

Fairview Council Membership Meeting 06/12/08

The Fairview Community Council General Membership held its regular monthly meeting at the Fairview Community Recreation Center on Thursday, June 12, 2008 7:03 pm.

Guest Presenters

The Agenda was rearranged with guest speakers placed at the beginning of the meeting.

Wadeen Hepworth talked about the proposed rezone of the old Native Hospital site to I-2 designation. She provided a handout with information and a comment sheet for the membership.

***Allen Kemplen** introduced a motion (seconded by Ron Alleva) to oppose the current effort by the Administration to rezone the parcel and Planning and Zoning delay its' hearing on this action until Fairview Community Council hear more from P&Z and the Heritage Land-bank and that these bodies have a chance to hear our concerns on this action. (It was noted that the Director of the Heritage Land-bank was contacted by the President prior to the evenings meeting in order to get someone to come speak to the issue but had not yet heard back from anyone.) The motion passed, 9-1 on a show of hands.

Mark Cupples announced he is starting a fund with \$5,000 of his company's money to sue the city over the rezone if the process fails. He is willing to let the matter run its course first but offered that anyone wishing to contribute to the fund call him at 279-3922.

Katherine Wood from HDR came with an update on the Highway to Highway project and reported on some of the feedback HDR had been getting from local stakeholders. She announced upcoming opportunities for public involvement. She talked about meetings with resource agencies (State, Local and Federal) and the State Historic Preservation office regarding the section 106 process. Anyone wishing more information can visit www.highway2highway.com for a list of contacts and updates.

Michelle Meyer from Alaska for Clean Elections spoke on the proposed ballot measure to introduce a means of public financing for candidates for public office. Regina Manteufel introduced a resolution for the Council to consider resolving to urge the Governor and the Alaska State Legislatures support for Ballot Measure #3 and fully fund the system when it becomes law.

Allen Kemplen gave a brief introduction to the group of the concept known as Form Based Codes, an approach to zoning and community building that could be used in conjunction with the implementation of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan and the Fairview Neighbor community's future revitalization efforts.

Break

President's Report

Fairview Community Recreation Center Renovation feasibility study, Nvision has put in its proposal and has committed to do 50% of the work pro bono. The project will however still need to go through the bid process, but it is moving forward.

The streetscape elements are in the process of being refurbished.

The 13th and Gambell ROW documents are nearly completely signed off on.

The fence at Fairbanks Park is experiencing some delays but is expected to go out to bid sometime soon.

T-shirts with the Fairview logo will soon be ordered and anyone wishing to order jacket need to make their desire known quickly. Darrel can be reached at 258-3714.

Darrel Hess spoke about the recently published Fairview Historic Survey. He points out how the document describes changes in the transportation infrastructure in Fairview, and how these changes have impacted the Fairview Neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report - Harry was absent. No report given. His report from the Council's Executive Board minutes is as follows.

Beg. Balance 4/15/08	\$4270.34
Deposits	0.00
Debits	\$25.75
End Balance 5/14/08	\$4244.59

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Allen Kemplen (second Paul Benson) minutes from May 8th membership meeting, the minutes were approved without objection.

Assembly Report – Mr. Flynn was not present but his report was delivered by the President.

Legislative Report – Rep. Les Gara reported on a number of issues stated his position on the proposed Trans-Canada Pipeline. Ron Alleva disagreed with Les' position. Allen Kemplen agreed with Les' position but raised the issue of implementing 'smart growth' concepts in State sponsored projects across the state. Les took questions from the body and heard other concerns from the group.

Beautification Committee – Claris Syren reported that the diverters have been planted.

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee - Allen Kemplen voiced his concern regarding the ADN recent publication Paul Honeman's remarks about safety in Fairview, Allen suggested that the Public Safety Committee respond. Sharon agreed that she would respond as president to these remarks despite her close association with APD.

The Public Inebriate Workshop publication is in final draft form and will be ready likely by next month. 9th Ave reconstruction will commence next year, along with the other projects in the works we will see good things happening in the neighborhood. The committee meets Sunday 9 am at Café Del Mundo.

Community comments and concerns:

Ron reported a bear sighting downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Paul Benson, secretary.