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FAIRVIEW CLEAN UP DAY 2005 A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Saturday May 7th dawned bright and sunny, as dedicated Fairview residents, including dozens of students from Fairview Elementary, fanned out through the Neighborhood, cleaning up a long winter's worth of trash and debris!

This year's effort, spearheaded by FVCC Beautification Chair Harry Deuber, continued our Community's tradition of successful Spring Clean Up endeavors! Teams, and individual residents, who met at 9am at the Fairview Recreation Center, managed to fill



the unsightly accumulation of a winter's worth of trash.

Hardworking students from Fairview Elementary filled a MOUNTAIN of bright orange bags with trash! Preliminary results indicated that our students collected more trash than any other elementary school in the Municipality of Anchorage! Thanks to the PTA and Fairview Lions for taking care of the food and beverages at the school for our hard working students!

MANY THANKS to all of you who came out and put in a hard day of work! YOU made a huge

difference in the appearance of OUR Community! Special thanks to our Official Bag Tosser: Lee Ross. If trash bag tossing were an Olympic Event, Lee would be a Gold Medalist! A special thanks also goes out to the teams who



cruised the Neighborhood in pickup trucks, targeting and collecting larger items.

FAIRVIEW ROCKS!



two huge roll away dumpsters with

FLOWER PATROL PLANT SALE BLOSSOMS

The Fairview Flower Patrol's Annual Fundraising Plant Sale, took place on Saturday, May 28th. This annual event raises money to help fund planting of the five Karluk Street diverters, and other public planting beds in Fairview.

The Plant Sale, featuring perennials, annuals, hanging baskets and container plants, was held in the front parking lot of Carrs at 13th & Gambell. Hearty volunteers Harry Deuber, Claris Syren and Ruth Moulton, fueled by an endless stream of coffee and donuts cour-



tesy of Mike Clancy and Carrs Gambell, sold most of the beautiful plants to bargain hungry individuals!

Harry, Claris and Ruth were supported by Council Members Lee

Ross, Sharon Chamard, Benita White and Darrel Hess, who spent most of the day just enjoying the conversation and company, although they did manage to make a few sales!

Senator Johnny Ellis, just returned from a bruising session in Juneau, stopped by to buy some plants and enjoy conversation with his friends and neighbors.

Many thanks to all who volunteered, provided refreshments, or just stopped by to say hi.

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Tentative Agenda Topics

For the June Meeting

- A presentation by Anchorage Animal Control
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Committee & Community Reports
- An update on the 13th & Gambell HSIP Project
- A briefing by Senator Johnny Ellis on the recent session

"Insight, I believe, refers to the depth of understanding that comes that comes by setting experiences, yours and mine, familiar and exotic, new and old, side by side, learning by letting them speak to one another"

Mary Catherine Bateson



REMINDER: THE JUNE 9th FVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF 15th AND CORDOVA.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S MAY MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:05 pm.

Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:

There was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting. Fifteen minutes later, when enough members had arrived, it was moved by Noel Rea and seconded by Lorne Bailey to accept the minutes of the April 2005 General Membership Meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Harry Deuber:

Council account

4/14 Balance Forward: \$3,032.31

Expenses

5/3 New Checks: 126.47

5/4 MOA Adopt-a-Garden: 375.00

Total Expenses: 501.47

Deposits

4/20 Closed Patrol Account: 859.68

5/11 Adopt-a-Garden (Dave Brossard): 75.00

5/12 Adopt-a-Garden (E. Andrews): 250.00

Total Deposits: 1,184.68

5/12 Balance: \$3,715.32

Patrol account

3/31 Balance Forward: \$968.35

Expenses

Bank Fees: 3.36

Alaska Best Water: 63.00

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A.C.S.: 19.31

Total Expenses: 108.67

4/20 Balance Forward: \$859.68

4/20 Close Account (funds deposited to Council account): (859.68)

4/20 Balance Forward: \$0

Assembly Report, Allan Tesche:

The Capital Budget for 2006 is being put together. The Assembly asks for input from Community Councils; lists submitted from these councils are reviewed and prioritized by the municipality's administration. The Fairview Council should work closely with the administration on this matter.

The issue of pesticide spraying and what form of notice professional sprayers should have to give to neighbors is in front of the Assembly

again. Although an ordinance was passed last year, some operators have approached the new Assembly requesting that the ordinance be rolled back.

