

Fairview Council Membership Meeting 09/11/08

The Fairview Community Council General Membership held its regular monthly meeting at The Fairview Community Recreation Center Thursday, September 11, 2008. The President called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks of September 11, 2001.

President's Report – Sharon Chamard

A group of citizens and municipal and state employees met with the owner of City Electric to address complaints brought before the council last month. Nearly everyone involved felt the meeting was a success, yielding an agreement that addressed the concerns brought by the community. At the time of this meeting neighbors report that the agreement continues to be honored.

Regarding the issue brought forward by local businesses regarding the absence of a cut through lane in the median running down the 5th Ave. improvement project it appears that the opportunity to address this had already passed and DOT was firm in maintaining the barrier. It is their position that allowing cut through traffic would be too dangerous. They would erect signage to direct traffic to the effected businesses.

All were notified that the Fairbanks Park Block Party was a big success; the event marked not only the completion of the fencing and the effort by local residents to take back the park but also the kick-off of the Park and Recreation Department's program wherein neighborhoods submit report cards grading various aspects of their local parks.

Thanks to the members of the VA transitional housing project and Harry Deuber for helping to keep the diverters clean. Their efforts and those of others in our community, like Dan Loring and Claris Syren, deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Secretary's Report – Paul Benson

The minutes from the August General Membership Meeting were presented to the group. A motion to accept them from Allen Kempen was seconded and passed without discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Chamard for Harry Deuber –

- Beg. Balance July 16 \$4426.02
- Block Party Donations \$1500.00
- Memberships \$ 10.00
- Total Deposits \$1510.00
- Total Debits \$1669.36
- End. Balance August 14 \$4266.66

Sharon reminded everyone that our balance will soon be due on our t-shirt order, if anyone wants one they are \$15 each please notify a Sharon or Paul if you would like one. Ron Alleva has offered to pay half of the bill so a big thanks again to Ron for his generosity.

Assembly Report- Patrick Flynn

Mr. Flynn reported on his activities over the last month activities at the assembly and noted upcoming events. He then took questions from the body. In response to a question from Allen he reported that he will get back to work in pursuit of our TIF proposal.

Anchorage Fire Department

Reported on the ceremony to be held to commemorate 9-11. They reminded everyone that the facility is open to the public so stop on by. October is Fire Prevention Month. Sharon commented that she read the draft of AFD's "Standard of Cover" document and was very impressed by the high quality of fire protection in Anchorage.

Susan Duck –Fur Rondy

Susan reported that Rondy is recovering from their hard times and is doing their best to get out into the community to heal past wounds in some of these relationships. She spoke of Rondy's newest even—the 'Running of the Reindeer'—and its success. Finally she announced the reason she was at the meeting was to seek input on the Rondy's proposal to stage the Grand Prix again this year with the route running along the northern boundary of Fairview. Susan then took questions from members dealing with issues related to pedestrian safety especially around the area of the Brother Francis Shelter. She also discussed with Ron Alleva his displeasure with the Fur Auction. Allen suggested that the Rondy should keep Fairview in mind when scheduling events. Darrel implored everyone to attend.

Darrel Hess and Dave Brossard

Darrel announced the Anchorage Parks and Rec. Dept. initiative to grade 70 of Anchorage's parks in the month of September. Report cards will be issued and residents are to grade their parks so that P&R can prioritize repairs and improvements. There are several events scheduled and residents are encouraged to attend. Dave announced the upcoming get together on Sept. 20 at Fairview Park and Fairview Lions Park.

Allen asked about the progress of the Rec. Center rehab. Darrel talked about Phase 2 of this project including facilities. And the RFPs for the feasibility study are on Jeff Dillon's desk for immediate release.

Committee Reports

Membership (Paul Benson) reported on its meeting time and place.

Public Safety Committee – Sharon Chamard

Sharon talked about the new self-locking shopping carts Carrs/Safeway on Gambell and also how hard the Oaken Keg is working to reduce alcohol sales to inebriates. The third Inebriate workshop is scheduled for Oct. 21st 6:30 – 8:00 at Fairview Elementary School. Anchorage Community Mental Health Services has really stepped up to provide logistical support and as we are getting the credit that we should put up some money for the workshop. Sharon entertained a motion which Allen moved and Regina seconded that the council provides \$200 for the event. There was no opposition to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Revitalization Committee – Allen Kemplen

Allen summarized the projects worked on and ongoing at the committee and talked about the work being done in crafting a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for the Fairview Area. He spoke briefly about what that means and announced that further outreach is scheduled on Nov. 8th from 10am till 4 pm at the Fairview Elementary School. We would be looking at specific strategies at this event so all are encouraged to come help make Fairview a better place to live.

Community Comments and Concerns

Darrel talked about the e-government kiosks being developed within his department. He spoke to the idea that a kiosk here in Fairview if located at the Rec. center acting also as a way for neighborhood kids to check out books. Rec center staff would be given the green light to check library cards and otherwise assist in the execution of this idea.

Regina suggested that the center needs books for older kids.

Ron requested that Johnny, Les, and Patrick collaborate on writing a letter to the Governor about her comment disrespecting the contribution that community activists make in our society.

Darrel showed the group a poster that says welcome to Fairview Community in several languages his hope is to get several of these placed at various points throughout Fairview. He also talked about the hard work done by local residents and local agencies in trying to make the area around Central Lutheran a more difficult place for the public inebriates to hang out and otherwise cause unrest and engender confrontations in the area.

Dee announced the postponement of the AFACT event that was planned to be held at Central Lutheran on the Denali Kid Care program. More details will follow.

Sharon talked about being contacted by HDR for her participation in a Neighborhood Partnership Group. Sharon, Allen and Dan would represent Fairview with the assent of the council. Paul moved and Darrel seconded that Sharon submit those names to the DOT for participation in the group. In a voice vote the motion passed without objection.

In response to a question from the group Sharon noted that HDR had nothing to report so Sharon allowed them the month off and would be expecting them in October.

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Old Business

The Chronic Public Inebriate report was introduced for the second time to the group a motion to accept the document as official council policy was made by Paul B. the motion was seconded. After discussion a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The resolution calling for the inclusion of Land Use impacts in the Purpose and Need Statement of the “Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway Connection Project” Environmental Impact Statement was read for the second time. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Dee and seconded by Paul. After discussion the measure was put to a vote. The measure passed 12 yea, 2 nay, with 1 abstention.

New Business

An “Aircraft Owner’s Letter” was presented to the group. The letter would be sent to the owners of aircraft identified as flying outside the recommended flight path. The idea was discussed with a variety of means by which a letter may be generated (from the Fairview web site, from the field manager, or the council directly, or to make the letters available to individuals) a motion was made by Paul to pursue each option. Dee seconded the motion which then carried without opposition.

A motion to adjourn by Allen was seconded by Dee. Adjournment at 9:07. Minutes submitted by Paul Benson, Secretary.