

**Fairview Community Council
General Membership Meeting Agenda
January 11, 2024 - 7-9 pm
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom & Fairview Recreation Center**

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Attending: Allen Kemplen, ? on 14th, ? first time over here, ? assembly meetings, George Harrison, Lindsey Hajduk, Maria & Chris Crawford, ? recovering Fairview resident, Kayla Epstein (for Loki Tobin), SJ Klein, Stephanie Koontz? ?, ? Pacific rebuilders, Heather Trimble, Rene Kennicott, Roger Briley, James Thornton, Chris Constant, On Zoom: Kelly Ittenbach, Rob Seigh?, Roger/Scott (Raven Bar) , Keelan Baughman, Janel Walton, Stacy Shubert, Dave Rittenberg, Denise Jansen, Daniel Volland, Zack Fields, Stephanie Kuhns, Jamieann Bell

Agenda Items: Motion moved by? to revise the agenda to place resolution discussion before elected officials instead of under old business. Rene moved to add committee reports to the homelessness committee.

Allen: Homelessness committee is no longer because of lack of a chair. Will move to bottom of community reports.

Rene: People have offered to be chair; no reason not to have the committee.

Revised agenda approved.

Allen: Motion to approve December agenda?

SJ: Motion to approve December agenda. Seconded by ?

December 2023 minutes approved without changes.

Allen: Are the May, June, and July minutes approved without changes? I want to thank Kelly for bringing us up to speed on our minutes. Thank you very much. Did send out copies through the Federation.

Dave: Can we approve older minutes next month so folks have more time to look them over to approve since they just came out? Sponsored motion to amend.

No objections. Motion approved.

Allen: Resolution for warming shelter 1536 Gambell St.: does the resolution sponsor wish to present it to the group?

SJ?: I think the first thing would be to make a motion to approve this resolution.

Motion made by?, seconded by?

Allen: Discussion on the resolution?

James: I think it reflects the neighborhoods desire to not have this type of service there - definitely not by the provider and with the history of what has happened in the neighborhood.

Maria: I agree with the resolution. I won't be supporting it because the operator was coming in and talking about what she wanted to offer the neighborhood and this was offered before any real discussion was happening, so I think it is a ???????

Roger: Tried to help ... on coming up with a plan They came back the second time without a plan and the third time without a plan. I think the neighborhood has had enough activities and I think there's enough facilities in the neighborhood that are already helping out. We don't need any more. A warming shelter (I have a building next to it) ...I can tell you stories about the Sullivan Arena. We just don't want to have it again. I don't think a warming shelter will solve the problems.

Chris?: I didn't see the draft version of this posted on the website or circulated by your email. I went to the federation council page and I don't see it there and I'm at my invite to this meeting I haven't seen the draft resolution attached to it.

James: Would it be appropriate to read it? I do have the edited resolution here SJ ...that's January 6th.

Chris: It's not so much the reading that's the issue; it's the notice. Can we assume that the petitioner received an email that said this is going to be decided ...Process wise, it just raises the question: Did it get out to the people? I give other councils a really hard time.

Chat question: Is the resolution text available online?

Heather?: It should be..... said Monday morning

SJ: We distributed this Tuesday? It was before the agenda went out. It was not included with the communications. As a council, we do have the ability to vote on this despite the fact it was not properly noticed. That's entirely our right.

Chris: I'll say from my perspective...I've been telling every council - this is the standard, what we notice, and if it hasn't gone through that process, and it's adhoc, I treat it like a piece of paper in the context of my work, and not like a clear voice of the community, because the community wasn't notified. I will let you all decide on how to proceed. I don't think time is of the essence in the sense of passage. I hold you up as the standard when I'm at other communities that they don't hit the mark.

Heather: We followed...now get back to vote.

Rene: The operator was here at the last meeting and they know that this was coming, so everybody that is actively involved that I'm aware of, knows that it's coming.

Roger: If you're going to be the one enforcing this, we want to make sure we're doing it right.

