Representative Zack Fields

Governor failed to use authority provided by legislative branch re: receipt of federal funds. Don't know why he didn't use that authority and instead has tied his administration in knots. As of today, \$8.9M out of \$290M has been spent. No discussion about how to protect front-line workers in COVID. State DOL also has said it will not promulgate rules or even guidelines for such protection. Begich - There was an issue in the AMATS meeting wherein DOT person said they were going to cancel Fairview PEL because Begich and Fields opposed it. Begich trying to track down source of this false rumor.

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant

AMATS meeting was very interesting. Two meetings previously, DOT was not prepared to give update on Fairview PEL. Agreement that DOT would present it at next meeting. But agenda came out without that item. DOT said they could do it anyway and had only one paragraph to present, saying DOT was cancelling PEL because it was contacted by two legislators who opposed project. Ongoing pattern of mistreatment by DOT for past 30 years.

Was elected three years to do three things: 1) get second member added to district; 2) break up social services concentration; 3) resolve issue with highway.

Assembly will be looking at purchase of four properties to provide social services for homeless and those with substance abuse. Major objections from some in the public.

COVID relief – have funded 12M child care, 6M business grants, 5M rent and mortgage relief, 3M work projects (beetle kill tree cutting down).

Leslie Kleinfeld – concerned about the projects that are being considered because they all border Fairview and the coastal trail. Still focused on north and south end of Fairview. Christopher Constant – closest proposed property is 3 miles away from Fairview. SJ Klein – at HHAND Commission meeting, Jason Bockenstedt gave briefing on plans about these properties. 156M received from CARES Act funds. What portion being used now, what portion will be held on to for future use? Christopher Constant –

25-30M roughly used, 21.5M for various programs just described, 20M for purchases of land. Klein – 45M left, is any of that going to be used to buy Ron Alleva’s property? Constant – yes, it’s not in the bill yet. May be tied to purchase of Beans Café. Can’t offer promises. Can offer a goal and vision and work towards that. It can’t get worse. 15,000 EMS calls a year from 3rd and Karluk. Strong feeling from Assembly not to move the services back into that area. People should communicate to the Assembly their support for purchase of those properties.

SJ Klein laid a resolution on the table, supporting purchase of those properties with CARES Act funds. Constant says not enough time, they are voting next week. SJ Klein makes it a motion instead, but no quorum, discussion about whether it is better to do as action of the Executive Board or as a sense of the body motion.

Tristan Walsh – expect ruling tomorrow in AK CARES grant law suit.

Anchorage School Board member Andy Holleman

Biggest news, 90 min press conference about future of ASD for fall. Plan is to have students go to class twice a week, goal is to get them in building and meet with other people. Some students do well online, others need more direct contact. Students will be spread out in classrooms. ASD has options for students to do strictly online, also option to connect with teachers in a neighborhood school. Students will be with the same classmates and same students. Everybody will be asked to wear masks. If you can’t wear a mask, will be asked to stay home. We don’t have any example in the world where schools are being run normally in places with the level of COVID that we have here. Will be watching very carefully. Q from Kristine Bunnell – Normally six subjects are taught a day, but plan is to have just three subjects in shortened day. What subjects will those be? Andy Holleman – will shift at same time to a quarter system away from semesters. Will teach three courses for a shorter period of time, and then move on to different three courses in next quarter. It was hard for students to keep up online with six courses, we think they will be able to handle three much better. Asdk12.org

Standing Reports

President Allen Kemplen

Slow month, not much to report

Treasurer Sharon Chamard

\$7 bank fee, \$15 Zoom subscription. Current balances:

General \$411; Comm. Dev. \$1013; Beautification \$274; A Better Fairview \$4930. Total \$6642

Discussion about keeping our own Zoom account

Presentations

Kristine Bunnell – Local Landmark Register

Working for the past few years on an Assembly ordinance. Why doing this? National Landmark recognition is a good thing for informing people. But local landmark designation allows for district overlays. Ordinance will have a nomination process and determination and recommendation by Historic Preservation Commission, Assembly can then have public hearing or can put it on consent agenda. No nominations without owner’s permission, designation can be removed in the future. What would qualify? At least 30 years old, one of five categories: history, architecture, geography, culture, or already listed on National Landmark Register. \$100 fee for application. AnchorageHistoricPreservationPlan.com for details. Public comments are due by August 31, 2020. Great step for commission and great step for community. Moving forward on Downtown Plan, these will work together to preserve our history and culture. Q from Leslie Kleinfeld – what are the advantages and disadvantages? A. You would be eligible for possible tax breaks, also properties in historic districts hold their value.

New Business

Unfinished Business

No quorum, all items moved to next month.

- Resolution Regarding Municipal Efforts to Attract Hong Kong Residents to Anchorage in Support of Opportunity Zones and Reinvestment Areas
- Resolution Requesting the Municipality to Place Toilets in Areas Affected by Homeless Services
- Resolution Stating Opposition to the 95% Design Proposal for 3rd Ave Channelization

Community Comments

Karen – met guy who is writing four offers for houses, she encouraged him to look at properties

Tom Begich – vehicle at 9th and Hyder, parked in parking lot next to mural, saw vehicle has no door and saw person climbing out of car, so he reported it for removal.

SJ Klein – was there followup to the letter we wrote regarding portapotties? Allen – KTUU did a story. SJ – heard from Chris Constant that the CARES Act money could be used for portapotties, but we don't have them yet. Allen – contact Chris for update.

Resident – the trail in Sitka Park from Orca to Lake Otis is overgrown.

Dave Rittenberg – enjoying the more calm environment since services have been decompressed. Small encampment cropping up on Karluk, will report those online.

Adjourn 8:30 PM

Information about Zoom

At the March General Membership Meeting, there was discussion about moving to a different method for future meetings because of the importance of avoiding gatherings during this time of COVID-19, and an ad hoc committee was created to explore options. The Fairview Recreation Center was closed the next day. Subsequently, the ad hoc committee recommended that we use a virtual meeting interface application called Zoom.

Zoom is used quite a bit in business settings and is fairly user-friendly. It can be used on smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktops. But it has its limitations with respect to bandwidth. In ordinary times, it is possible to see the faces of other meeting participants (assuming everyone has a webcam), but given the recent massive increase in use of the internet the guidance has changed, so we ask meeting participants to do the following:

- Do not use your video camera
- Make sure your microphone is muted

These will be the default settings when you join the meeting, so don't worry if you're not sure how to do this.

Also, we will be using the chat box feature in Zoom for asking questions and for making comments, although if anyone really want to speak, they can request this in the chat box and will then be "unmuted." This may sound a bit harsh, but it's the virtual meeting equivalent of raising your hand and being recognized by the chair.

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- 3) If the audio on your internet-connected device is not working properly (usually because of how your speakers are configured), you can try also dialing in on a regular phone to get the audio.