

**FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2022 — 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Call to Order - 7:02 pm**

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Residents/business owners/Representatives: Allen Kemplen, Sharon Chamard, Daniel Volland, Suzie Alexander, Tom Begich, Christopher Constant, Jim Akers, James Thornton, Dave Rittenberg, Karen, Keelin Baughman, Löki Tobin, Linsey Hajduk, Ron Alleva,
  - Guests: Susie Pearson and Trevor Bailly
- Approval of July Agenda - No Quorum
- Approval of June 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes - No Quorum

**Elected Officials**

- Senator Tom Begich
  - Budget process review and detail - Sen. Begich's caucus added \$410M to the budget.
    - Funded: Major Maintenance funding for school construction \$37M, School debt reimbursement and rural community schools, REAA Fund, IT updates to UAA, Downtown library, Health and sustainability blood bank processing, childcare trust fund, housing, and pre-k funding.
    - Not Funded: Long Trail (Anchorage retained), deferred maintenance to UAA, and public radio. Funding, downtown project - United Way, Alaska Black Caucus center,
  - The Reeds Act was signed into law and will be signed by the governor.
  - Update on Fairview's involvement with PEL and road conversations. Meeting on Aug. 11th at 5 pm. Contact Trevor Bailly if you would like to attend the meeting.
  - Update on senate districts and homeless population.

*Questions/Comments*

- Allen K - Thanks to the Senator for the funds for the Community Garden.
- Representative Zack Fields
  - Not Present
- Anchorage Assembly members Christopher Constant & Daniel Volland
  - Chris Constant
    - Cannabis Renewal Season until the end of August. The time to submit comments is now.
    - Arbitrators Agreement discussion and will be up for debate in the next meeting.
    - Mayor's implementation of the Centennial Park Homeless site - intent on waving permits required for two weeks camping. Working against this.
    - The ordinance to remove executive branch members (mayor) passed after the lengthy meeting. Mimics other ordinances for other branch members.
    - Movement to restore decency in Assembly chambers.

*Questions/Comments*

- James - Thank you for sticking it out with Fairview. Tough meetings to attend.
  - Chris - Funny thing to note, people dressed as clowns supporting Bronson.
- Ron A - Chris stated publicly that Ron was shorted on the sale of property by the shelter and due economic compensation. Asked if he could get \$250K for shortage, what is status and property purchase. Would like to close this chapter. \$80M spent
  - Chris - Assembly voted no on CARES act funds. Please read LaFran and Chris opt Ed. Do not have a path forward.
  - Allen - Any further discussion on this topic tonight should not be during community council.
- Daniel Volland
  - Responding to the houselessness campground situation and lack of services provided by the muni. Responding to lack of plan moving forward. The campground isn't a viable situation for many.

- Shared 5-pronged plan being put forward by myself, Verdía, and Rivera. Requested Guest House purchase Resolution by Fairview council
  - 1) \$500K to remodel and immediately open up 60 rental units
  - 2) \$2M to fund emergency shelter needs through the end of 2022
  - 3) \$1.5M for outreach services
  - 4) \$3.4M to complete capital funding for the Guest House opening up 130 units
  - 5) \$12.6M for purchase of another hotel to open up to 120 units.

*Questions/Comments*

- Allen - Do we know where this hotel will be located?
  - Daniel - Not in Fairview, located in the North district.
- James - Have you read the NRP/MOU - any suggestions?
  - Daniel - No suggestions and encouraged Rev. Shultz to sign.
- Sharon - Expressed the importance that the mayor needs to pay attention to the encampment situation and safety concerns. Water will be turned off in September, and removal of toilets. Opportunity lost for proper encampment due to this situation.
  - Daniel - discussion on costs internally due to emergency response with Sullivan Arena and the encampment.
  - Allen - Fairview is very aware of these challenges. Incumbent on the community to set norms for the homeless, they shouldn't be exempt from civic norms—responsibility for themselves.
- Ron A - Expressed damage and calls, lost business, family, and faith. Promised to be bought out. Requested to meet with Ron to discuss history. Homeless plan to harm Fairview.
  - Allen - Many are passionate about and would like to be heard.
- Karen - Not fair to lump all people together, talking about separating by needs.
- Lindsey H. - Part of the solution is affordable housing, supportive housing, etc. No one was set up for success - you have to be compassionate for those going through hard times. Pay attention to changing the system - recognize the suffering and find solutions.

- Mayor's Representative
  - Not Present
- Anchorage School Board member Kelly Lessens
  - New school board member, 1 of 7 that rotates annually to present to community councils.
  - Dr. Jarret Bryant is now superintendent.
  - Principles of 28 sites are back at school.
  - First day of school, Aug. 18th, registration is available online and in person.
  - School Board meeting Aug. 2nd Board updates from the administration on funds made available.
  - change to signing up to testify, prior done online at 2pm that day and in person. Changes to this is to sign up online before midnight before the meeting to help with organization of the meeting.
  - Reports of playground vandalism - please report to APD and school if any vandals

*Questions/Comments*

- Tom B. - Important to look at bonds that failed as well as schools that need updates. Inlet view specifically.
  - Kelly - First school priority is the raw sewage and then others.
- Ron A - What procedure was used to disinfect the sewage? Discussed his conviction for disinfecting public spaces even though level 4 sewage certified.
  - Kelly - Do not personally know.
- Allen - The FVCC supports innovation and encourages an innovative mindset in kids. Would like to see Fairview elementary be a school of choice with a STEAM emphasis connected to a new Community Fabrication Lab.
  - Kelly - Focal point in summer school was career interests with King Tech. Having elementary opportunities is very important.
- Chris C - the budget has a back-pay element, sense of windfall plan?
  - Kelly - will be briefed in the next meeting. CFO is working through details on various funding.