Chris: That's not going to happen. There's no money- the decision was made a month and a half ago. But, procedures being what they are, notice is the key. The value of the resolution has a certain set of steps it has to go through. I support you, but it's up to the council

Allen: The agenda does have it identified; those people who were interested in it, those people had the opportunity to contact me about the actual wording and ask to have a copy of it, which

there are also people who did contact me, and I sent them copies of the resolution, so I think the group can go over the resolution.

Chris: This didn't circulate through the accepted channels that require the notice to be considered valid.

SJ: We do have a group in the neighborhood that feels they haven't been heard and they brought this resolution forward at the last meeting which , so there has been a month of notice on this. This version showed up Tuesday and we got it done. I don't want the group to feel stonewalled because those of us volunteers dropped the ball.

Chris: Process wise, to be a valid resolution, it should be sent out so members can read it; and then decide Am I going to amend it? But again, the decision was made. This dfid not happen.

Allen: We do our best to follow the process the best as we can. I feel comfortable from the conversations I've had with different stakeholders that people were informed and engaged in the process and knowing this would be addressed this evening.

Chris: If this were brought before the assembly, it.....

Allen: That's an important point to make. It's important for all of us to hear so we do it better next time, particularly when we're addressing something that has substance, then it's critical that we follow the process. Thank you Chris, for helping to educate us.

Kelly: I'm having a very difficult time knowing who's talking. If you could identify yourselves before you talk; I can't see the room and I'm having a hard time with my headphones knowing who is talking.

Keelan: I am very upset of how this resolution is being handled. I am fully in support of this resolution, but I do not like that It hasn't been posted publicly to review. I know you say I can email you to get the full text, but that has not been the procedure on any resolution the community council has tried to put out for the last two years I've been attending regularly, so it's very upsetting that it has suddenly changed on this one resolution that is contentious.

Allen: Good words. Thank you very much.

Heather Trimble: We made every attempt to get this posted. It was read out loud last week. It was sent out early Monday morning in hopes that it would be on the agenda. I don't know whose responsibility that was, but we made every effort.

Stephanie Kuhns: Was this posted to the community as a whole because this is the first I've seen of it.

Allen: I do not believe so.

Heather: We tried; it was not posted.

Rene: We don't have that ability. That is for the board to post it.

Stephanie: So then there is a small subset of the community that is about to vote on something that affects the larger community without notice?

Rene: You have to consider it's been in the media. This has been going on for a long time

George Harrison: Why don't we postpone this until the next meeting? There's no no money involved. There's nothing that's going to happen between now and the next meeting. Why don't we do it right?

Chris: Your assembly leadership is in complete agreement with you. It is not going to be funded; we have been told it's a dead deal by the administration. So, as Mr. Harrison has said, honor the process. Nothing is happening unless it's happening like a secret.

SJ: The proper move would be for someone to make a motion to move this to the next meeting.

Rene: Can I ask why this didn't get done properly in the first place? We did our part, so why did the board did not take care of this?

SJ:A motion to table would be a first step.

George Harrison made a motion to table this resolution to the next meeting.

Chris & Marie seconded motion.

SJ: I'd be happy to speak to the motion to table this resolution. I believe we have a group that came forward with a motion in good faith, went through the process and I agree leadership dropped the ball, including myself, that didn't get a version out to the community with a week's notice which is required under our bylaws. I don't believe that warrants denying the group that brought the motion forward, the right to have a vote. If the people that brought it forward want a vote, I don't think we should table it.

?: Do the bylaws require 7 days?

SJ: It also requires 7 days notice of our agenda, which did not happen. There are a lot of places where the rules were not met.

Chris: Community councils are groups of volunteers who have limited time, limited skills and experience. Some have more experience than others. It is expected in the process that mistakes will be made. It is inherent in the process. If issues aren't contentious, you don't see assembly or policy makers having a problem with things being a little laissez faire. When matters are important, the rules are there to try and be on point so the document is unimpeachable by the people on the opposite side. And if the bylaws say 7 days notice is required the argument is we should just do it because the people, they're trying, does precedent matter; you have to make that decision.

Allen: Mistakes were made. The question is: does it warrant the delay of consideration of the resolution until next month to ensure that everything meets our bylaws and everyone has had adequate notice of the language or deal with the issue tonight. We do have a motion on the table. Any other discussion?

