

Fairview Community Council
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2007
Fairview Recreation Center

Meeting started at 7:04 pm.

Board Members Present: Darrel Hess (President), Sharon Chamard (Vice President), Dee Kennedy (Secretary), Harry Deuber (Treasurer), Paul Benson (At-Large), Allen Kemplen (At-Large), Lee Ross (At-Large), Benita White (At-Large)

Other Persons Present: Jacques Boutet, Kenneth Brewster, Dan Loring, Jeff Makinda, Regina Manteufel, Maria Rangel, Eirin Strickland

Jacques Boutet and Jeff Makinda gave presentations on the status of two projects—refurbishment of Fairview streetscape elements and 13th and Gambell.

Refurbishment of streetscape elements

There is \$250,000 in bond money to spend on some sort of road project in Fairview. The Board, acting on the recommendation of the Neighborhood Plan Committee, previously decided to focus on the refurbishment of the numerous streetscape elements in Fairview. Jacques Boutet's team identified the five diverters at 10th and Juneau, 12th and Juneau, 14th and Juneau, 11th and LaTouche, and 10th and Medfra as needing various degrees of refurbishment. Also identified were 176 bollards that could receive plastic sleeves. Doing this work would leave about \$40,000 left. There are two options: ask People Mover if they have a Fairview project that could be done for this money, or do more painting, perhaps along Ingra Street. Sharon Chamard asked why the proposal did not include anything more specific about refurbishing the high-visibility elements along Ingra Street. Jacques said refurbishing those fencing elements would cost about \$300,000. Allen Kemplen suggested referring the matter to the Neighborhood Plan Committee to prioritize, and asked the project team to provide more specific breakdowns on the costs for refurbishing different elements (beyond those included in the proposal). Jacques said he would do this, and added that the Fairview signature color scheme (green and fireweed) could be changed at this point if we want to do so.

13th and Gambell

Jacques Boutet reported that the project is struggling with the federal process for right-of-way acquisition, but that this process has to be observed. Currently, they are trying to get appraisals done the property that may be taken for the project. He expects that offers will be sent out to property owners by January, and if these friendly offers are accepted, most of the work on the project will be able to be done in Summer 2008. Also, the 13th and Gambell project is tied to a project at 68th and Lake Otis, and to date, the state Department of Transportation has not made any moves on that project.

Committee Reorganization

It was moved by Sharon Chamard and seconded by Paul Benson to rename the Neighborhood Plan Committee the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, to turn the committee from ad hoc to standing status, and dissolve the Zoning Committee and have its functions carried out by the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee. Following a very short discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

Darrel Hess proposed that the Education Committee be given 60 days to get itself up and going again. Dan Loring said that the process of the Neighborhood Plan was slow, with many starts and stops. The Education Committee has been waiting for the Neighborhood Plan to be done. It has always been the intention of the Education Committee to have public hearings, meetings, and so forth regarding the Education Plan, as soon as the Neighborhood Plan is done. At that point, the Education Plan would be written and incorporated into the Neighborhood Plan. Dan added that things are happening at Fairview Elementary, such as the recent rapid removal of some graffiti. He said he doesn't think there is a need to reorganize the committee.

Darrel Hess proposed that there be guidelines and expectations for all committees: regular meetings, regular

reports to the Executive Board and General Membership, a committee chair, and maintenance of membership and attendance rosters. There was some discussion. How many times a year should committees be expected to meet? How should reports be given? Consensus was reached that oral reports are fine, and written reports are optional. It was also suggested that committees should have mission statements.

It was moved by Sharon Chamard and seconded by Lee Ross that committees should be required to meet at least quarterly and make at least quarterly reports to the membership, and that chairs should provide membership rosters quarterly. The motion passed with no opposition.

Fairview Community Council t-shirts and jackets

Darrel Hess said we can buy t-shirts with the 10,000 stitch council logo for about \$6.50 each. We have to order at least 72. We could sell the t-shirts at functions for a small profit as a fundraiser. Harry Deuber said this expenditure should be decided by the membership.

Diversity Holiday Reception

This will be held December 14th from 5:30-8:00 pm at the Fairview Community Recreation Center. Celeste Hodge is looking for volunteers to help out.

Annual FVCC Holiday Party

This will be held immediately following an abridged General Membership Meeting next Thursday, December 13th. The Council will provide sandwiches and beverages, and people should bring something like a salad or a dessert.

3rd Meeting on Chronic Public Inebriates

Allen Kemplen reported that the FVCC hosted a second meeting on this issue at Fairview Elementary in October. The Neighborhood Plan Committee put together a summary document which is posted on the FVCC website. The plan now is to host a third and final workshop and invite people from the Prosecutor's Office and other parts of the justice system. The goal is to come up with an active policy agenda for the municipality and the state. We want to move the discussion forward into concrete recommendations for policy makers. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 19th.