## Standing Reports

- President Allen Kemplen
  - Re-appropriation of \$45K for a community garden - Will go through the Federation and there is a process. Next summer, construction begins on 14th and Ingra.
  - Formally submitted comments on Seward to Glenn project documents that were out for public review. Significant concerns on the draft documents.
  - Attended a meeting on behalf of Downtown CC regarding the Guest House. Memorandum of Agreement and Neighborhood Responsibility Plan are recommended to mitigate negative impacts on neighborhoods.
  - Trying to set up a meeting with Michael Hughs in the Mayor's Office regarding licensing for homeless facilities.
  - AMATS website up to show all comments on nominated transportation improvements
  - Neighborworks Alaska - possibility for Community Leadership Institute participation for community members this fall. Calling for community volunteers to learn more skill sets.

### Questions/Comments

- Chris - Asked to be looped on the Mayors project, should already be implemented in 2021 not 2023.
- Karen - Gave thanks for the community garden.

- Treasurer Sharon Chamard - No Report
  - No new expenses
  - Donations for block party received: \$550
    - Colleen Howard and Anchorage Community Land Trust together
  - General Sub Acct - \$522  
Community Dev. Acct \$1013  
Beautification Fund \$574  
Block Party \$550  
Better Fairview \$12,934

## Presentations

- Third Avenue Resource Center - *Dave Rittenberg, Sr. Director of Adult Homeless Services, Catholic Social Services*
  - Resource center going into former Beans Cafe building - funds encompassed in the Anchor home plan with housing, scattered shelters throughout town, resource and referral/navigation centers.
  - Overview of center - daytime center, no food or overnight shelter. Focused to connect people with housing as well as prevent losing housing. Connecting to resources, concentrated services, and providing social support networks.
  - Set to open in late fall or early winter this year.

### Questions/Comments

- Karen - Will this be by appointment only or walk in? Hours? After-hour plan? What controls will be set in place?
  - Dave - One control is the scattered sites, shifting in the environment in the area and not the only place to go. BFS is no longer a walkup shelter to overcome the issue of lined-up people for beds. Not a hangout center, reason not to have meal service. Basic need is for services for those waiting to see a case manager. Will have a single operator and can leverage throughout the campus. there will be discouraged hang out; only there for services.
- Sharon - Suggestions - physical security of premises, security plan? requested document to present to FVCC. What type of shelter with BFS be now? Plan on proximity to the jail?
  - Dave - BFS will be 24 hours a day and provide meals. Goal is to invite people inside. Looking into jail proximity.
- Allen - Good to see the reshaping of behavior in this environment. It would be good to partner with UAA that can survey pre-conditions, pre, and post. Requested a MOA and responsibility plan for the council.
  - Dave - Rather than a Good Neighbor Policy, good to have a Good Neighbor Agreement. Would like to work together on this.
- James - In winter, what is the plan to deal with overflow? Tudor navigation center?
  - Dave - Potential to add more than 76 beds. This will be done through thoughtful decision-making. Looking to build a sustainable program for the next ten years.

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes - Sharon and seconded by James

- Allen - Beneficial for partnership. How to deal with sleep off center? Need to address this. The issue with problematic individuals, how to address and focus on how to fix.

#### **Old Business**

- none

#### **New Business**

- Resolution Introduction - Sullivan Arena
  - SJ not present to introduce

#### **Report and Updates**

- Fairview Block Party - Saturday @11am
  - Löki - Everything coming together for the event. Teacher dunk tank, the opportunity to talk about bike safety and helmets, community garden table, people mover, FVCC table, etc.
  - Food Truck will be present and live music!
- Neighborhood Responsibility Plan - dealt with in President's report
- Ingra Community Garden - dealt with in Presidents report
- Ad-hoc Merrill Field Committee - Sharon and Karen
  - Still looking for a new Airport Manager. Once hired, Committee will work with them to build relationships.
  - RFP released for construction management - no facade improvements were included from prior meetings with FVCC discussions. Will be checking on status.
  - Discussion on pilots being good neighbors and getting the word out.
- EJ Grant - Allen
  - Spending money down and the website will be posted soon.
  - Air sensors are distributed throughout the neighborhood. Can see where located at [www.purpleair.com/map](http://www.purpleair.com/map) still have some available to be posted.
  - NeighborWorks Alaska - future grant discussion - Reconnecting Communities.

#### **Community Comments/Concerns**

- Löki - Running for elected office - shared excitement to connect with the community. Open for all discussions.
- Keelin - Library Update - two weeks left in summer ready, still time to sign up. Magic show at the library. Checkout online.
- James - Attended the Guest House meeting, people said that things were worse and some said it was better. Need to look at details, housing for workers, support services for permanent housing guests, etc. More questions need to be asked. Potentially more people on the street until this shelter opens up in August.
  - Allen - Rep. Volland proposed a resolution to be considered by the Council, last opportunity to do that.
- Sharon - Guest House will have 120 rooms, is this permanent support of housing or? Dave responded that 100 workforce housing and 20 permanent housing rooms.
  - Target market is low wage income workers in the urban core.

**Adjourn Sharon move to adjourn and Karen seconds at 9:25 pm**