Heather: I just want to ...?we did everything could ...?and we could read it right now and I think we should go ahead and vote. We just want it on the permanent record that the council ...? Fairview....?

Janel: I would say I believe it was Rob who read the resolution at the last meeting and according to our bylaws we need to have 30 days from there to vote on it at the next meeting. The resolution was already presented at the last meeting. What we're talking about is a new

resolution that is basically the same as what Rob put out with some changes but we could vote on Rob's, which is pretty darn close to what this one is. Some notice was given; a lot of notice was given - it was read verbatim. If you don't like the resolution, the only way the board can ensure it doesn't get voted on, is to not have it attached to the agenda or sent to the FCC. I'm concerned it's going to happen again. I think we need to vote..?.. adequate discussion.

Chris: If I were a voting member I would make a point of order and I would say a member has just disparaged the board by saying some conspiracy has occurred and I would say it's out of order but I'm not a member but that's what I would do if I were here.

James: As a comment from a board member, I don't believe this was done with bad intention. I do believe in the good will of the board, although I can see how it would be interpreted as that. All due respect, I don't believe that was the intention here.

Janel: No, that was not the intention...thanks for clarifying James. It was simply that if we did that, that could happen over and over again whether it was purposeful or unpurposeful. We just had a secretary, for instance, who we have not had, who has had to put together the minutes, so the question is: how long are we going to be putting out resolutions or are we going to get anything done that was adequately read at the last meeting and so it should be voted on at this meeting, and worse case scenario, if the changes that were made, if there's objections to it. Rob read the entire resolution he wanted - he presented forward, so at this point it should be voted on by the body.

SJ: This is speaking to how can we not make the same problem in the future? I feel like if they want to vote, then they deserve the vote tonight.. The resolution is laid on the table. If it is included with the minutes from that meeting, then it's done. The resolution that's come forward that we worked on as a group is an amended version that was put on the floor from a month ago. There's your notice. If it was included with the minutes, that would suffice as notice and then we've got an amended version to go forward with. Roger has basically moved to... I assume you were moving to approve the amended version?

Roger: I just want to see change in the neighborhood and this is how it starts.

SJ: I'm going to vote to just get this vote done, get past this issue and move on.

Roger: There's nothing in that resolution that's going to hurt me.

Allen: There's a motion for tabling. there are pros and cons. Will have a vote unless there is further discussion

Rob Seigh?: I just want to go on record saying that I didn't read this resolution, it was Roger Briley.

Allen: Who wants to table this resolution to February? Opposed? We have a majority not to table the resolution which brings us back to the main motion which is approval of the resolution that was presented tonight. Any further discussion? Any opposition to approval of the resolution presented tonight? There is opposition, so we'll have a vote. All those opposed to the resolution being presented tonight raise your hand. 12 yeas...3 nays... resolution is approved.

Chris: Note that there are 8,000 residents of the Fairview neighborhood and only 12 voted. Notice went out to...that's not the way it works.

Allen: We do have a quorum.

Chris: That's not the way it works - notice is actually required. I have challenged or begun the process of a major rewrite on the community council section. I'm going to put it in code that adhoc resolutions and unpublished documents will not be considered valid by the assembly because it's too easy for a small faction of people to do something benign and call it the will of the community. It's really just the will of a small faction of the people. This is great for the work I'm involved in because it just exemplifies we need to fix this more broadly. It's a broader concern I have.

Allen: Great comments. Clarifying the process to in code to insure proper due diligence occurs on these types of resolutions is important.

Chris: The works not perfect, so many troubles? on this issue; I get it. The resolution is not the thing. ..?...

Roger: It's not like we're saying we don't want service in the neighborhood, we don't want MORE services.

