

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

BY ZOOM

Minutes of November 16, 2022 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by FCC Chair Gretchen Stoddard

FCC Delegates in attendance (19):

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	-
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	-
Bear Valley	Caitlyn Jackson
Birchwood	Carol Perkins
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	Silvia Villamedes
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	-
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	-
Girdwood (GBOS)	Mike Edgington
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	-
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	-
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Roselynn Cacy
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	Linda Chase (FCC Vice-Chair)
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	Yarrow Silvers
South Addition	-
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-

Turnagain	Anna Brawley
Turnagain Arm	-
University Area	Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Anchorage Assembly	Suzanne LaFrance, Chair
Anchorage School Board	Margo Bellamy
Anchorage School District	Jim Anderson, CFO
Girdwood	Tommy O'Malley
Huffman O'Malley CC	Julie Columbe
Old Seward/O'Malley CC	Stan Hall
Turnagain CC	Cathy Gleason
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the "Chat".

A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Gretchen Stoddard, FCC Chair
Quorum attained later in the meeting. Began presentation portion of meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda
Unanimously approved later in meeting when quorum was reached. Kevin Fimon moved and Al Milspaugh seconded.

C. Approval of October 2022 Minutes
Unanimously approved later in meeting when quorum was reached.

D. Presentations:

1. Last Frontier Honor Flight -

Karla Shaw spoke about the program that flies American veterans back to Washington, D.C. to see the war memorials. LastFrontierHonorFlight.com

2. Proposed Anchorage Cemeteries Bond -

Tommy O'Malley, Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Interest in putting a Cemetery Bond on the April 2023 Municipal election ballot.

This idea has been circulating around Girdwood for twenty years. The Anchorage Memorial Park in the Fairview neighborhood is reaching its "life" – there are few spaces available besides in some designated sections.

The area-wide bond (as currently conceived) would be an \$11 million bond with \$5 million going to Girdwood, \$3 million to Birchwood, and \$3 million to renovate the existing Anchorage Memorial Park. Passage of the bond would cost about \$9 to \$12/year for the average house in the Municipality. The Municipal Heritage Land Bank would supply 23 acres for the Girdwood cemetery and 17 acres for the Eagle River/Birchwood cemetery.

They are looking to get individual community councils to pass resolutions in support of putting the bond on the area-wide ballot. Assembly Chair Suzanne LaFrance stated that there are some legal questions about whether or not these monies can be gained via an area-wide bond, versus a service area basis.

3. Anchorage School District Budget -

Margo Bellamy, President, Anchorage School Board

The Anchorage School District is identifying potential cuts to the budget in order to make up a \$68 million deficit for the 2023 – 2024 calendar year. No board decisions will be made until December 10th. There will be a series of town halls regarding potential elementary school closures.

4. Proposed ordinance to limit Vehicle Exhaust noise -

Hans Thompson, member of the South Addition Community Council (SACC)

The SACC started a petition to ask the Municipal Ombudsman for help in enforcing existing vehicle noise laws. The Ombudsman suggested a rewrite of the law by the Municipal Law Department with the purchase of noise meters for use by the police officers enforcing the new law. The fee for violating the vehicle noise law will be increased from \$100 to \$350 per incident. The new ordinance is scheduled to be introduced on

E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)

1. Office of the Mayor –

No report.

2. Assembly – Susanne LaFrance, Vice-Chair

The Tuesday November 22nd Assembly meeting will include action on the 2023 budget, eliminating parking minimums for real estate developments, updating Municipal election rules, and the introduction of the ADU (auxiliary dwelling unit) ordinance.

3. Anchorage School Board –

No further report.

4. Office of the Alaska Governor -

No report.

F. Standing Committee Reports:

1. FCC Chair – Gretchen Stoddard

Asked delegates for their preference on whether or not to have a December 21st FCC meeting. The delegates voted to not have a December 2022 meeting. We will work to organize a hybrid meeting for the January 18th FCC meeting.

2. FCC Vice Chair – Linda Chase

No report.

3. FCC Treasurer – Kevin Fimon

Under budget at this time but expecting some more expenditures in the near future.

4. FCC Outreach – Al Milspaugh

Hosted Zoom for Old Seward/Oceanview CC. Helped with Honor Flights.

5. FCC Training – Lindsey Hajduk

No report.

6. Community Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler

Before your meetings, be sure to call the Councils Center to see if you have any mail in the Councils Mailbox. The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Thursday and the Friday after that. Mark will leave town on December 16th and is scheduled back on January 4th. Call him on his CL 240-3868 with any questions.

7. FCC AMATS Committee Representative – Bob French

Spoke about the AMATS TIP and State of Alaska STIP programs.

G. Old Business:
None.

H. New Business:
None.

I. Council Sharing (brief points):

Abbott Loop CC – Hybrid meeting.

Basher CC – Recent meeting.

Birchwood CC – Birchwood elementary School on cuts list, Sturner Bridge over Peters Creek, Cemetery bond

Bear Valley CC – Road conditions.

Chugiak CC – Cemetery process, new subdivisions

Girdwood – Cemetery bond, Holtan subdivision proposal, Highway intersection

Russian Jack CC – Council boundaries, potluck meeting

Government Hill CC – Closure of strip mall on the hill

Turnagain CC – Want to add bond for Forest Park Drive, Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean, airport issues

Huffman/O'Malley CC – ASD school budgeting issues, evacuation plans for filed fires

Midtown CC – New officers elected, ADU, "Midtown Plan"

North Star CC – Fireweed Lane, crime, impact of homeless shelter on the neighborhood

Old Seward/Oceanview CC – Not too busy, elections coming up, Zoom versus In-person meetings?, liquor store licensing

Northeast CC – Hybrid meeting tomorrow, potluck, Russian Jack bike trails, ADU's, Nunaka Valley Elementary School

Rabbit Creek CC – AMATS, Rabbit Creek Road, mountain Aire Road, TIP complete streets, Inventory of easements and right-of-ways, ADU's

Rogers Park CC – ADU's (sun blocking? parking? heights?), crime/public safety, no grants manager at library, Golden lion hotel site

University Area CC – January 2023 elections, cemetery, Russian Jack bike trails, Tudor Elmore Road

K. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting) –
None.

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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