

**Fairview Community Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Hybrid - Fairview Community Center and Zoom  
March 9, 2023  
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Roll call** - Allen Kemplen, Sharon C, Denise R, James T, Janel Walton, Kielan, Shawn, Alexis Johnson, Rob Henning, Lindsey H, Mark B, two more cops, M Braniff, Karen, Gracie, Suzie Alexander, Taylor Kegan, Chuck and Kelly, Chris Constant, Cliff Groh, Denise Knapp, Zach Fields, Dan Otis, Dana, Dave Rittenberg, John P. Henning, Irene Boll, Mckenzie Pope, Suzi Pearson, Kay G, Rich Sewell

**Quorum Established**

**Motion to approve Agenda-** Kelley moves to approve and is Seconded by Janel Walton.

- Motion to move APD right after elected officials - no objection

**Approval February 2023 meeting minutes** - Loren Hill motions to approve, and James T seconds.

**Elected Officials**

**Senator Löki Tobin - Leg Aide Mckenzie Pope representing**

- Thank you for attending town hall Sunday
- Constituent Coffee In person on march 18th, pioneer school house on 3rd
- Legislative business report:
  - Gov. Dunleavy introduced education - one is an anti-trans bill, opposed by Senator
  - Teacher retention and recruitment
  - Public education funding
  - State affairs - resolution 6 - Korea AK relationship
  - Substack and email and phone in chat

Comments/Questions

- None

**Representative Zach Fields**

- Introduced bill to update dividend formula to \$1000, call into testify # in the chat, or email Zach's office HB90
  - The current formula is not affordable and not followed
- HB89 childcare bill - HESS committee
- Maternal health bill - passed HESS
- Expanding contraceptive - Passed House
- Urging pharmacies in AK to provide abortion medication

- Protected by AK constitution
- Inappropriate for Attorney General to write a letter in opposition to protected rights
- U.S. Sen. Murkowski earmark requests open: earmark request for Chester Creek Greenbelt

Comments/Questions

- None

**Representative Cliff Groh**

- Legislation to propose constitutional amendment not to overspend permanent fund, oil revenue down. Projections are huge deficits. Joint resolution 9
- Working on a new revenue bill as well

Comments/Questions

- None

**Anchorage Assembly members:**

**Christopher Constant**

- Last few assembly meetings
  - Brain injury awareness month
  - Women's history month
  - Transit employee week
  - Assembly passed parental leave benefit
  - Changed code to allow for outdoor dining near licensed premises
  - Added two new holidays, indigenous peoples day and juneteenth
  - Passed an ordinance for an online checkbook for the Municipality of Anchorage - citizens can see what the city is paying to whom and the contracts.
  - Funded Sullivan through April 30th - we need a plan for closing and not another mass shelter elsewhere, and the woods are not an answer either.
  - IT upgrade at the Rec Center and should be available here soon, funding approved, camera and wifi.

Comments/Questions

- Golden Lion and the navigation center at Tudor and Elmore
  - Litigation will hold up Tudor and Elmore - more mass shelters are not an option
  - Assembly passed an ordinance that the mayor could not settle without the assembly's approval
  - Arctic Recreation Center is a good option - tiny houses are distracting and not cost-effective. We need to invest more in housing so we can invest less in shelters
    - March 18th workshop to discuss the destructive nature of our current homeless policy. - James T
    - Fairview has a long history of changing the conversation on this topic
  - Golden Lion - repairs are being done; hoping it is open soon, should be sooner than Sept; assembly member - personal inspection was more positive

- Treatment services will go in there as well
  - There is a lot of talk about code, but assembly needs to hear from the admin what the code violation would be
- Who passed an ordinance that the assembly can remove the Mayor? - Ron A
  - Citizens retain the right to recall the mayor
  - Read the code

