

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

**BY ZOOM**

## Minutes of March 15, 2023 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by FCC Vice-Chair Linda Chase.

### **FCC Delegates in attendance (20):**

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	-
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	Carol Perkins
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	-
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	-
Girdwood (GBOS)	Mike Edgington
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	Carmela Warfield
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	Kris Stoechner
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	Matt Johnson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	-
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	-
Rogers Park	Linda Chase (FCC Vice-Chair)
Russian Jack	-
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	-
South Addition	John Thurber
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	Berni Bradley
Tudor Area	Tod Butler

Turnagain  
Turnagain Arm  
University Area

Carolyn Hall  
Gary Meaders  
Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Office of the Mayor	Trista Espe
Anchorage Assembly	Christopher Constant, Vice-Chair
Anchorage School Board	Margo Bellamy
Municipal Long Range Planning Assembly	Tom Davis
Community Councils Center	Daniel Volland
Haley Johnson	Mark Butler
Matt Cruickshank	Alaska Trails
Russell Pounds	Birchwood CC Member
Dawn Morse	Alaska Free Clinic
Grace Pleasants	Alaska Free Clinic
David Nyman	Girdwood Resident
Jenn Nyman	Girdwood Resident
Brianna Sullivan	Girdwood Resident
Patti Higgins	Girdwood Resident
Cathy Gloeason	Abbott Loop CC Member
Alex Grauvogel	Turnagain CC President
Susanne Fleek Greene	Turnagain CC member
Jeff Landfield	Candidate for Chugach Electric Board
Paxson Woebler	Taku Campbell CC member, Alaska Landmine Blogger
Emily Goodykoontz	Alaska Landmine Blogger
	Anchorage Daily News Reporter

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”.

**A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Gretchen Stoddard, Chair  
Quorum attained.

**B. Approval of Agenda**  
Unanimously approved. Amanda Moser moved and Al Milspaugh seconded.

**C. Approval of February 2023 Minutes**  
Amanda Moser moved and Al Milspaugh seconded. Unanimously approved.

**D. Presentations:**

**1. Alaska Free Clinic Needs Volunteers -**

Russell Pounds and Dawn Morse, community volunteers.

Free medical, dental and visual clinic to be held in Anchorage Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>

and Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Patrick Campaign has lead the effort to get this free clinic to Alaska. Looking for volunteer workers, both skilled and unskilled.

**2. Fifteen Propositions on the April 2023 Municipal Election Ballot -**

Mark Butler and Christopher Constant, Anchorage Assembly Vice-Chair.

Reviewed the fifteen different resolutions that were on the ballot. Thank you Christopher for your insights into the background of the different resolutions. Get out and vote!

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

**1. Office of the Mayor –**

Trista Espe

Community Council survey for Capital Improvement Projects in each council area. Please rank your choices. Career Expo at West High School. Parks need workers over the summer – YEIP (Youth Employment in Parks) hires 25 teams of 16 to 19 year-olds. Call the “Pothole Hotline” at 343-6363 to report potholes. Do go out and vote – there are eighteen vote drop boxes around town plus other ways to vote. Community Grants for local non-profits. The application period is open.

**2. Assembly –**

Christopher Constant, Vice-Chair

Using email is a great way to communicate with Assembly members.

“PulsePoint” is a great “Ap” that will notify you if someone in nearby that needs medical care. March 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly meeting agenda include Update to Title 21, the Downtown Plan, ADU changes, AMATS, Power of the Ombudsman to review files, Indigenous People Day, Juneteenth, On-line Municipal Checkbook, and a public hearing on the Anchorage School District budget.

**3. Anchorage School Board (ASD) –**

Patrick Higgins, Board member

State funding for local school districts has remained flat for the last five years. We need to increase that funding or risk losing important parts of the school experience for our students.

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

No report.

**F. Standing Committee Reports:**

**1. FCC Chair** – Gretchen Stoddard

**2. FCC Vice Chair** – Linda Chase

**3. FCC Treasurer** – Kevin Fimon

**4. FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh

**5. FCC Training** – Lindsey Hajduk

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

Statement about Mark's assistance to both the Holtan Hills developer and anti-Holtan Hills citizens and the recent writing in The Alaska Landmine blog. Comments by fifteen council delegates.

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

**G. Old Business:**

None.

**H. New Business:**

Desire to have a hybrid FCC meeting.

**I. Council Sharing (brief points):**

**Abbott Loop CC** – Scooter/Academy Drive Underpass

**Aiport Heights CC** – CIP list

**Birchwood CC** – Starner bridge funding, students form a government class

**Campbell Park CC** – Bylaws, Alaska Trails

**Chugiak CC** – Carol Creek Development Project

**Girdwood** – Housing next steps

**Government Hill CC** – Ballot measure

**Hillside CC** – 5.5 miles of trails, single track advocates

**Midtown CC** – Use of the Arctic Recreation Center as a low-barrier shelter. The Municipality has asked the Legislature for money to buy the center and the land behind it. Families nearby, liquor store 900 feet away.

**Mountain View CC** – Divest of MV Community Patrol vehicle. Moving meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**North Star CC** – Fireweed Lane safety project.

**Northeast CC** – Hybrid meeting, Sunny Acres subdivision plat.

**Rogers Park CC** – Greeter at the CC meeting at BP Energy Center.

**South Addition CC** – Homelessness and impact on neighborhoods.

**Turnagain CC** – Land Use Committee, Airport, Fish Creek Trail, currently no council president and secretary.

**Turnagain Arm CC** – Quarterly meetings, Seward Highway MP 98.5 to MP 115 project

**University Area CC** – Alaska Rescue Mission expansion

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

**Susanne Fleek Greene**, Candidate for Chugach Electric Board of Directors  
Three seats available, April 13<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum

**Matt Cruickshank**, Birchwood CC, Former FCC Vice Chair; **David Nyman**, Girdwood and Turnagain Resident; and **Jeff Landfield**, Taku Campbell CC resident, Former FCC Chair –

Comments on the role of Community Councils Center Manager Mark Butler in advising both sides in the Holtan Hills project.

**L. Adjournment**

Amanda Moser proposed and Carmela seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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