

Fairview Community Council Meeting

Minutes 12/8/2022

Call to order 7:06 pm.

Agenda approval – SJ Klein moved, Karen Gonné-Harrell seconded. Change mentioned by Allen Kemplen to add Canna Get Happy license revision, SJ requested change to adjourn by 7:45. The amended agenda passed no objection.

November 2022 minutes approval - Loren Hill moved, SJ Klein seconded. Approved without objection.

Legislative Reports

Mercedes Colbert for Sen. Begich. They are cleaning up their office. He will remain engaged with the community. He is excited for Löki to be moving into same office. She will be sworn in on January 17th and will be the Education Committee chair. Trevor Bailey will work with her. Mercedes is moving to Bill Wielechowski's office.

Begich has been talking to the Governor about expanding economic improvement zones thanks to contributions from Allen Kemplen.

Zack – not present

Mayor's rep – not present

Assemblymember Christopher Constant – Assembly passed the budget. He will move an ordinance to make financial transactions open to the public in real time.

Sullivan Arena – capacity has been de facto expanded to 400 in the shelter plus warming area. The Mayor wanted the Assembly to consider an expansion to the capacity of 350-400. But it has already been done.

Q from Karen Gonné-Harrell re: Golden Lion. A from Constant: It will take a lot of money to rehab it, let's spend it. There are pockets of money available. Don't know exactly how long it will take for it to open. There are some efforts underway.

Anchorage School Board: Kelly Lessens – ASB is working hard to grapple with financial challenges. They have savings they can apply. Can bring down \$68M by about \$19m. Health costs are 17% of their budget. But there is a structural gap of \$90-95M. Three legislative priorities: 1) money for ISER to conduct study on district cost factor as component of base student allocation. 2) funding for busing, it has remained constant since 2015, 3) school bond debt reimbursement.

President's report – Allen Kemplen

Sullivan Arena – there has been press coverage of issues around the arena, including a piece on the Assembly allocating \$400,000 for cleanup and security.

Assemblymember Daniel Volland

We're not sure how that \$400,000 will be spent, but it has to begin by January 2. Glad that ADN did that story. Heartened that we shared Fairview's story, got some funding, and got media attention, but then

we got the ordinance from the mayor to expand capacity. It seems Mayor Bronson likes mass shelter in low-income areas.

The Assembly approved an Increase of \$1.5m in budget for snow removal on streets and sidewalks. Volland introduced an ordinance to address muffler noise.

Back to President's Report – Allen Kemplen

The Muni is getting rid of minimum off-street parking requirements; this should have a positive impact on Fairview.

Re: homelessness issue, KTUU is doing an hour-long special and interviewed Allen.

Allen sent a letter (with the Fairview Business Association) to meet with the mayor to discuss priorities

Treasurer's report – Sharon Chamard

General \$1,511.70

Comm. Dev. \$1,013.24

Beautification \$574.00

Block Party 2023 \$1,110.00

A Better Fairview - one debit of \$142.00 for signage announcing location of Ingra Street Gardens.
\$10,633

Total \$14,841.94

Discussion of request by Canna Get Happy to expand operations within their existing facility and whether attendance of representatives from that business at the community council complied with the requirements of their agreement with the Fairview Community Council. Canna Get Happy is in compliance with the attendance requirements and there was no objection to their expansion plan.

New Business

Introduction by James Thornton of Resolution 2022- A Resolution Regarding Support for Development of a Federal Regional Technology Hub Facility in the Fairview Innovation Area in Proximity to the Community Fabrication Lab

Introduction to SJ Klein Resolution 2022- A resolution objecting to continuation of the Seward-Glenn PEL project due to project's non-response to comments submitted months ago

Community Comments and Concerns

Keelin Baughman – if you have any questions about the library and what it offers, please ask

M: SJ Klein, S: Keelin, adjournment at 7:51 pm.