**Dan Volland**

- Not present

**Anchorage School Board Kelly Lessons**

- New arts K-3 give teachers tools to help students learn and grow. As a result, our current curriculum is being discontinued.
- Study on teacher retention - what conditions incentivize teachers to stay at schools
- Board and assembly met to discuss
  - Safe access to schools
  - Equity and access to charter schools
  - Budget and BSA
  - HB65
- Board adopted the 23/24 budget
  - One-time funding closing deficit
  - Still have a big deficit
  - Abbott Loop Elementary closing
  - Not enough - people-teacher ratio +1, the opportunity to walk that back if the legislature passes improved BSA
  - All 6th going to middle school in 2024/25
  - I heard more on the benefits of changing the start time - 3 forums will be held on 3/21 @6pm, Wed, 3/22, and thus 3/24 - see chat for details.
  - The amended version of HB increases BSA and has provisions to pin to inflation going forward. If not passed in FY27, significant cuts to ~1200 jobs will be made.
  - The lottery for Schools of Choice window is open through the 6th
  - Registration for next year in the chat

**Presentations (moved up in agenda)**

**APD and Parks Presentation, \$400k appropriated for Sullivan effects \$250APD and \$150k for parks :**

- Cleaning and additional security were the purposes
- Cleaning landed at parks and rec - healthy spaces - alcohol tax-funded
  - This funding was a blessing, as it is the Park's responsibility
  - We upped our winter staff from 9 to 20 people
    - They work seven days per week
    - Strategy 22nd to Seward
    - No camp abatement in winter
    - Trash bag program - pass out and collect regularly

- 9400 lbs of trash in the target zone since January
    - Used snowmobiles that groom trails also to help clean
    - We know there are still camps in the greenbelt
    - Provided and installed fencing to address community concerns
    - We report lawbreaking to 311
    - Building up the staffing took time
      - Once staffed up, we tried to expand the target area
- APD part -
  - Zero tolerance detail
    - Overtime detail - started in Feb
    - Two shifts with four officers - several days a week random - on foot
      - Doing Zero tolerance
      - Funded through the end of this month
      - Stats for Feb.
        - Foot patrol - 348 contacts, five arrests, and 1 citation
        - Traffic - 259 traffic stops, 217 citations, nine arrests, white and red tagged vehicles
        - Other calls for service - 32 assists
        - 124 contacts in the park nearby
        - Alcohol bootlegging - is being addressed now
        - Officers on the detail are not here
        - Increased CAP detail

#### Questions and comments

- What happened at the Golden Dragon - person evading arrest
- What is up with the traffic patrols - giving speeding tickets isn't helping. We want policing of assaults, etc., in and around the Sullivan
  - The presence of an officer should be a deterrent
  - A lot of homeless issues are not illegal
  - Is the foot patrol only on the trails? What about our neighborhood?
    - Visual deterrent
- Terrace Garden Apartments - balcony with heat outlet - people are sleeping there. Can someone check them?
- Do the Parks staff have a union - biohazards, chemical hazards, etc., on this job - people should be trained and compensated for that risk?
  - Parks let employees choose this working group and get specific training, and the union structure determines pay.
- Everyone has inherent rights. Where is the line when a private citizen can't walk down the street safely? Can someone sit and drink in public?
  - That is illegal. Call us, but it will likely not be prioritized. It might take 4-5 hours, depending on what's going on.
  - Do we have a right to be safe in our neighborhood?
- Chris C., you should call APD if you feel threatened or unsafe - data tracking helps prioritize and allocate resources. The policy people need that help too.
  - APD response: please call and let us know.

- 311 vs. 911 - I don't call for drinking because it's constant- screaming 311? 911 for violence?
  - Lots of screaming - yes, generally 311, but if you ever think someone is in danger, call 911
  - We know there is a lot of yelling, and it is disturbing
- The officers on additional patrols - do they get called away?
  - They are supposed to be dedicated, but they respond to other calls based on the need.
- Saw Healthy Spaces out in force today, but the amount of trash is unbelievable.
- We see gates going up now in front of the Sullivan
- Neighbors say Kozinski parking lot is improving
- What are the hours for the mobile crisis team?
  - We need that 24 hours; please help us
- What to do and when to call?
  - Am I unsafe 911
  - Am I annoyed 311
- Allen: Appears APD is a big sledgehammer, and Parks is a hedge trimmer, where are the smaller tools in between? It seems like the system is missing something. How can we add more to the toolbox?
  - Parks: no enforcement authority. We only inform people of the rules. We rely on APD to enforce them - they can't always be used for this.
  - ASP - Anchorage Safety Patrol - interim response for fire
    - We need something similar for the police, and it is complicated
- Shoplifting, violence, and lawlessness are out of control in this neighborhood, the cost of doing business is out of control due to individuals staying at Sullivan Arena
  - Sympathetic to the neighborhoods that host these shelters

