

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

BY ZOOM

Minutes of February 16, 2022 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by FCC Chair Daniel George

FCC Delegates in attendance (22):

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts (FCC Secretary)
Airport Heights	John Grover Whitlock
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	-
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	-
Downtown	Silvia Villamides
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	Zack Johnson
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard
Midtown	-
Mountain View	Daniel George (FCC Chair)
North Star	-
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Joseph
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	Linda Chase (FCC Vice-Chair)
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	Karen Williams
South Addition	-
South Fork	-
Spenard	Irene Persson-Gamble
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-
Turnagain	Anna Brawley
Turnagain Arm	-

University Area

Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Office of the Mayor	Uluao "Junior" Aumavae
Anchorage Assembly	Christopher Constant
	John Weddleton
Anchorage School Board	Dora Wilson
Anchorage School District	Tom Roth
Office of the Governor	-
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
MOA Elections Team	Jamie Heinz
	Liz Edwards
MOA Planning	Elizabeth Appleby
MOA AMATS	Aaron Jongenelen
Campbell Park CC Member	Andrew Gray
Huffman O'Malley CC Member	Julie Coulombe
Hillside CC Member	Carmela Warfield
Turnagain CC Member	Cathy Gleason
Spenard CC Member	Lindsey Hajduk
	Margaret McDonagh
	Matt Duncan
Abbott Loop CC Member	Patti Higgins
HDR Consultants	Josie Wilson

Zoom meeting being recorded.

A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Daniel George, FCC Chair
Quorum attained..

B. Approval of Agenda
Will continue

C. Approval of December 2021 and January 2022 Minutes
Al Milspaugh moved. Nancy Joseph seconded. Approved.

D. Standing Committee Reports:

1. FCC Chair – Daniel George

Thank you to Linda Chase for agreeing to be the FCC Vice-Chair for the rest of the term (through June 2022).

The Executive Committee met and agreed to increase the compensation for the FCC Councils Center staff: Manager up \$200/month (from \$3,600/month to \$3,800/month for ten months a year.) Assistant up \$1/hour (from \$15/hour to \$16/hour) starting in the March 1st – 15th pay period.

2. **FCC Vice Chair** – Linda Chase
Happy to be in the position. Lots to learn.
3. **FCC Treasurer** – Kevin Fimon
Presented the January 2022 spending report. Planning to organize the fiscal report with more detail.
4. **FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh.
Assisting councils with Zoom. We need to organize Zoom training – Scenic Foothills CC meeting experienced a racist and pornographic “zoom bomb”. Took a while to end it.
5. **FCC Training** – Lindsey Hajduk (former Spenard CC president) agreed to organize the FCC training committee. Others volunteers including Bruce Roberts, Silvia Villamedes, Cathy Gleason, and Irene Persson-Gamble.
6. **Community Councils Center Manager** – Mark Butler
Closed on next Monday February 21st for Presidents Day holiday.

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.

Mark out of the office on Thursday March 3rd and Friday March 4th. Jean in the office those days.

7. **FCC AMATS Committee Representative** – Bob French
Aaron of AMATS and Josie Wilson of HDR will be presenting later in the meeting.
8. **FCC Homelessness Committee Representative** – No report.

E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)

1. **Office of the Mayor** – Uluao “Junior” Aumavae
Mayor Bronson is in Juneau in support of getting funding for the Port of Alaska.
Black History month events.
Tongan Relief Initiative.
2. **Assembly** – Christopher Constant, Vice-Chair
Title 21 and Title 23 changes adopted by a unanimous vote of the Assembly and

with the full support of the administration.

Proposal to create a tax abatement for the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units on hold at this time.

Reapportionment of the Assembly districts continues. Please visit www.reapportionanc.org Proposition 12 that passed in April 202 means that there will be a second “downtown” Assembly member and that therefore the downtown district will have to grow to a size equal to all the other five districts. There will need to be significant changes to the existing Assembly district lines in order to make this happen. After considering many map versions, there are three maps under consideration by the Assembly. There will be a public meeting on Thursday February 24th at 6 pm at the Loussac Library, followed by an Assembly work session on Friday February 25th and then consideration by the full Assembly at the regularly scheduled Assembly meeting on Tuesday March 1st. New maps or variations of the three finalist maps may be introduced at the Assembly meeting. Once a new map is chosen, there will need to be an election to fill the “12th” seat within ninety days.

