

# **Federation of Community Councils, Inc.**

## **Board of Delegates**

**BY ZOOM**

### **DRAFT Minutes of November 17, 2021 meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by FCC Vice-Chair Matt Cruickshank

#### **FCC Delegates in attendance (19):**

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	-
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	-
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	Matt Cruickshank (FCC Vice-Chair)
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	Alexandria McCorminck
Eagle River	Sharon Gibbons
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	Mike Edgington
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard
Midtown	-
Mountain View	-
North Star	-
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Joseph
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	Jim Wright
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	Daniel Clift
South Addition	-
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
Turnagain Arm	-

University Area

Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Anchorage Assembly	Chair Suzanne LaFrance John Weddleton
Anchorage School Board	-
Office of the Governor	-
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
MOA AMATS Director	Aaron Jongenelen
MOA Planning	Dave Whitfield Shawn Odell
Fairview CC President	Allen Kempton
Abbott Loop CC Member	Kathleen Easley
Huffman O'Malley CC Member	Julie Coulombe
Turnagain CC Member	Merle Akers
Huhnie Lee	Palmer, Candidate for U.S. Senate

Zoom meeting being recorded.

**A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Matt Cruickshank, FCC Vice-Chair  
Quorum established.

**B. Approval of Agenda**  
Al Milspaugh moved to approve.  
Bob Reupke seconded.  
Approved by unanimous consent.

**C. Approval of September 2021 Minutes**  
Al Milspaugh moved to approve.  
Darryl Parks seconded.  
Approved by unanimous consent.

**D. Standing Committee Reports:**

- 1. FCC Chair** – Daniel George  
Not at the meeting.
- 2. FCC Vice Chair** – Matt Cruickshank  
No report.
- 3. FCC Treasurer** – Kevin Fimon  
On budget at this time.

4. **FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh.  
Assisting councils with Zoom.
5. **FCC Training** –
6. **Community Councils Center Manager** – Mark Butler  
Be aware that the Anchorage School District is allowing use of the schools for community council meetings, but that they require that ASD face-covering and physical distancing policies be enforced at all times.  
  
We will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.
7. **FCC AMATS Committee Representative** – Bob French.
8. **FCC Homelessness Committee Representative** – No report.

**E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)**

1. **Office of the Mayor** – No report.
2. **Assembly** – Suzanne LaFrance, Chair  
**Homelessness Taskforce** work continuing – both short-term and long-term interventions.

**Municipal Reapportionment Process** – Need to update the Assembly districts every ten years (after the U.S. Census has been completed) to reflect changes within the population of Anchorage. With the passage of Proposition 12 last April, we also need to go from five equal-size districts with one half-size district to six equal-size districts. This will mean that the existing full-size districts will shrink and that the existing half-size district will grow. We are reviewing the options for when and how to implement the six equal-size districts plan. Next meeting is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Municipal Budget Process** - Assembly work sessions held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Want to keep School Resource Officers, the Mobile Crisis Team and appropriate use of the Alcohol Tax Proceeds.

There is a **review of the Municipal Election Code (Title 28)** to see if there is anything to update.

**Control of the Assembly Chambers** necessary in order to have safe and secure meetings for Assembly members, staff, and the public.

**3. Anchorage School Board –**

No report. School meeting has been continued to this Wednesday.

**4. Office of the Alaska Governor -**

No report.

**F. Presentations:**

**1. Homelessness Taskforce -**

Covered under the Assembly Chair Report.

Assembly member John Weddleton gave an update as well – the general policy has been approved, now it is time to go into specifics about siting of facilities.

**2. ASD Policy for Timely Community Council and Adjacent Neighbor Notification before Designing School Facilities -**

No report

**3. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Aaron Jongenelen, Municipal Transportation Planner**

The Municipal Transportation Plan (MTP) is a twenty-year plan to spend Federal transportation monies, State transportation monies and Municipality of Anchorage Road and Drainage Bond proceeds to improve the transportation infrastructure of the Municipality.

The DRAFT Goals and Objectives are out for public comment during December 2021.

**4. Land Use Entitlement Process Modification to Allow for P&Z Commission to Review and Make Decisions on Multiple Entitlements at the Same Meeting – Dave Whitfield, Manager, Platting Division of the Municipal Planning Department**

**4. An Ordinance to Simplify Land Use Appeals -**

Dave Whitfield, Manager, Platting Division of the Municipal Planning Department

## **G. Old Business:**

1.

## **H. New Business:**

1.

## **I. Council Sharing (brief points) –**

**University Area CC** – Homelessness Opinion Piece in the Anchorage Daily News (ADN)

**Abbott Loop CC** – 25 attendees

**Turnagain CC** – Elections held. New president. Following the West Anchorage Snow Disposal facility. Following Redistricting.

**Chugiak CC** – Chamber of Commerce, Rock Quarry

**Downtown CC** – Public safety, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, more security in parking garages, Everybody, Come downtown!

**Eagle River CC** – Back to Zoom meetings, redistricting

**Fairview CC** – Seward Highway to Glenn Highway connection, “Push Back the Dark” lighting contest, commenting on the MOA Planning Department

**Girdwood (GBOS)** – Back to Zoom meetings after the Summer, Heritage Land Bank is being used to encourage residential development – well received.

**Huffman O’Malley CC** – rezoning to increase density

**Old Seward Oceanview CC** – Council elections on November 24<sup>th</sup>, watching projects, school zones, Speeding cars near schools, We want our list used for traffic calming.

**Rodgers Park CC** – Epidemiologist presentation, followed by a resolution to make the Health Department’s Chief Medical Officer a position confirmed by the Anchorage Assembly.

**Scenic Foothills CC** – Redistricting -pairing State Senate Seat with Eagle River!, Chantsnu Muldoon Park – supporting preservation

**Russian Jack CC** – Want funding put back in the budget for Russian Jack Springs Park, CIP Hybrid elections meeting in December

**Rabbit Creek Cc** – Zoom meeting, sub-divisions, elections

**Birchwood CC** – Debbie Ossiander

**Northeast CC** – Russian Jack Springs Park master plan, retail developments that could bring more

## **K. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting) –**

Mr. Huhnkie Lee, Palmer resident, veteran of U.S. Army, lawyer, candidate for U.S. Senate

Mr. Merle Akers, longtime member of the Turnagain Community Council

## **L. Adjournment**

**Al Milspaugh** moved for adjournment, Bruce Roberts seconded.

Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.