The idea of community policing seems to be back in vogue. The St. Anthony's group has taken a big role in this, and in meetings with the public and politicians, obtained commitments from the Mayor and the Police Chief to implement community policing. The Fairview Public Safety Committee should make contact with this group.

President's Report, Darrel Hess:

The June meetings are being relocated because the Rec. Center will be closed. The Board Meeting on June 2nd will be at the new Brother Francis Shelter, and the General Membership Meeting on June 9th will be at Central Lutheran Church at 15th and Cordova. Also on June 9th are barbecues at Central Lutheran Church and the Gateway Learning Center; each runs from 5-7 pm.

The Board is soliciting nominations for the Citizenship and Beautification Community Awards.

People who want to participate in a community phone tree should sign the sign-up sheet. This phone tree would allow us to organize the community quickly to contact members of the Assembly if an issue important to Fairview is being addressed.

Several members of the Board and General Membership took a tour of the new Brother Francis Shelter. During this tour, hosted by Dewayne Harris, we discussed ways of minimizing the negative impacts some shelter clients have on the Fairview neighborhood. Ideas included posting signs in the shelter reminding people to be "good neighbors," and someone from the Community Council attending the All-Shelter meetings to discuss the issue with shelter clients and encourage good behavior on their part. The Public Safety Committee will explore this further.

Darrel went on a tour of a homeless camp in the general area of Brother Francis Shelter. Ed O'Neill, of Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association (ARBRA), organized the tour. Mr. O'Neill is also supportive of the idea of a large legal camp for the homeless, possibly at the location of the old Native Hospital. Such a camp could have serious negative impacts on the community, so our input is essential.

Daretha Tolbert has agreed to coordinate a Fairview Oral History Project. This project will likely involve interviewing people who have

lived in Fairview a long time, along with the gathering of written material and photographs.

The Fairview Job Fair and Family Fun Night will be Friday, May 13th, at the Rec. Center.

Clean-Up Day was a big success; thanks especially are due to Harry Deuber. Apparently, Fairview Elementary is ranked #1 of all Anchorage elementary schools for the number of bags of garbage collected. The Fairview PTA and Fairview Lions also helped a lot, as did some people from Brother Francis Shelter.

Regarding the 13th and Gambell Highway Safety Improvement Project, the plan has not yet been completed, and there will be no construction in 2005. Steve Noble from DOWL Engineers will attend the June General Membership Meeting.

Mayor's Diversity Week is Sept. 25th – Oct. 1st. Carrs Safeway will be hosting a barbecue at the Carrs Gambell location on Sept. 25th. A community mural will be painted on one of the external walls of the store, and then dedicated on that day. Also, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing and the Fairview Community Council will present a Neighborhood Learning Circle on Diversity Awareness sometime during the week.

Greg and Lenora Niesen, the owners of Frontier Business Systems on 15th and Ingra, just won an award for Small Business Persons of the Year. Darrel plans to write them a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Community Council.

Because of his involvement as a Board member with Anchorage Neighborhood Housing, Darrel will be attending classes on Community Building at the NeighborWorks Training Institute in June in Boston.

The Fairview PTA elections were held recently. Congratulations to Council members Dan Loring, the new President, and Daretha Tolbert, the new Vice President.

Justina Meyer and Sharon Chamard recently wrote a letter to the editor of the Anchorage Daily News responding to another letter written by a man in Wasilla pushing for the immediate construction of a freeway through Fairview.

Guests and Presentations:

Lisa Mills, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services (ANHS):

A Neighborhood Leadership Circle on "Conflict Resolution," was held on Wednesday, April 27th. The workshop was very successful. A series of Neighborhood Leadership Circles is planned; there will be more in the fall. One on

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diversity awareness will happen during the Mayor's Diversity Week, and there will be another on public speaking skills.

A Landlord Resource Workshop was recently held in Mountain View, and will be offered in Fairview in the fall. ANHS is seeking applications for Neighborhood Improvement Block Projects. NeighborWorks Week this year (June 6-10) is focused on an area around Merrill Crossing and Fairview Lions Park. There will be a community barbecue at Merrill Crossing on June 10th from 5-7 pm.

