

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

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Minutes of April 19, 2023 meeting

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

FCC Delegates in attendance (21):

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	-
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	-
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	-
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	Allen Kemplen
Girdwood (GBOS)	Mike Edgington
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	Carmela Warfield
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	Kris Stoeher
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	Matt Johnson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Gary Meaders
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	John Thurber
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-

Turnagain Dan Gleason
Turnagain Arm -
University Area Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Office of the Mayor	Trista Espe
Anchorage Assembly	Suzanne LaFrance, Chair
Anchorage School Board	Margo Bellamy
Assembly	Daniel Volland
Assembly	Felix Rivera
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
AWWU	Josh Satterfield
	Todd Carroll
	Sandy Baker
HDR for AWWU	Josh Miller
Anchorage Audubon Society	Mr. Whitekeys (Doug Hagar)
Steve Montouth	Turnagain CC Member
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC Vice-President
Daniel Clift	Scenic Foothills Member
Rico Agudelo	

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”.

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

B. Approval of Agenda
Amanda Moser moved and Carmela Warfield seconded. Unanimously approved.

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

D. Presentations:

1. Anchorage Audobon Society tree seedling giveaway -

Mr. Whitekeys (Doug Hagar)

The Audubon Society is acquiring 10,000 white spruce seedlings to give to Anchorage folks. They are giving them away at farmers markets on May 27th. They are also looking for community councils to help distribute trees in their neighborhood. Contact them.

2. Municipal Capital Improvement Project (CIP) council rankings

Trista Espe, Office of the Mayor

Community Council survey for Capital Improvement Projects in each council area. Please rank your choices

3. Homelessness Shelters -

Felix Rivera, Assembly member

Need to replace 200 beds and demobilize the Sullivan Arena low-entry shelter.

E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)

1. Office of the Mayor –

Trista Espe

April 30th de-mobilization of Sullivan Arena. Mayor in Washington, D.C. pushing for funding for the Port of Alaska. City-wide clean up.

2. Assembly –

Suzanne LaFrance, Chair

Last FCC Meeting as Assembly Chair. Pothole repair number, election certification, first quarter budget revision, APD body cameras, “step down” of shelter

3. Anchorage School Board (ASD) –

Margo Bellamy, Board Chair

Two board members re-elected (Donnelly and Holleman). Election of officers. Focus on busing. Need increase in Base Student Allocation (BSA)

4. Office of the Alaska Governor -

No report.

F. Standing Committee Reports:

1. **FCC Chair** – Gretchen Stoddard
Hopes that the FCC grant will be signed soon. Training committee needed.
2. **FCC Vice Chair** – Linda Chase
3. **FCC Treasurer** – Kevin Fimon
4. **FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh
Provided facts regarding the possible purchase by the FCC of an “Owl” speaker/camera system.
5. **FCC Training** – Lindsey Hajduk
6. **Community Councils Center Manager** – Mark Butler
Congratulations on helping the free clinic – hundreds and hundreds of Anchorage folks were served including four-year-old Tabitha who had an abscess tooth and had never seen a dentist.
7. **FCC AMATS Committee Representative** – Bob French
UMed and Seward Highway project meetings upcoming

G. Old Business:

None.

H. New Business:

FCC Officer elections (for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 period) are upcoming in the May FCC meeting. Gretchen Stoddard is running again for FCC Chair. Linda Chase is running again for FCC Vice-Chair. No other candidates announced their intentions for any the four positions. Nominations remain open until the elections are held in the May meeting.

I. Council Sharing (brief points):

Abbott Loop CC – Hybrid meeting with 25 attendees. Walk up to the laptop. Seward Highway upgrade. Academy Vanguard project.

Aiport Heights CC – Protected bike lane test project.

Campbell Park CC – Traffic calming, school newsletters, visit by Tom Davis

Fairview CC – Lots happening, impacts of Sullivan Arena homeless facility, reconnecting communities grant, community gardens

Girdwood – Housing, highway interchange, planning issues, land acknowledgement

Government Hill CC – DOT&PF issues including the destruction of the Tesoro Station, GH Parks & Recreation plan

Hillside CC – Expansion of single-track project

Huffman O'Malley CC – Elections, Firewise issues

Midtown CC – Meetings about use of the Arctic Recreation Center as a low-barrier shelter. Resolution against shelter at that location. Mayor's Town Hall meeting.

Mountain View CC – Changed meeting to fourth Wednesday of the month, CIP, Daniel George being appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

North Star CC – Fireweed Lane safety project. Paint the Town project, Sullivan impacts on our council.

Northeast CC – Hybrid meeting, elections, neighborhood traffic calming.

Rabbit Creek CC – Dangerous road, shooting range

Russian Jack CC – APD, Salvation Army, current council boundaries

South Addition CC – neighborhood plan

Turnagain CC – airport cargo facilities, relocation of the tower, heavy truck traffic on West Northern Lights Boulevard, Lynn Airy Park, CIP, want details of the Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean project.

University Area CC – hybrid meeting, parks refurbishment

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

L. Adjournment

AL Milspaugh proposed and Amanda Moser seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.