Elected Officials:

Kayla: Start by telling you I haven't done my homework correctly. I forgot my phone which means I can't give you the link to sign up for certain things. It will get posted hopefully with the minutes. If not, I'll mail it to you. Session starting, and Loki has been working with constituents and community leaders, and the caucus to come up with some strategies to increase education funding, invest in state deferred maintenance, continuing to work to prevent homelessness. Virtual constituent meeting January 20th from 1-2pm. Time to ask questions-link soon available. Also hosting other constituent meetings. Will be an announcement on social media. Two pieces of legislation pre-filed: more representation on the board of parole, and also instituting term limits for that board. Bill to help remove recyclable electronic devices from landfills, and legislation to reduce firearm access by those experiencing mental or behavioral health crisis and revisions to governor's bill SB 97. If interested, she is hoping you will sign up for podcast. I will also send the board how to sign up for those. She has six pieces of legislation: 1. a contraception bill, 2. brain injury awareness month , 3. access marijuana violations and expunge them from court view if people were convicted before this was made legal. 4. Renewable portfolio standards 5. employee rights and speech - prohibits employers from listening to their personal views, and 6. physical scope of practice to improve patient care.

Rene: What is the purpose of expunging people's records when pot use was illegal?

Kayla: because it's legal now.

Rene: But it was illegal then, so they were breaking the law.

Kayla: Yes, but it's legal now.

Jake: firearm....??require federal background check??

Kayla:not the best time. I'll get your information.

Maria:????????

No one from Cliff Groh, Zack Fields, mayor's office or school board member.

Chris Constant: Merrill Field issues relating to the airfield and new IFR patterns have been resolved. Flight path for the helicopter has been extremely narrowed because it doesn't need the fixed wing width for the flight pattern. Pre-published flight paths only for emergency use limited to helicopters -no fixed wing IFR. Community council was heard. Status on funding for Reconnecting Communities Grant: Funds are protected and available. Good news. Final meetings for adding elements to ballot April 2. If you want to run for mayor, filing period opens tomorrow and closes January 26. We approved 3 bonds for voters to approve; many more: 1. permanent hi-tensile, industrial, toilets for municipality to replace plastic potties that get destroyed. Narrowed to 5 million dollars, so we'll probably buy 15 toilet with installation. we did not pick a style; we discussed the Portland blue that was engineered after Seattle failed. They were self cleaning, but dangerous, because you couldn't know what was going on inside. We aren't picking the vendors. There are about 10 vendors with some variety of this style of structure. They would be in a couple of places in each district. In midtown, this is not meant as a homeless response. They are for tourist and resident use in places where we failed to maintain and install them. Tourists hold it until businesses grant them okay to go. Alaskans and homeless will go in the woods. Last year, voters approved new Chugach Access Service Area - intended to make upgrades to Chugach State Park. Supposed to be both road and amenity improvements along with parking improvements to make access more easy to get up to the parks. We have ARSA and then limited road service areas up in the hills. Each of those areas have a responsibility to maintain the roads, so we have 250,000 people, so we can afford to do a lot. They don't have the people, so there is deferred maintenance and they decided this as a great way for us to pay for their roads. It was reduced from 10-5 million. We need to think of a better way to do this next year. We have several agencies talking about what roads are important so we benefit both parties. We approved the school district bond to go to the voters. Also have coming the general road bond for ARSA. We have a bond for public safety utility improvements. An additional one coming with a new service area. the voters approved: a cemetery service area which includes Anchorage, Eagle River, and Girdwood. A report today said there are only 12 public cemetery spaces left. While there are lots of spaces available, they are generally owned by private entities. It means there really is no public cemetery for those who would like to be buried in Anchorage. The bond proposal includes 3.5 million dollars for phase 1 cemetery in Girdwood, 3.5 million dollars for phase 2 for Eagle River cemetery, and a million for Anchorage, but it doesn't increase capacity. It provides a new bathroom, and maintenance. It doesn't seem equitable. We renamed the port the Don Young Port of Alaska.

Roger: ???