Mayfield Evans and Henry McKnuckles, American Legion – *Liquor license for new post in Fairview:*

American Legion Post #24, currently located on the Old Seward Highway, wants to move to 916 Ingra Street, at the south end of the strip mall directly south of the Post Office. They would like the support of the Fairview Community Council regarding their request for a private function/membership club liquor license. Mr. Evans gave a brief presentation on the history of the American Legion and the Chappy James Post. Members asked about operating hours, the number of customers in a typical night, security procedures, and the Post's involvement in service activities. It was moved by Vince Stevens and seconded by Noel Rea that the Council send a letter of support to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for moving the Legion Post to Fairview. Discussion followed; both Ron Alleva and Dave Syren voiced their opposition to the motion, because they did not want to see another liquor license in Fairview. Regina Manteufel asked if the Post would be willing to give a quarterly report detailing involvement in service activities in Fairview; Messrs. McKnuckles and Evans agreed to this and said someone from the Post would also regularly attend the General Membership Meetings as well. The motion passed with a vote of 11-3.

Shenee' Williams and Diane Johnson, *Shiloh Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO):*

This was an update on these two organizations. Boards of Directors for both have been formed; the CHDO board members from Fairview are Tameisha Roblez and George Heironymus. Funds from the municipality have been used by the CHDO to purchase a fourplex from the Shiloh Baptist Church, and as start-up operating assistance. The funds will be used also for training the board of directors and staff. The organization will receive five years of funding

assistance from the municipality. Questions and comments from the membership followed, with some people expressing concern that this enterprise will bring more low-income people into Fairview, and rehab market-rate housing and turn it into low-income housing. The presenters responded that they would not be putting in new low-income housing because it already exists in Fairview. Their purpose is to help people get out of low-income rental housing.

Sharon Chamard, *Fairview Quality of Life Issues*

This was a report on a meeting members of the Public Safety Committee had recently with John McConaughy, a Municipal Prosecutor in Anchorage. The meeting focused on the capacity of the Municipal Prosecutor's Office to handle the sorts of disorder issues that are common in Fairview. The 13th and Gambell intersection was discussed in this report as well. Members made a number of suggestions to improve the social disorder problem there, including changing the space and installing flower boxes with sprinklers on timers.

Committee and Other Reports:

Beautification, Harry Deuber:

Clean-up Day went well. Thanks to those who participated. The Flower Patrol sale will be on May 28th in the Gambell Street parking lot at Carrs. Diverter planting will be on Wednesday, June 1st. We need about ten people to help out. All the diverters have been adopted. The Flower Patrol is responsible for the nice landscaping in front of Frontier Business Systems on 15th and Ingra.

Education, Dale Myhill:

The Fairview Job Fair and Family Fun Night will be Friday, May 13th, at the Rec. Center. Elgin Jones will be cooking chicken and pasta.

There will be a community barbecue and pony rides from 5-7 pm on June 9th at Gateway Learning Center on 9th Ave. At 1 pm on June 10th at Central Lutheran Church, there will be a graduation ceremony for students from the GED and CIT programs. Planning for the Education Summit is continuing. Dan Loring is trying to get tutoring at Fairview Elementary using outside tutors, under the provisions of No Child Left Behind. The next committee meeting will be the 4th Tuesday of May at the Gateway Learning Center at 6 pm.

Neighborhood Plan, Allen Kemplen:

This committee meets every second Saturday at 9 am at Café del Mundo on Benson. Cur-

rently we are working on the zoning overlay concept and writing up the results of the Neighborhood Plan Workshop.

Public Safety, Sharon Chamard:

The Community Patrol has been having much success recently dealing with landlords who rent to troublesome tenants. During the Clean-up, Harry and Sharon spoke with a man to ask his permission to remove a small homeless camp in the rear of his property on the alleyway. The man denied this permission, saying that if one lives in Fairview, one ought to expect to share the neighborhood with the homeless. The committee is looking into various ways to compel this individual to remove the homeless camp.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Ron Alleva – he is not satisfied with the constitution of the Mayor's Homeless Oversight Committee, and is also concerned that Beans Café went to Seattle to investigate the idea of homeless camps.

