

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

BY ZOOM

Minutes of March 16, 2022 meeting

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

FCC Delegates in attendance (19):

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts (FCC Secretary)
Airport Heights	-
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	-
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	-
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	-
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard
Midtown	Debbie Ryan
Mountain View	Daniel George (FCC Chair)
North Star	-
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Joseph
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	-
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	Brice Wilbanks
Anchorage Assembly	Suzanne LaFrance, Chair
Anchorage School Board	Dora Wilson
Office of the Governor	-
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
MOA ACDA	Mike Robbins, Executive Director
Anch. Chamber of Commerce	Katie Cole
	Laura Grenga de Gaffory
AMCO	Rick Helms
Anchorage Parks Foundation	Dianne Rhoades
Turnagain CC Member	Cathy Gleason
Midtown CC Member	Kris Stoechner
	Rosemary Borchardt
Abbott Loop CC Member	Patti Higgins

Zoom meeting being recorded, include the “Chat”.

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Al Milspaugh moved. Bob Reupke seconded. Approved.

C. Approval of February 2023 Minutes

Al Milspaugh moved. Anna Brawley seconded. Approved.

D. Standing Committee Reports:

1. **FCC Chair** – Daniel George No report.

2. **FCC Vice Chair** – Linda Chase No report.

3. **FCC Treasurer** – Kevin Fimon

Presented the first quarter 2022 report (3 out of 12 months) Under budget at this time. Planning to organize the fiscal report with more detail.

4. **FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh.

Assisting councils with Zoom.

5. **FCC Training** – Training committee is interested in advancing an application for a grant from the Anchorage Community Foundation in order to create both in-person and on-line training options. Next committee meeting this Friday March

18th at 4:30 p.m. Possible training topics include Zoom host training and creating Capital Improvement Plan lists.

6. Community Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler

We have submitted the required liability insurance certificates for use of ASD facilities. Please follow any Anchorage School District rules.

Mark out of the office on Thursday March 24th, Friday March 25th and Thursday March 31st. Jean in the office those days.

Check your mail before setting your meeting agendas.

7. FCC AMATS Committee Representative – Bob French

AMATS will be ranking the MTP policy proposals.

E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)

1. Office of the Mayor – Brice Wilbanks

Uluao “Junior” Aumavae has been approved by the Assembly as “Chief Equity Officer”. The Pothole Hotline is 343-6363 (also for other road maintenance issues.)
”Girls in Government” Roundtable. Portia and her baby are doing well.

2. Assembly – Susanne LaFrance, Vice-Chair

John Weddleton and Felix Rivera were responsible for developing the Assembly 101 videos and they have proven quite popular. We will be reorganizing the format of the agenda to make it even more workable. We are continuing last Tuesday’s meeting until 6 p.m. on March 22nd to finish the items on the agenda. Next Assembly meeting is scheduled for April 12th, after the election. Ballots are in the mail, but there is still time to sign up to track your ballot, get an elections tour or to register as an election observer.

The process of reapportioning of the Assembly seats is continuing. On March 11th we chose Mapp 11, version 2 to continue working on. Amendments by Assembly members Constant and Kennedy will be considered.

We have set the ASD budget to be no more than \$850 million with \$256 million coming directly from Anchorage property tax payers.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) will be on the agenda long with the "New Day for Anchorage" economic development plan.

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

Two-year bond on the April 2022 ballot with 38 different school projects.

The preliminary budget was approved by the board and then passed by the Anchorage Assembly. Masking of students is now optional, a choice of the parents. The search for a new Superintendent is continuing with finalists selected in the near future. We will seek input from the community.

4. Office of the Alaska Governor -

No report.

F. Presentations:

1. Municipal Economic Development Plan –

Mike Robbins, Executive Director, Anchorage Community Development Authority

The Mayor created the "Anchorage Economic Revitalization and Diversification Advisory Committee" to develop a blueprint to achieve a vibrant local economy. Meeting regularly since August 2021.