Chris: Between now and April 2, 2 years ago, we put aside \$50,000 to conduct a muni wide study about who is actively using a public bathroom and aren't being serviced. At least 1 in all 6 districts. We're doing a study to determine where they will go. We know we have to have something in downtown. At least one in midtown; otherwise it's TBD. We have funds to decide and we need public input. We haven't issued the contract yet; we have the funds. I appreciate all the hard work - showing up, and making things happen. Nobody can argue it wasn't heard from. If there were a divided room - more than 3 to 12, and you have a bunch of money at stake at an assembly meeting, it would be easy to come from the outside and shoot the process down. What you want is when you put something out there that's bomb proof, and no one can dispute it. But it doesn't matter on this issue; this issue is fairly resolved. There's no money, no proposal, even the muni found it couldn't get insurance. Process wise, we need to get this better, and lead the way. We are working closely with councils to make sure that help is as representative as output. The best way is to see that the broad list sees everything.

Daniel: I'm grateful to have had support from my colleagues; there is a ballot proposal that will require confirmation of the chief medical officer. The first step was to put qualifications in code for this position in November. Prior to that, there was no baseline qualifications. Now, that

person has to have an MD or DO degree, or international equivalent, ACGME accredited residency completed, and an active license to practice medicine in Alaska. Resume must be publicly available. Voters will decide in April if assembly members should have to confirm the candidate. Right now is whoever the mayor selects. I want the public to weigh in with their assembly members and review the resume. I scored a victory in AMATS policy. We were able to get between Gambell and Ingra projects \$30 million. Even DOT supported that. Bonds: On public safety and transit bond, want to increase traffic calming to enhance pedestrian safety. That budget hasn't been increased. Proposing doubling from \$500,000 to million dollars.

Allen: Kudos to you for what you have done at AMATS. These big deals have positive impacts.

Dan: It's just a planning document. We also have to keep the next phases going.

Presentations:

none

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc):

Community Gardens: chair is in New Zealand, so no report.

Merrill Field: Thank you Chris for all your hard work . At a recent Merrill Field Advisory commission meeting, they were talking about rebuilding entire east/west runway scheduled for 2025, but it will be controversial. Will close down runway for entire season which could have noise impacts on the neighborhood. We're supposed to create a work group. Want to make sure council is part of that working group.

Chris: Mayor has said he wants to extend the runway into the neighborhood for jets. Monitor closely.

Grant Implementation (U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Grant):

Lindsey: It has taken about 10 months to get grant agreement signed by the U.S. DOT. During potluck, I gave a longer presentation. Moving forward, it's an opportunity for community members to help shape the future of the Gambell/Ingra corridor. This highway connection: there are a couple of different planning processes: one by DOT and one where Neighborworks and the Fairview community council are partnering on the Connecting Fairview grant. There will be opportunities in February to learn and get engaged, with idea of making it safe for the community and not just for drivers, but locals to safely go to Carrs and get groceries, etc. and not only how to revitalize, but how to restore the community. Timeline: Feb 7: public meeting with DOT and council to help shape and guide what that looks like. Different options: Gambell/Hyder and Ingra, but also new solutions to bypass the neighborhood with traffic or finding other ways to move the traffic and separate the local traffic. This is really an important meeting, and the process will be going on for many years. We make sure community members select which works best and our reconnecting effort will be able to look at those to move toward the best designs and solutions and then build public will and consensus. Time and time again every year, construction happens and we still have light poles and utility boxes on Gambell. Later that month, we're partnering with the museum to focus on Fairview. We'll schedule different events designed to show what these different routes look like so can get them in place. Some events include a movie screening on Hyder street from the Alaska bookmobile. Some technical stuff done; still putting pieces together behind the scenes.

James: When does the meeting start?

Lindsey: I don't know off the top of my head.

?: 4:30

SJ: I'd like to lay a resolution on the table to establish the Reconnecting Fairview committee and help with publishing this soon.

Lindsey: ... Community members to help the committee participate and help shape the community.

Public Safety:

Maria: I...? about the training I mentioned last month, but I'm taking a different training next... about diffusing situations, specifically youth, but also young adults.

Allen: Would be good for the safety committee to have a conversation about Hyder St and see if... the issues are concerning.

Homeless committee:

Rene, you asked for this to be out on the agenda. You have information you'd like to share?.

Rene: You said it was dismantled because it doesn't have a chair. I offered to be chair, you said no.

Allen: We had 2 people put their names in to be chair. You and David's name. Concerns were raised by members of the board about both of you, so there was no concurrence.

