

Fairview Community Council  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2007  
Fairview Recreation Center

Meeting started at 7:05 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Darrel Hess (President), Sharon Chamard (Vice President), Harry Deuber (Treasurer), Paul Benson (At-Large), Allen Kemplen (At-Large), Noel Rea (At-Large)

**Other Persons Present:** Maria Rangel, Claris Syren

Darrel Hess said there are some concerns in the community about the potential location of Pacific Environmental Corporation's (PENCO) hazardous waste management facility at Ingra Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (920 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.). There will be a public pre-application meeting on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm at Hawthorn Suites. At the next Council general membership meeting, representatives from PENCO will give a presentation. Allen Kemplen suggested inviting Pamela Miller from Alaska Community Action on Toxics and someone from the Alaska Center for the Environment.

There was discussion about the ranking of items on the capital projects needs ranking survey that must be submitted shortly to the muni. The rankings of projects in the different categories were agreed upon as follows:

**Parks and Recreation:** 1) Fairview Community Recreation Center reconstruction, 2) Fairbanks Park safety improvements, 3) Fairview Lions Park, 4) Sitka Park, 5) Fairview Park, 6) Eastchester Park, and 7) Earl and Muriel King Park.

**Project Management and Engineering:** 1) 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Terrace area circulation improvements; 2) Highway-to-Highway EIS (municipal components); 3) Fairview Area pedestrian and streetscape improvements; 4) Cordova St. reconstruction 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.; 5) Pedestrian/bicycle grid plan; 6) 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. pedestrian safety, landscaping, and traffic calming – C St. to Fairview Elementary; 7) Fairview area alley paving; 8) Fairbanks St. surface rehab – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.; 9) 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. surface rehab – P St. to Ingra St.; 10) 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. pedestrian-activated light at A St.; 11) 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. surface rehab – C St. to Gambell St.; and 12) 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. pedestrian overpass.

**State Roadways:** 1) 13<sup>th</sup> Ave./Gambell St. channelization (HSIP), enhancements, pedestrian safety; 2) Highway-to-Highway connection – Bragaw St. to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, EIS phase; and 3) Gambell St./Ingra St. corridor enhancements and pavement rehab.

Following the resignation of Justina Meyer, there is currently a vacancy on the board for secretary. There was some discussion of potential candidates.

Comments:

**Noel Rea**

the Fairview Community Council should take a more active role in bringing the state and municipality together regarding the Highway-to-Highway connection.

the Executive Board should write a letter to the state agency that deals with Faith-Based groups to express our concern over church groups that distribute food at 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell.

**Maria Rangel**

she suspects there are drug dealers living in her apartment building.

her daughter is getting married on July 28. She gave out invitations to people at the meeting.

**Paul Benson**

he gave an update on the planning for a community council radio show. A meeting was scheduled with delegates from the Federation of Community Councils; the meeting was cancelled. Julie Jessel from the Government Hill Community Council expressed some interest, but otherwise there hasn't been much response from other Federation members.

However, the feedback from delegates when Paul made a presentation at their meeting was generally positive.

**Allen Kemplen**

the landscaping plan for the 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. reconstruction project is coming before the Urban Design Commission for approval next Friday. Should the Council submit comments supporting Alternative #3? There was agreement that this should be done. what is the status of the landscaping plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. project? Darrel Hess said he had not heard anything, and will follow up.

what is going on with the 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell project? Darrel Hess said the project is currently involved in right-of-way acquisition negotiations with V.F. Grace.

there has been discussion at the Municipal Airport Advisory Commission about noise from Merrill Field aircraft. Several board members commented on the issue. They said the big issue is aircraft diverting from their flight paths. Someone suggested that it would be a good idea for the Council to encourage Merrill Field air traffic controllers to provide more specific instructions to pilots. Another person suggested that the Council send a letter to the Municipal Airport Advisory Commission expressing concern about planes not following the designated flight paths over Fairview neighborhoods, and cc the FAA on this correspondence. It was also suggested that videos be made of planes outside their flight pattern. Finally, a member said one approach would be to require all planes with tie-downs at Merrill Field to have their numbers clearly visible on the underneath of the planes.

the part of Title 21 concerning Community Corrections Residential Centers is being addressed now. How should the Council comment? Darrel Hess said that new CCRCs can't be put in Fairview because we are part of the "downtown" area, which in the ordinance cannot have any new centers. The Council should say that we want the prohibition of locating new CCRCs in the downtown area to be continued.

### Harry Deuber

at the Federation of Community Councils meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Dennis Allen talked about gang graffiti. Carol Comeau commented on the recent arsons in school grounds. There was a report on the NUSA conference in Louisiana that some FCC delegates attended.

### Treasurer's Report:

<b>Beginning Balance 5/14/07</b>		<b>\$9,354.18</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		
5/29/07	Plant Sale	\$890.50
5/29/07	Bill Webb (Block Party)	\$300.00
5/29/07	V. Barber/S. Baggot (C. Benson library)	\$100.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$1,290.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
5/16/07	#1102 Anchorage Park Foundation	\$5,000.00
5/30/07	#1103 ACS – Patrol hotline	\$19.67
6/04/07	#1104 Harry Deuber – Plants	\$127.07
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$5,148.74</b>
<b>6/14/07 Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$5,497.94</b>

### Sharon Chamard

there will not be a Public Safety Committee meeting in July.  
 recently she, Lee Ross, and Darrel Hess met with Allan Tesche regarding his idea of a wholesale tax on alcoholic beverages. Proceeds from the tax would go to enforcement and treatment.  
 she and Darrel Hess met with Joelle Hall regarding the combined Fairview Block Party and Mayor's Picnic on August 4 in Fairview Lions Park. Allen Kemplen suggested sending out a council-wide flyer to advertise the event.

### Darrel Hess

we can order some more t-shirts with the Fairview logo. The minimum run is 72. If we order more, the per unit cost will be less than \$6.50. We could sell the shirts for \$10.00. There was discussion, and no opposition to the use of special council funds for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Vice President