### **Standing Reports:**

#### **Allen Kemplen - President**

- Grant awarded to FVCC - Reconnecting Communities - it was very competitive - very exciting -does not come through the Municipality, DOT, or the state, just NeighborWorks and FVCC!
  - We have until Sept. 2025 to spend the money
  - There will be lots of opportunities to make a difference
  - It can be disheartening to see some of our challenges regularly. Still, we can make progress and do more with more people involved.
  - Please have a doughnut from Wiki Wiki to celebrate!
  - Shout out to Lindsey for all her hard work.

#### **Sharon Chamard - Treasurer**

- Regular monthly report
  - Our balances:
    - Total in all accounts \$15,300

- Audit: Darryl Hess did our audit - reviewed on march 5 - all monthly beginning and ending balances are good. All expenses have invoices. Accounting practices are generally good. Two cash donations need to be deposited.
- The grants are not checks - they reimburse

### **Presentations (continued)**

#### **Taylor Keegan Parks Planner - A Strategic Plan for Fairview Rec Center**

- A strategic plan is meant to set a baseline to work from on a 2-3 year timeframe.
- Includes surveys and data gathering on revenue and usage plan maintenance etc.
- Lots of in-person events and surveys sent
  - SWOT
  - The staff and partners are great, but the signage could be better inside or outside. Technology should be better for after-school programs and community events. Room rentals must be more accessible, with more youth programs and jobs and better safety.
  - Vision and goals: 1. Modern facility 2. Fostering community 3. Sustainable partnerships 4. Long-term partnering. Phased approach
  - Municipal election includes a \$500k bond - capital request for these improvements.
  - Centers are also critical in an emergency.

*Motion to extend the meeting by 15 min and no longer by Loren Hill, second by Janel Walton*

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Council Elections**

- President - Allen
- Treasurer - Sharon C.
- Secretary - Loren H
- VP - SJ
- Members at large: Denise R, Karen, Laura O., James T, and Dave R.,

No new nominations

Janel moves to approve as all members are unopposed Kelly seconds - no objections.

### **New Business**

- Please join us at the workshop on the 18th from 12:30-3:30

### **Report and Updates**

#### **Merrill Field Airport - Rich Sewell, Airport Manager**

- Where do they get all the Iditarod snow? Merrill Field! Clean snow to protect puppy feet
- Moving forward with rehab projects for buildings, including those on Orca
  - Electrical and other things to get them rentable again

- Cares act funding
- Working with FVCC to come up with a plan for making it look good
- The planning department has a report from Stantec on the old electric property on orca - general type location of pollutants - next study is location and depth, then remediation will happen
  - Are we still burning off the methane? YES

**Seward to Glenn PEL Study Project**

- Met in this room the last Tuesday with the advisory committee - 2 sessions
- Gave lots of feedback
- Still would like to see more from them. Asked for coordination between their project and our grant but was not received appropriately. They want to keep to their schedule.
- Daniel and Chris suggested they do coordinate

**Environmental Justice – EPA Grant**

- Swag in the back

**Ad-Hoc Homeless Committee Community**

- Come to the workshop next Saturday.
- Allen is the new chair of this committee

**Community gardens**

- Schedule is TBD, but design work continues

**Community Comments**

- Library calendars available
- Navigation center went in
  - Did not engage neighbors
  - Ron wants the FVCC to deny approval

Motion to adjourn by James T and Janel seconds