Eirin Strickland spoke briefly about his film "Ice Crystals." It is about methamphetamine use in the Valley and is currently showing at the Anchorage Film Festival. Regina Manteufel asked if the Council would help promote the film by arranging for a free room at the Fairview Community Recreation Center, putting together a discussion panel, and helping to advertise the showing. She and Mr. Strickland wanted this showing to happen before Christmas to capitalize on the current publicity about the film. There was some discussion about what exactly the Council was being asked to do, and if this was something the Council should be doing. Dee Kennedy said Central Lutheran Church has a screen in a large seating area that will accommodate about 300 people. Darrel Hess said he would contact the pastor there and put her in touch with Mr. Strickland.

Fairview-wide mailing/report

There have been discussions in the Neighborhood Plan Committee about sending out an 11'x14' sheet to all residents in Fairview to advise them of details on upcoming projects, Council committees, and the upcoming 3rd public meeting on the chronic public inebriates. Committee chairs should send information to Allen Kemplen before January 1st. Allen said this matter should be referred to the General Membership for approval of the expense.

Bikes and bike-building teams for Martin Luther King Day

Parks and Recreation needs teams to help kids assemble bikes from 1-4 pm on January 21st at the Spenard Recreation Center. Training will be provided.

Anchorage Memorial Park bell tower fundraising

Darrel Hess was asked by Ernie Hall if the FVCC would be able to work with the group raising money for the bell tower by allowing them to use our non-profit status. They would set up a separate bank account. Allen Kemplen and Harry Deuber both said there would have to be a full accounting to the Council of any funds raised. There was no

opposition to this idea.

Board member and guest comments

Dee Kennedy – 1) The alcohol tax will not be on the ballot in April. 2) Central Lutheran is looking for ways to raise money for kids during the Farmers’ Market. Some ideas include a car wash or selling coffee. They are also looking for sponsors, such as Junior Achievement.

Allen Kempen – 1) Things are moving ahead with the 9th Ave project. Project Management and Engineering has submitted an application for site plan review. The graphics show changes from L Street to LaTouche, including widening of sidewalks, putting in trees, and moving to three lanes and a median. In places there will be decorative fencing and bollards. The project will be done in two stages, with the downtown part done in 2008, and the Fairview part in 2009. 2) The plan for the 16th Avenue Terrace project came before the Urban Design Commission a few weeks ago. Allen tried to put conditions on it regarding parking, but was unsuccessful. It has been approved and will be put out to bid in February or March. The project will probably happen in 2008. There was discussion about parking, and specifically that the neighborhood’s views on this matter, as expressed in a letter to Project Management and Engineering, have not been taken into account. 3) Allen asked Harry Deuber about the Merrill Field hangars, and if he recalled from their meetings with Merrill Field and the hangar builders if there was any discussion about where people were supposed to park their planes? Was it on the west side of the hangars? Harry said he did not recall anything saying people could park their planes on that side, and thought that only motor vehicles would be permitted to park there. Lee Ross, who was also at those meetings, agreed with that recollection.

Harry Deuber – Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance – Oct. 16, 2007		\$5,645.62
<u>Debits</u>		
11/09/07Ck# 1120	Alaska’s Best Water	\$32.50
11/07/07Ck# 1121	Cash-Fairview Elementary	
	Charles Benson Library Fund	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Debits		\$282.50
<u>Deposits</u>		
		\$0.00
Ending Balance – Nov. 15, 2007		\$5,363.12

Dan Loring – The Highway-to-Highway project office plan has been passed on to Facilities Management from Right-of-Way. The plan will be sent out to bid; it probably won’t be ready for the consultant to move into the building until April. Dan suggested that the Council contact Bob Wright to get the name of the person at Facilities Management and invite them to a meeting.

Sharon Chamard – 1) Sharon and Lee Ross have had several meetings with people at the State’s Faith-Based Initiatives office regarding the problem of food distribution at 13th and Gambell. The group was able to convince all but one of the people handing out the food to relocate to the Bean’s Café area. The holdout (Ms. Toni) and the pastor at the Native Assembly church were talked to by people from the Faith-Based Initiatives office, the municipality’s Department of Health and Human Services, and the Anchorage Police Department. Ms. Toni was given a license to hand out food on the property of the Native Assembly church, provided the food was prepared in the church’s kitchen. She was also advised by APD that further attempts to distribute food on the private property at 13th and Gambell would result in her being cited and possibly arrested for trespassing. 2) Sharon will be assisting APD with evaluation of the problem-oriented policing intervention that is going on in the general area of 13th and Gambell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Vice President