

Fairview Community Council, Inc. General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
- APPROVED -

November 13, 2008

The Fairview Community Council general membership held its regular monthly meeting at the Fairview Community Recreation Center Thursday, November 13, 2008. The vice president called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was not available, but several distinguished guests were present.

**1 President’s Report - Darrel HESS**

The president was out of town at a conference. The vice president announced a meeting on November 17 for those interested in the Leadership Anchorage Oral History Report. Of particular interest is identifying individuals who should be interviewed for the report. In addition, he informed the council that Richard THOMPSON 360-2893 is seeking families in need for Christmas on behalf of Alaska Airlines for its Christmas Family Fund. A few amendments were suggested to the previous month’s minutes.

**2 Treasurer’s Report - HESS**

Beginning Balance	09/16/08	\$ 2,947.89
Deposits*		\$ 0.00
ACS	09/17/08	\$ ( 19.33 )
AK Best Water	09/22/08	\$ ( 41.25 )
Park Picnic		\$ ( 31.84 )
Ending balance	10/15/08	\$ 2,855.47

\* does not include deposits of \$1381.00 since 10/15/08

### **3 Assembly Report - HESS**

Assembly Member Patrick FLYNN was on vacation. A letter was read to the council on his behalf. The third and final public hearing on budget will be held this week, with voting on the budget taking place on November 15. Not enough budget is available for People Mover expansion. The city will be looking for state funds to provide revenue to expand services. The budget will likely include money for the 9th Avenue reconstruction project; the eastern part has top priority. See FLYNN's blog on a new seasonal position with the municipality for managing nuisance bears; any comments on the issue will be expected by the November 15 public hearing.

#### **3.1 Comments by Allen KEMPLLEN**

KEMPLLEN commented that 9th Avenue will have an illuminated gate east of Ingra street.

#### **3.2 Comments by HESS**

HESS added that he is looking forward to the reconstruction on 9th Avenue.

### **4 John MCPHERSON - Highway to Highway Project**

An executive oversight committee meeting was held. The Federal Transit Administration attended and will be involved. Public meetings were held at the end of October; all materials are available on web site [highway2highway.com](http://highway2highway.com). Comments and input on meeting material will be accepted until the end of the month. Three meetings have been held for public input; about 175 people attended. Input on purpose and needs is still requested. Of particular interest is input on mobility: pedestrians, transit, bike, highway, etc. Housing and Urban Development will be a participating agency.

#### **4.1 Comments by KEMPLLEN**

KEMPLLEN commented that the President elect will create an Office of Urban Policy who will likely have some input into the project.

### **5 Wende WILBER and David KRUSAK - Anchorage Wastewater Utility**

A water main project is planned for this summer. The water main from 20th Avenue to 17th Avenue west of Gambell Street will be replaced this summer. Some residents may experience brief outages and will be notified in advance of the dates of the outages.

## **6 Jocelyn YOUNG - Municipal Curator of Public Art**

A conservator from Denver, Carmen GRIO, has looked at the multipurpose room paintings, which have suffered from some abuse since their purchase in 1983 for \$5000. They have sustained a rip, vandalism from magic markers, staples, adhered particles of food, cracks, and layer of grease. YOUNG estimated their worth at \$100,000, calculating by the cost of one recent sale and the surface area of the paintings (not an appraisal). She has received from GRIO an estimate for repair and protection of about \$40,000. She may have some maintenance funds available.

## **7 Sen. ELLIS, Majority Leader of the Alaskan Senate**

This Senate's priorities will be:

- A public health,
- B public safety,
- C chronic public inebriates,
- D early childhood education,
- E and restoring drug and alcohol treatment programs.

He noted that it will be a difficult year, but the state will try to reduce the operating budget at the governor's direction; the capital budget may be restrictive as well.

## **8 Rep. GARA**

- A He stated that he tends to have same priorities as ELLIS.
- B Some investigation has been made into the slow decline of the price of fuel. The state is examining its options.
- C A foster care summit will be held on November 14 at the legislative information office. Press releases containing specific information were given to the council.

### **8.1 Comments by Claris SYREN**

SYREN commented that high fuel prices are especially problematic for development in rural communities.

## **9 Membership Committee - Paul BENSON**

The membership committee is holding a potluck on Saturday night. Bring food; there will be door prizes.

## **10 Public Safety Committee - HESS**

A meeting will be held on the following Thursday at the Fairview Community Recreation Center at 7:00 PM.

## **11 Revitalization Committee - KEMPLLEN**

KEMPLLEN gave out presentation materials and spoke on two distinct yet related subjects: the Highway to Highway project and form-based zoning, an enhancement to common Cartesian zoning that could allow the municipality to guide the character of urban development in a powerful manner which is aesthetically pleasing. He suggested an elevated walkway across the corridor with restaurants, transforming Gambell Street into a pedestrian area and attracting more local businesses.

## **12 Community Comments and Concerns**

### **12.1 Barbara TAYLOR - Nine Star and Afterschool Programs**

Fairview gives many children to the Nine Star and after school programs. She appreciates greater awareness of her services to Fairview.

### **12.2 KEMPLLEN**

A Stated that there should be parking reform in Fairview.

B Stated that Fairview should be zoned more like Downtown than Midtown as per current practice.

C Suggested that there should be a vertical parking structure along corridor.

### **12.3 Vice President**

The city is planning some reductions in parking requirements. HESS is conducting a parking study at Carrs Gambell; the maximum number of cars present was observed to be approximately 150. Also, HESS will be on the ballot to be treasurer of the local N.A.A.C.P.

## **12.4 Letter from Bill MEINER - Anchorage Land Bank**

MEINER sent the president a letter stating that there will be special winter permits for the old Alaskan Native Medical Center grounds.

## **13 Adjournment**

At the direction of the vice president, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.