

**Federation of Community Councils, Inc.**  
**Board of Delegates**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**Minutes of October 18, 2023, Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by FCC Chair Gretchen Stoddard at the BP Energy Center, Birch Room.

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

Abbott Loop	Lizzie Newell
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	-
Bear Valley	-
Birchwood	Carol Perkins
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	Silvia Villamedes
Eagle River	Cliff Cook
Eagle River Valley	Joy Webb
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	-
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	Kris Stoechner
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	Penny Gage
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Donna Delevante
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	-
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	-
South Addition	Ruth Ann Jennings
South Fork	-
Spennard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-

Turnagain Carolyn Hall (FCC Treasurer)  
Turnagain Arm Michael Packard  
University Area -

**Others in attendance:**

Office of the Mayor Michelle Hodel  
Anchorage Assembly Christopher Constant  
Anchorage School Board Margo Bellamy,  
Anchorage Community Development Authority  
Melinda Gant  
University of Alaska Center for Economic Development  
Nolan Klouda, Executive Director  
Naloxone Project Hope Tim Easterly,  
Turnagain CC Vice-President  
Jean Sauget, Acting Manager, Community Councils Center

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

1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Gretchen Stoddard, Chair  
Quorum attained.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Unanimously approved.
3. **Approval of September 2023 Minutes**  
Unanimously approved.
4. **Government Updates**

a. **Office of the Mayor – Michelle Hodel**

Mayor Bronson expresses gratitude to Assembly leadership for bipartisan collaboration on affordable housing initiatives, including the cold weather shelter plan and the potential use of the former SWS admin building as a temporary low-barrier shelter.

The Anchorage Police Department and Cops4Community partner to create a youth mentorship program, aiming to introduce the policing profession and potentially aid APD recruiting efforts.

Plans for homelessness are taking shape, with 400 people in non-congregate settings and a report on a potential 150- to 200-person congregate shelter on the 29th.

Expects to have a final call on utilizing the old solid waste transfer station administration building by mid-October, with additional policing and Parks and Rec office spaces support

for camps.

**b. Assembly** – Christopher Constant, Chair  
No report.

**c. Anchorage School Board (ASD)** – Margo Bellamy, Board Chair

Ms. Bellamy answered questions about the Anchorage School District. A written report is available on the FCC website.

Discussed several district initiatives: Alaska Reads Act; Reading for Life; Six Grade to Middle School Transition; Student Wellness & Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports; 24-25 School Start Times; and Academies of Anchorage.

5. **Project Hope** – Tim Easterly presented Naloxone Administration Training and distributed heroin/opioid overdose rescue kits (naloxone nasal spray).

Presentation: <https://communitycouncils.org/download/22973.pdf>.

6. **Upside Down Economics of Housing** – Nolan Klouda, Exec. Director, University of Alaska Center for Economic Development.

Discussed the housing and economic trends in Anchorage.

<https://communitycouncils.org/download/22972.pdf>

7. **FCC Transition Update** – Amanda Moser

Manager position description has been posted and distributed to contact lists.

8. **Treasurer's Report** – Carolyn Hall

Presented the Budget vs Actuals and the Profit and Loss reports.

We received a \$10,000 grant from the Muni Ombudsman's office to provide training for Community Councils.

Discussed the \$75 allowance per council and permitted expenses.

9. **Chair's Report** – Gretchen Stoddard

Looking for volunteers to serve on the finance committee.

10. **Council Updates**

**Abbott Loop CC** – I'm Lizzie Newell, just elected president.

**Campbell Park CC** – We're meeting tomorrow night and have three resolutions to consider.

**Chugiak** – We hope to get a police representative back at our meetings. Old Glenn Highway design, possibly turning Eagle River into a single lane in each direction and adding non-motorized accessibility.

**Downtown CC** – CC discussed downtown issues, including Third Avenue construction and parking concerns.

**Eagle River CC** – I’m Chuck Homan, the new chair due to the recent passing of Morris “Jim” Pickel. He will be sorely missed. Also worked on the Old Glenn Hwy resolution.

**Eagle River Valley** – Joy Webb, secretary/treasurer, sitting in for Tom Freeman. Working on getting a community emergency response team trained, up and going.

**Fairview** – A lot of great things are happening: recently met with DoD regarding the connecting communities and federal grant; non-motorized study; presentation on local airport & runway protection zones.

**Government Hill CC** – We are having our regular meeting tomorrow night, discussing things like capital projects and preparing for our election of new officers in January.

**Huffman/O’Malley** – Nothing to report.

**Midtown CC** – Kris Stoechner (MTCC) expresses concern about damage caused by homeless encampments in the area.

**Northeast CC** – Discussing homelessness among veterans, ranked-choice voting.

**Old Seward/Oceanview CC** – Held elections at the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 2.

**Rabbit Creek CC** – Presentation at last meeting by Dr. Jim Schmidt, Hillside Fire Wise program advisor. Discussed the housing action over the weekend.

**Rogers Park CC** –

**Russian Jack CC** – Worked on our CIP list, which is close to being finalized.

**South Addition CC** – Assembly Members Zaletel and Volland presented their redistricting plan. Focused on traffic calming on the I and L corridor.

**Sand Lake CC** –

**Scenic Foothills** - reports on homelessness and participation from elected officials, with a positive note from the president.

**University Area CC** – Al Milspaugh expresses frustration with past attempts to combine residential and business areas in the University Area.

#### 11. **Public Comment**

None.

#### 12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.