This comment led to a larger discussion about the idea of a large homeless camp. Allen Kemplen noted that Ron was correct in his observation that the problem seems to be getting worse, and that this is likely due to recent cuts in federal funding to programs that might prevent homelessness. He further stressed that we must be careful, as a Council, not to provide support to the concept of a homeless camp. Darrel pointed out that not everyone agrees with the idea. Dewayne Harris, of Brother Francis Shelter, does not support it; it is mostly Ed O'Neill and some people from Beans who are pushing the idea. Dave Syren commented that he had attended the tour of the new Brother Francis Shelter and thought it was a nice place. However, he was struck by a comment made by Dewayne Harris, that when the clients leave the shelter, he and his staff can't control them anymore. We need to keep educating these people on the standards of our community so they can fit in better. Darrel suggested sending representatives to the all-shelter meetings to let them know what the Fairview community standards are. Allen said that we have talked before about these facilities that dump these people into our community. There is an analogy to early industrialists and the "pollution of the commons." How do we bring the costs these people inflict on the community back to these facilities?

It was moved by Allen Kemplen and seconded by Noel Rea to adjourn the meeting. Accordingly, it was adjourned at 9:07 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard.

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR MEETS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Assistant Municipal Attorney John McConnaughy III was the invited guest at the Fairview Community Council's Public Safety Committee meeting in April. During the meeting, members of the committee voiced their concerns about public drinking and intoxication, panhandling, prostitution, and drug sale and drug houses. Mr. McConnaughy explained that the role of the Municipal Attorney's Office is to prosecute misdemeanor offenses, such as drunk driving and domestic violence.

Some of the disorderly behaviors that are such big problems in Fairview, such as public intoxication, loitering, and vagrancy, are not prosecuted because the cases would be thrown out of court on constitutional grounds. However,

there are municipal ordinances against being drunk on a public roadway, drinking in public, and begging. These are handled as infractions, and can be handled much as traffic tickets are—as minor offenses—or as civil infractions in front of the Municipal Hearing Officer.

With respect to prostitution, Mr. McConnaughy pointed out that making these cases involves much more than just observing women dressed in a particular way, standing in a certain place, or waving at passing drivers. An ordinance enacted back in the 1970s prohibiting "Loitering for the Purposes of Prostitution" cannot be enforced because it is unconstitutional. A successful prosecution of a prostitute generally requires an investigation conducted

by the Anchorage Police Department's Special Assignments Unit. The Municipal Attorney's Office does not handle drug cases because these are prosecuted under state and federal law.

Mr. McConnaughy stressed that decisions about which cases to handle are made based on the seriousness of the offense, not where the offense occurred, and stated the commitment of the Municipal Attorney to prosecute cases from Fairview. He also said he would contact APD and pass on the community's concerns about prostitution and drug activity, and our desire that there be more investigation of these offenses.

Submitted by Sharon Chamard

NEWSPAPER & ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE IN FAIRVIEW

ALPAR (Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling), in cooperation with Smurfit Stone Recycling, has opened a new 24 hour drop off site for recycling both Aluminum Cans and Newspapers at the CARRS Store at 13th & Gambell. The drop bins are located in the parking lot at the corner of Fairbanks and 13th Ave.

Now, all CARRS/SAFEWAY stores in Anchorage have drop off sites for recycling Aluminum Cans and Newspapers.

These two materials are the most valuable recyclables and as such, allows ALPAR to maintain the drop site at no cost to residents. **Other recyclables cannot be dropped at this loca-**

tion. ALPAR appreciates the community's help in keeping this recycling site clean and litter free. Please alert folks that materials other than aluminum cans and newspapers CANNOT be left at this site. For more information on all Anchorage drop-off locations for recyclables, checkout www.alparalaska.com

ANHS TO FACILITATE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CIRCLE DURING MAYOR'S DIVERSITY WEEK

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services and the Fairview Community Council will be holding a community workshop as part of Mayor's Diversity Week 2005.

Services. During the two and a half hour session, participants will have the opportunity to explore the concept of diversity and engage in hands on activities and lively discussion with their neighbors.

6-8:30pm at the Fairview Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue.

"Understanding Diversity" is a Neighborhood Leadership Circles workshop, facilitated by Anchorage Neighborhood Housing

The Understanding Diversity NLC will be held Thursday, September 29, 2005, from

Those interested in attending should contact Lisa Mills, at ANHS: 677-8435 or lmills@akanhs.org. **Free and open to the public, light dinner and workbook included.**

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