Five current priorities include:

1. Developing a downtown library (including use of a \$12-14 Million donation to make that happen.) Looking at using the Old City Hall building.
2. Ship Creek Redevelopment
3. Medical parkway connecting Northern Lights Boulevard and Tudor Roads
4. Developing even better relations with JBER
5. Improving Municipal building services and planning functions

Have worked on workforce development and with child care providers.

Meetings are open to the public. Information about meetings is on the ACDA website www.acda.net

A hotel is proposed on Sixth Avenue at the site of the old transit center. There are renderings on the website.

A mixed use apartment building is proposed by local developers downtown at 8th Avenue and “K” Streets. Called the Block 96 Apartments - with 48 units. A \$12 million project.

2. City-wide Clean-up Plan -

Katie Cole, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

Anchorage City-wide Cleanup is scheduled for May 1st through May 28th. Orange bags will be distributed and there is no cost to dump them. There will be incentives and prizes! There will be Clean-up dumpsters placed throughout the City. Katie will enthusiastically distribute more information as we get close to the start date!

3. Information about Candidates and Bonds on the Municipal Election Ballot in April 2022

Ballots are in the mail. The Community Councils Center has sent out two emails with links to the Municipal Elections website and the League of Women Voters Ballot Review.

Diana Rhoades of the Anchorage Parks Foundation detailed the contents of the \$3.875 Million bond proposition that would fund park improvements in numerous locations across the Municipality. The parks bonds have passed ten years in a row!

G. Old Business:

1. Homelessness Task Force – John Weddleton, Assembly member

No report at this meeting.

H. New Business:

1. Discussion about whether or not the FCC should go to in-public meetings, continue to use Zoom only, or do a Hybrid of the two. It was decided to continue using Zoom at this time.

I. Council Sharing (brief points) –

Abbott Loop CC – Park development. Reapportionment.

Campbell Park CC – Parks challenge grants, “new blood” which is great

Rogers Park CC – ADU concerns, wonderful Kikkan Randall presentation, beautification committee planning to plant sunflowers (in solidarity with the people of Ukraine).

University Area CC – Providing valid comments about the proposed road extension. Interested in improving safety on Bragaw and Northern Lights Boulevard.

Scenic Foothills CC – Developed new Zoom protocols – there were no “Zoom bombing” at the latest meeting. Assembly candidates. Tudor/Muldoon curve safety. In support of the connector multi-use trail in Northeast Anchorage.

Spenard CC – New Officers, supporting the Parks bond with Ure Park

Russian Jack CC – Continuing with hybrid meetings, looking for a site for a community garden, AFD Schrage presentation

Turnagain CC – Successful West Anchorage Candidates Forum, land disposal proposal near Rustic Goat restaurant, Airport development projects, West Anchorage snow disposal site

Basher CC – Only one meeting this Spring so far, redistricting, Basher Safety Patrol

Northeast CC – Trail through to JBER, U-Med Road, Eastside infrastructure

Government Hill CC – Candidate forum by Zoom

Bayshore Klatt CC – Reapportionment of Assembly seats

Midtown CC – Lots of new board members, learning from other CC folks, homelessness concerns, West 48th Avenue Reconstruction

Fairview CC – Elections, homelessness, neighborhood plan, first indoor inclusive playground in Anchorage!, new community gardens

Old Seward Oceanview CC – APD, development, 6th liquor store in a small area!, Sonic restaurant traffic problems

Huffman O'Malley CC – Reapportionment, candidate forums, officer elections in May, HALO candidate forum, Sonic Burger hassles

North Star CC – Fireweed Lane, undergrounding of electrical and communications lines

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

Rick Helm, AMCO - 489 liquor licenses in Anchorage, 98 marijuana licenses in Anchorage

L. Adjournment

Al Milspaugh moved for adjournment, Don Crafts seconded. Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Butler, Community Councils Center Manager.