Roger: I'll do it.

Allen: I'll take it to the board.

Roger: I just purchased a fourplex over on Hyder. I have 1,000 pounds of trash and feces. There are 3 yellow buildings next door that they're breaking into every night. The cops are doing a good job, but they're too busy. It's not safe. I would love to be involved. I'm buying properties because I want to clean up this area. I want to buy the hotel that's there. Cars that are parked there and they are dealing drugs out of the cars. I'm here to help. My feet are on the ground. I'm happy to take you guys out so you can see what's going on. It's not the Anchorage I grew up in.

Allen: Greatly appreciate you putting your hat into the ring.

James: As previous chair of the homelessness committee, generally we had the committee when members of the community had a issue. Only dismantled because people didn't show up and we didn't have a reason to have the meeting. If the community has an interest in showing up and making an effort, there may be progress in the community. I defer to the chair and executive board for re-establishing the committee. Did that answer your question?

Roger: Totally.

Standing Reports:

I was contacted by Steve Agnee(?) who manages the Sullivan Arena and is hiring. They are looking for maintenance, janitorial workers. Send email to Allen@Omalleysports.com. Good to see the Sullivan Arena is active again.

Old Business:

Winter Festival: In Looking into details of the festival and doing outreach, and I'm having second thoughts about hosting this year. I'm getting concerned about public safety issues along Hyder St. We'll see if we can fix some of the issues in terms of safety, but until then, we'll wait until next year.

New Business:

Rene: People should be aware that elections are in March.

Allen: All positions are up. If anyone has interest, please feel free to throw hat into the ring. I have exceeded my time limit as president, so it is open.

Roger?:process...????

Allen: Typically, the executive board serves that function, so if there's interest to form an ad hoc committee for the election, that would be fine too.

Roger: So what do we do: anybody that wants to, just to put their name in the hat?

Allen: Would be up to putting together a flyer about announcing the election in March and then send out to the federation?

Rene: It needs to be put on Facebook.

Roger: A lot of that has been shut down, right?

Rene?: We tried to post the resolution on Facebook, but the admin keeps blocking us.

Roger: Who's the admin?

Rene: I can't remember.

Roger: ...Facebook in general. They'll see it and kill it.

Allen: I'm old school...don't use much social media.

Roger: How else can we communicate with the public and let them know what's going on?

Allen: Certainly the Facebook page

Roger: The community council page. The council? to meet and talk more about it.

?: Need to satisfy the notification...?

Allen: Yup. If you want to put something together as a flyer for the elections, that would be fantastic.

Community Comments/Concerns:

James: Month after month for 7 years I've been on the board. Two meetings a month for years and years. I want to thank you guys. I know that they've exceeded their term. We could barely fill the board. They're here every single month. Maybe there have been some mistakes made, but there have been way more positives than negatives. They have been here every single month for decades. I see a lot of new faces here. They have spent a lot of time and a lot of love. We haven't been able to fill the board. They've taken these roles on and care about the community. I want to thank you guys.

George: I've been coming here for a long time and what he said is correct. Nobody's perfect, and not everything is correct, but they've been here for a long time.

Allen: Thank you very much. We've gotten a lot of stuff done, believe it or not. A lot of good things have happened.

George: Even when it's time to go out in the neighborhood to collect trash, they call me and ask can we use your truck? Yeah, and I'll be driving it Anybody can think ...? I can tell you they have been at it for a long long time.

Allen: Thanks a lot, buddy.

Zack Fields: Revised state transportation has not been approved. Watch for Gambell and Ingra getting on that list. Parks and schools bond is very important. One thing I think about is what can we do to encourage turnout. Want people to know how bonds affect them. Education and energy will be 2 things to tackle as a legislature. American Legion has proposed rebuilding the baseball stadium at the Sullivan Sports Arena and to more of an all season entertainment center. Kendall Ford is moving south, so there's an opportunity to activate that area and improve safety in that area.

Allen: Tlf you could share any information you're getting on this project, and share with the council, it would be greatly appreciated.

Meeting adjourned 8:49?pm