3. Anchorage School Board – Dora Wilson, School Board member

Contract with teachers now in front of the teachers for approval. Search for a new superintendent continues with a February 21st deadline for applicants. Spring lottery closing March 17th. Two-year bond on the April 2022 ballot with 38 different school projects.

4. Office of the Alaska Governor -

No report.

F. Presentations:

1. BallotTrax System – Jamie Heinz and Liz Edwards of the Municipal Elections Team

The BallotTrax system is now available for voters in Municipality of Anchorage elections. Go to www.anchoragevotes.com and sign up to track your ballot as it works its way through and is counted. You can sign up for text, email, or voicemail alerts!

2. Brief Update on 2050 MTP Performance Measures and Criteria -

Aaron Jongenelen, Acting AMATS Coordinator

3. Parks Challenge Grants –

No presentation.

4. Brief Update on Title 21 Parking and Site Access Amendments –

Elizabeth Appleby, Municipal Long-Range Planner

There is a public hearing draft available for review about the proposed changes to Off-Street parking and Site Access requirements in Title 21. We hope that you or your community council will comment on the proposed changes. Project staff team is available to attend your community council. A public information session will be scheduled for March 8, 2022. The Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled to act on it at their April 11th meeting.

5. Seward Glenn Mobility PEL Study –

Josie Wilson, HDR Consultants and Ms. Kelly Summers, Alaska DOT&PF

PEL stands for Planning & Environmental Linkage. The Seward Glenn Mobility PEL Linkage Study is looking for input from residents, businesses and other organizations to determine which problems need to be solved in this part of Anchorage. It is the “scoping” phase of what was previously called the “Highway to Highway” project that would better connect the Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway, in a way that compliments the best of each neighborhood. Please submit comments.

G. Old Business:

1. Homelessness Task Force – John Weddleton, Assembly member

Work continuing with a hoped-for date of June 30th for the ending of the use of the Sullivan Arena for housing homeless Alaskans.

H. New Business:

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I. Council Sharing (brief points) –

Turnagain CC – Westside Candidate Forum planned. Recommend that each side of town should have its own forum. Proposed Municipal land disposal.

University Area – Location of transit building.

Government Hill CC – Meeting this week. Comments on AMATS plans.

Northeast CC - Zoom meeting, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Russian Jack Springs Park planning

Eagle River Valley CC – Site application for marijuana facility.

Eagle River CC – Met in person. Resolution in regards to marijuana facility. Rewriting council bylaws.

Campbell Park CC – Meeting this Thursday, new officers, fresh faces!

Fairview CC – Zoom meetings, focused on “Fairview PEL” – needing quality of life improvements.

Hillside CC – Reapportionment concerns: Do not wish to be part of an Eagle River Assembly district. Supporting the HALO candidate’s Forum on March 3rd.

Russian Jack CC – Hybrid meeting, legislators in attendance

Huffman/O’Malley CC – Meeting this week. Reapportionment.

Rabbit Creek CC – Portion of the Old Seward Highway that runs along the east side of Potter Marsh, Title 21 and 23 amendments, Reapportionment: Don’t want to be part of an Eagle River Assembly district.

Scenic Foothills CC – February 3rd council meeting was “zoom bombed”. Candidates for Assembly and School Board. Safety concerns on Tudor-Muldoon curve.

Old Seward Oceanview CC – Multiple proposed liquor and marijuana retail sites in the same congested area. Working with Muni Traffic and Muni Planning about the overdevelopment of this area and the excessive liquor retail applications.

Abbott Loop CC – Reapportionment. Capital projects. Legislators. Flooding onto streets. Wildfire hazard mapping. Would love to see the APD chief and the Mayor attend.

Rogers Park CC – Some returning officers and some new officers. Seward Highway & 36th Avenue interchange, vehicle noise, against auxiliary dwelling units plan,

North Star CC – Fireweed Lane, noisy vehicles

Mountain View CC – State redistricting (want Davis Park included in the Mountain View district)

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

Julie Coulombe – Thank you John Weddleton for asking for a two week extension of the Assembly Reapportionment process.

L. Adjournment

Al Milspaugh moved for adjournment, Cathy Gleason seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.