

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

**BY ZOOM**

## Minutes of May 17, 2023 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by FCC Chair Gretchen Stoddard.

### **FCC Delegates in attendance (24):**

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Kaitlyn Jackson
Birchwood	Carole Perkins
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	-
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	Allen Kemplen
Girdwood (GBOS)	Brianna Sullivan
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	-
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Gary Meaders
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	-
Rogers Park	Linda Chase (FCC Vice-Chair)
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	-
South Addition	John Thurber
South Fork	Steve Gervel
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	Tod Butler

Turnagain  
Turnagain Arm  
University Area

Dan Gleason  
Michael Packard  
Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Office of the Mayor	Mayor Dave Bronson
Anchorage Assembly	-
Anchorage School Board	-
Assembly	Daniel Volland
Donna Delevarte	
Assembly	Felix Rivera
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC Vice-President
Patti Higgins	Abbott Loop CC Member

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”. No expectation of privacy.

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

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

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

**D. Presentations:**

1.

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

**1. Office of the Mayor –**

Mayor Bronson

Working to make a stronger city. Sign up to get the Mayor’s newsletter! Visiting the Port of Alaska today, pushing for more funding for the Port of Alaska. JBER exercise happening. Would love to come to the FCC Annual Picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Assembly –**

Christopher Constant, Chair

No report.

**3. Anchorage School Board (ASD) –**

Margo Bellamy, Board Chair

No report.

**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**

Changes happening. Using the BP Energy Center for FCC meetings – for hybrid in-person and Zoom meetings.

**3. FCC Treasurer – Kevin Fimon**

Thank you to former Alaska State Representative Liz Snyder for donating funds to the FCC. Wow! On budget for this year.

**4. FCC Outreach – Al Milspaugh**

June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for council CIP nominations. Assisted hosting numerous Zoom council meetings.

**5. FCC Training –**

No report.

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

Bill Miernyk died recently. He was an original member of the Northeast Community Council and played a role in the council for 45 years! In fact, he was named FCC “Volunteer of the Year” in 1978. Wow! Community organizers like Bill make a difference. Be like Bill.

- 7. FCC AMATS Committee Representative – Bob French**  
No recent meetings.

**G. Old Business:**

**1. Elections for FCC Board Officers**

Elections for FCC board positions for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 term. Gretchen Stoddard was elected as FCC Chair, Linda Chase was elected as FCC Vice-Chair, Carolyn Hall was elected as FCC Treasurer, and Amanda Moser was elected as FCC Secretary. All four votes were by acclamation. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to Kevin Fimon and Bruce Roberts for their service.

Kevin Fimon will be removed from the bank accounts at Global Credit Union as of July 1, 2023. Gretchen Stoddard and Linda Chase will remain on the account with Carolyn Hall being added to the account as of July 1, 2023.

**H. New Business:**

**1. FCC Transition Committee Assignments: “FCC Transition”, “FCC Way Forward” - Gretchen Stoddard, FCC Chair**

Need training as part of the reorganization of the FCC and the Community Councils Center.

**The “FCC Transition” Committee** will define the role of the new Center Manager, creating a job description and searching for a new Manager. Committee members include: Linda Chase, Daniel George, Carolyn Hall and Amanda Moser.

**The “FCC Way Forward” Committee** will work on the FCC mission and goals. Members include Todd butler, Linda Chase, and Dan Gleason.

**The “FCC Development” Committee** will be led by Linda Chase.

**2. Statement by Retiring Councils Center Manager - Mark Butler**

This is my last FCC meeting after sixteen years as Manager of the Community Councils Center.

Anchorage community organizer Walt Parker summed it all up when he said that "A great city is simply a collection of great neighborhoods".

I am a stone-cold believer of the power of individual community organizers and, more importantly, the power of community organizers working together through community councils.

You have all contributed to improving our community – whether that means your neighborhood, your city, your state and therefore your country. Keep it up!

There are so many of you that have done so much for so long. Today I would like to give recognition to one particular community organizer - with nine years on the Anchorage School Board, nine years on the Anchorage Assembly, many years on her area Road Board, as Chair of the Chugiak/Eagle River Advisory Board, and now as Chair of the Birchwood Community Council, Debbie Ossiander is quiet but highly effective. Do thank her for her service.

I look forward to working with you on neighborhood issues like the Fireweed Lane safety improvement project.

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

**Abbott Loop CC** – Generally good. Scooter Drive.

**Airport Heights CC** – U-Med District

**Bayshore/Klatt CC** – Cell tower

**Birchwood CC** – Beech Lake Park – mushers and skiers, Stoermer bridge, election of officers

**Campbell Park CC** – Homeless camps

**Girdwood** – housing, lodging proposal

**Government Hill CC** – recent meetings

**Hillside CC** – O'Malley Road

**MidTown CC** – Fireweed Lane, Homelessness, folks camping in Cuddy Park

**Mountain View CC** – Community Patrol vehicle to other community patrols, Mountain View Clean-up, influx of new people, wish to quantify abandoned buildings.

**Northeast CC** – hybrid meeting, community council boundaries

**Old Seward/Oceanview CC** – Alaska Parks Foundation, Alaska Long Trail

**Rogers Park CC** – Accessory Dwelling Units, Highway problems, beautification committee

**Russian Jack CC** – council boundaries, voted to keep the same boundaries

**South Addition CC** – Inviting Fairview Cc to meet with them, Highway traffic volumes, Highway to Highway meeting

**Sand Lake CC** – Hybrid special meeting next Monday evening, nuisance residence

**Turnagain CC** – Adding bike lanes to Forest Park Drive, Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean, Airport Master Plan, New airport tower, PFAS chemicals at airport, 18-wheelers on West Northern Lights

**Turnagain Arm CC** – Construction projects on the Seward Highway

**University Area CC** – child's drawing

**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.

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