

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2024-7:00-9:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting
In Person: Fairview Community Recreation Center

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Attending: Allen Kemplen, Sharon Chamard, Kelly Ittenbach, James Thornton, Denise Janson, Mike & Julie Graham (Central Lutheran Church), Steve Lambert (Central Lutheran Church), Kaleb Cabrera, Mikea Fulton, Rene Kennicott, SJ Klein, Chris & Maria Crawford, Lindsey Hajduk, Joshua Ayo, George Harrison, Janel Walton, Brint Walton, John Stabb, Jim Renkert (3rd Ave Radicals), Merri Lynn Weatherson

Zoom: Cliff Groh, Suzi Alexander, Darrel Hess, Suzi Pearson(Awake), Keelin Baughman, Chris Constant, Loki Tobin

February 8, 2024 Agenda approved without objection
January 11, 2024 Minutes approved without objection

Elected Officials

~Representative Cliff Groh: Energy and Education two big focus issues. Education funding lacking, threatening student education. I am for increasing the BSA \$1300. Concern about gas shortages. Working with legislators to address the problem. PFD at risk. Working to save it from overspending of the reserves. Will introduce legislation that will require more legislature oversight of the PFD corp. Concerned about all the appointees that are Dunleavy's appointees. Introduced HB249 to help veteran families to connect with education opportunities. Still holding "Pancakes with Cliff" at Kavas from 5-7 pm.

~Anchorage Assembly Members Christopher Constant: PEL meeting had great turnout. Ballots are set for election. Muni.org/elections to track your ballot. Attorney sent letter from the "3rd Ave Radicals." Asked for resolution to be introduced re: 3rd and Ingra site. Don't support RV park there. Supports more local venue there. Work session March 29 between 11-3.

Presentations

~Central Lutheran Church: Julie Graham presented shelter proposal for homeless pallet shelters to be placed on their property. Formed nonprofit called "In Our Backyard" - 5 pallet type shelters with 1-2 people in them that target 50 years old, perhaps lost their jobs - no substance abusers. Have certain criteria that will have to be met. Possibly pay a fee. Landscaping will be done. Also looking at a propane bathroom trailer with a holding tank and showers. Looking at placing them in upper lot close to

15th and close to utilities and water. Idea is to get other churches and businesses involved to help this population. Timeline is to have these open by September. People would stay 6-9 months until they get permanent housing. Have to agree to work with case manager and look for permanent housing. Will keep pallet homes to 6 maximum.

SJ: Concerns: on park property line where there has been camping there before. How will you keep those folks out? Offsite impact, security, what happens if someone lapses on drugs? Licensing: permanent vs. transitional shelter licensing?

Julie: Need interim supportive license. Will have security cameras on perimeter of fences, Guardian security drive throughs. Looking at situationally homeless population, so don't anticipate mental health issues they can't take care of and major theft issues. Will have weekly meetings to resolve any issues that come up. No 60 day notice necessary to throw people out.

Sharon: Suggest central gathering area for mental health for folks.

Julie: We have central kitchen area where folks can have social events. Want people to feel connected.

Chris: Bathroom facility: Did you look at incineration?

Julie: Looked at that - Not going to work for them.

Janel: How will folks not be able to access the rooms and rent them out?

Julie: Occupancy agreement for no one to stay the night or will be asked to leave. We and others will be involved a lot to monitor this.

Denise: Even when food was provided, folks still shoplifted food.

Julie: Beans Cafe has been approached. Different church groups can also provide meals for other options. Email: juliegreen.graham@gmail.com.

Allen: Be aware of campers on property west of you. Also, look at Title 21. Could run into issues and land use.

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc)

~Homelessness: at executive board meeting, reps from Sala Medical came to present what they do. Took over from the community service patrol. They offer more medical and health focus.

~Community Gardens: no report

~Merrill Field: no report

~Grant Implementation (U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Grant): Lindsey from Neighborworks Alaska gave presentation about Anchorage Design Week at the Anchorage museum starting February 21.

SJ: Talked about “Wishing Well” in Fairview Rec. Center that partner Karen designed.

Denise: Carrs will have a mural in front of the store to celebrate Fairview. Quotes from the community.

Lindsey: Can submit photos for the mural. Will be more artist opportunities throughout Fairview.

~Public Safety: No report

Standing Reports

~President Allen Kemplen: Note that parks bond has two Fairview items: more rec. center improvements and Chester Creek master plan on 20th ave.

Old Business

~Resolution Regarding Establishment of a Reconnecting Fairview Committee as Permanent Committee of the Council: SJ made motion to accept resolution; Kelly seconded.

SJ thinks Allen should be chair; Allen willing to accept responsibility as long as others don't want to be chair.

Sharon: So far, Allen, Lindsey and I have been working on this. But will need a lot more people to carry out terms of grant.

James: Allen understands the processes; PEL study is huge.

SJ read resolution 2024-01; made amendment to change “unanimous” to “2/3's for vote of the council to remove the Chair”

Rene seconded.

SJ: If there is a conflict, will be easier to change the chair. No objections. Amendment approved.

No objection to approval of resolution.

Lindsey has clipboard for people to sign up.

Senator Loki Tobin:

Negotiating education funding, energy issues. Appreciate 3rd Ave Radicals for keeping up the pressure on the administration. STIP: some discussion that with Washington involved, our application will fail. Education: working on funding issues and ways to keep and attract new educators. Feb 14th will be introducing a red flag bill. Will be at East High this Saturday for the Bettye Davis Health Summit.

Old Business Cont'd:

Allen: Seward to Glenn Alternatives: HDR and DOT talked about alternatives. 60 days to comment.

Sharon introduced resolution 2024-02 (Seward/Glenn linkage). Read resolution.

SJ: Establish committee to put comments together on draft resolution before next months board meeting?

Janel: As residents, we are already commenting. Reason for resolution?

Sharon and Allen: Could be weight is more with resolution and shows the position of leadership of community council. Community council recognized by municipal charter. More of a collective voice that has more influence.

Allen: Interim alternatives is a big deal because they are more easily funded.

New Business:

Jim from 3rd Ave Radicals member here to present resolution 2024-03? recommending securing of 15 acre parcel of property on 3rd Ave. Allen read resolution.

SJ: introduced motion to amend bylaws to change the way resolutions are introduced that says resolutions don't have to be read at meetings to save time. Sharon seconded motion.

James: motion to extend meeting by ten minutes. Kelly seconded.

Rene: Didn't follow bylaws last meeting; SJ's resolution was not read last meeting. Made motion to reconsider resolution 2024-01. George seconded without objections. Rene read resolution 2024-04 (establish homelessness committee) by SJ.

Sharon introduced motion to authorize Darrel Hess to audit books. Rene seconded motion. Motion passed without objection.

~March Elections: SJ: let me know who wants to run for office in March. I'll gather names.

~Grant Opportunities (Anchorage Parks, Trees, AARP): Do we want to go after these grants?

Community Comments/Concerns:

Lindsey: "Paint the Town" event - need nominations for homes to be painted in June.

Loki: 1st meeting of the "fun" committee re: July block party.

Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm.

