

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

**BY ZOOM**

## Minutes of April 20, 2022 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by FCC Chair Daniel George

### FCC Delegates in attendance (21):

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	-
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	-
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard
Midtown	Kris Stoehner
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	Ruth Ann Jennings
South Fork	-
Spenard	Margaret McDonagh
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
Turnagain Arm	-

University Area

Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Office of the Mayor	Portia Erickson
Anchorage Assembly	Suzanne LaFrance, Chair
Anchorage School Board	Dora Wilson\
Jason Grenn	Alaskans for Better Elections
Daniel McKenna-Foster	Municipal Planner
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
Fairview CC Member	Allen Kemplen
Spennard CC Member	Lindsey Hajduk
Midtown CC Member	Kerrsen Brannon
Huffman O'Malley CC Member	Julie Coulombe

Zoom meeting being recorded, include the "Chat".

**A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Daniel George, FCC Chair  
Quorum attained late in the meeting.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

**C. Approval of February 2023 Minutes**

Cathy Gleason moved. Gretchen Stoddard seconded. Approved.

**D. Standing Committee Reports:**

**1. FCC Chair – Daniel George**

Nominations are open for FCC Officer positions for the July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 term. All four positions on the executive board are up for election (FCC Chair, FCC Vice Chair, FCC Treasurer, and FCC Secretary). Nominations will remain open until the election is held during the May 18, 2022 FCC meeting.

**2. FCC Vice Chair – Linda Chase**

No report

**3. FCC Treasurer – Kevin Fimon**

Showed list of all First Quarter 2022 expenditures for review by the Delegates.

**4. FCC Outreach – Al Milspaugh**

Discussed the Anker speaker system that could be used during "hybrid" council meetings. About \$130 each – very inexpensive compared to the older "poly com" phone systems.

**5. FCC Training – Lindsey Hajduk**

The training committee met and has proposed that the FCC formally apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 from the Anchorage Community Fund for money to be used to create a training program for community councils (i.e. resource library, member guide, officer guide on-line, etc.)

**6. Community Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler**

**Council CIP Rankings** We should be getting information soon about the system and dates for ranking capital improvement projects in our council areas. I will get the information to you as soon as I get it.

We have submitted the required liability insurance certificates to the Anchorage School District for use of their facilities. Please follow any rules they have. Let us know if you wish to indemnify any other locations.

Before your meetings, be sure to call the Councils Center to see if you have any mail in the Councils Mailbox.

**7. FCC AMATS Committee Representative – Bob French**

No report.

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

**1. Office of the Mayor – Portia Erickson**

Will make sure that the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process for each council to rank their choices for capital projects in their area will go out soon.

National Volunteer Week – Thank you to all you council folks who volunteer in order to make our community's a better place.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Listening Opportunity about the Homelessness and Navigation Center.

Tire changeover date is May 1st, get it done!

May is City-wide cleanup.

Youth Jobs Fair is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans welcome picnic is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Assembly – Susanne LaFrance, Vice-Chair**

Special Election for the new Downtown Assembly seat is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> filing deadline which closes May 10<sup>th</sup>. Election certified July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Listening Session for the Tudor & Elmore Homelessness Shelter and Navigation

Center. Cost is about \$9 million.

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

Spring Lottery opens April 25<sup>th</sup> with results posted on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Superintendent search has been completed We appreciate his transforming vision and his large district experience.

Graduation will start soon at the UAA Alaska Airlines Center. Six tickets maximum per graduating student.

Recognition of teachers.

2022 School Bonds failed – Many possible reasons why - Anchorage voters were more fiscally conservative due to the higher property appraisals this year as well as the controversy over the design of the new Inlet View School.

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

No report.

**F. Presentations:**

**1. Ranked Choice Voting System -**

Jason Grenn, Executive Director, Alaskans for Better Elections

Working closely with the Alaska Division of Elections to get the word out about the features of the new Ranked Choice Election system that will be used this year for all State of Alaska elections.

The First Change is that there will be a “Pick One” Primary Election where all candidates will be listed on the same ballot. Voters will choose only one candidate (The Governor/Lt. Governor candidates will run as a team). The top four vote getters will get listed on the General Election ballot.

The Second Change is that the General Election will be held using a “Ranked Choice” counting system. Voters will vote in each race for their first choice and then may choose their second choice, and so on. Ballots will be counted for first choices. If there is no candidate that does not reach a majority on the first round,

then the least popular candidate is removed from the count and the ballot is once again counted, and so on until a candidate ends up with a majority and is declared the winner.

In May the Alaska Division of Elections will be starting a media campaign to get the word out to the voting public. Jason and officials of the Division of elections are available to give presentations to any group.

## **2. Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance -**

Daniel McKenna-Foster, Municipal Planner

Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance proposed in order to build more housing on the limited space in the Anchorage Bowl. Girdwood and Eagle River/Chugiak are not included in this proposal. The presentation is on the Municipal and Community Council websites. Contact Daniel if you are interested in having a presentation at your council.

## **G. Old Business:**

### **1. Homelessness Task Force –**

Covered during Mayor and Assembly reports.

## **H. New Business:**

### **1. Nomination of Officers for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 period.**

Linda Chase nominated for FCC Vice-President and Kevin Fimon for FCC Treasurer.

The nomination period will remain open until the election at the May 18<sup>th</sup> FCC meeting.

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

**University Area CC –** Homeless Shelter and Navigation Center at Tudor and Elmore

**Rogers Park CC –** ADU legislation

**Turnagain CC** – Four airport developments including the relocation of the control tower, and 3 air cargo developments, baseball memorial, Spenard Beach Park amenities, Proposed sale by the Municipality of the property near the Rustic Goat

**Basher CC** – Resolutions on redistricting and the homeless shelter

**North Star CC** – Chugach Electric undergrounding project not going as well as it did under ML&P. Fireweed Lane.

**Spenard CC** – Going to in-person meetings

**Mid-Town CC** – Responded to homeless shelter and Navigation center, 98% of B-3 property is in Mid-town

**Fairview CC** – Launch Alaska – creating an aerospace innovation hub/district, 14<sup>th</sup> & Ingra gardens, Eastchester Park improvements, Block Party on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, “Voices of Fairview” put onto FVCC website, pedestrian deaths (hit by cars)

**Huffman O’Malley CC** – redistricting (against Eagle River and South Anchorage being in one district), Firewise event April 29<sup>th</sup>

**South Addition CC** – **Failure of school bond that included the money for Inlet View Elementary School – now there is an opportunity for the neighborhood to unit on a plan, transportation issues, South Addition Neighborhood Plan, New “downtown” Assembly district with two Assembly members, proposed memorial on the Park Strip**

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

**L. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. moved for adjournment, seconded. Approved unanimously.

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