

Fairview Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2007

In attendance: Darrel Hess, Sharon Chamard, Lee Ross, Justina Meyer, Paul Benson, Harry Deuber, Benita White, Allen Kemplen, Maria Carter, Tanya Hickok, Taughnee Stone, Amy Moore, Jim Amundsen, Anne Brooks, Ken Chapman, Claris Syren, Dale Myhill, Shaun Pfeiffer, Cheri Herrington

Darrel explained why we invited Anne and Jim concerning the 5th Avenue project. (Glenn Hwy- Gambell to Airport Heights). J.A. explained that this is a leg of the Highway to Highway project. The frontage road along Merrill Field will go away. The last of the right of ways have been purchased. Curb line will change on the south side. Pedestrian walkway is on the south side. DH asked them about working with FVCC & MVCC on the landscaping. Landscape architects will be on board in mid to end of May. Total budget is \$10 million including the landscaping. One eighth of the project budget is landscaping/appearance. The project will be done mostly at night. Two lanes will remain open during the rush hour. Anne will be the liaison between DOT and local businesses. Design will be done by August 1st and the contract awarded by the end of September. Expect construction to start around May 2008. We will have a workshop during the June Executive Board meeting. PB suggested Ann pass out business cards for the FVCC.

Dale Myhill introduced Maria Carter, who is taking his place at Nine Star, as he is moving the Washington at the end of June. They announced that the Gateway Picnic is June 1st from noon to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Day of Caring to accommodate "shifts" of workers.

Two new residents introduced themselves (Taughnee and Amy). They are looking to be active in the community. We had many suggestions.

Alaska Sales met with the Neighborhood Plan Committee to discuss impacts on the neighborhood from the proposed vacation of Medfra Street between 5th & 8th Avenues. They submitted a proposal letter. They've asked for support concerning major changes they are planning. AK wants the body to be aware that there will be negative impacts for other businesses due to the vacate. SC mentioned that she hasn't been impressed by the auto dealers in our neighborhood but Alaska Sales has impressed her by getting involved. AK introduced a motion to support supporting the plans submitted by Alaska Sales and Service. It passed unopposed, 8-0. Public hearing on the vacation request is June 6th.

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9 pm – Secretary Justina Meyers left, minutes taken from this point on by Vice President Sharon Chamard

Paul Benson

He is looking for ideas for a radio show on KUDO 1080. Said show will focus on community councils.

Allen Kemplen

He is working on the final details of the Neighborhood Plan. Also, the municipal Pedestrian Plan is being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. It recommends a special study of a Fairview bike and pedestrian grid. The Fairview Neighborhood Plan calls for certain north-south and east-west corridors to be developed as bike/pedestrian corridors.

The Downtown Plan is out for public comment. The Plan has really embraced Winter City concepts. There is a lot going on in the urban center to enhance the quality of life in Anchorage.

The Municipal Airport Aviation Advisory Commission discussed the issue of planes flying low over the Fairview neighborhood. Merrill Tower said a lot depends on the directions given by them to pilots when they take off. If these directions are loose, some pilots will turn when they get enough altitude, even though they are supposed to go to Gambell Street before turning. The Tower said they will issue an advisory to controllers to give more specific directions. Also, noise complaints are tracked, so people should call in their complaints to Merrill Tower.

Allen reported that he has formally filed as a candidate for the Downtown Assembly seat; Allan Tesche will be termed out in 2008.

We need to start thinking about what we will do to Gambell and Ingra Streets after the Fairview Parkway is built.

Darrel Hess

He and Harry Deuber met with Jeff Dillon and Susanne Fleek recently for a walk through of the parks in anticipation of the United Way Day of Caring. The planned community garden in Fairview Lions Park will be moved because of drainage issues. Also, it is possible that the volleyball court could be flooded in the winter to make a children's skating rink.

The \$250,000 programmed for the third year of the road bond package was pulled out; the result is a \$50,000 budgetary shortfall for the 13th and Gambell project. This may mean we won't be able to do the extras there, though there should still be enough to do all the Day of Caring items.

The agenda for next week's General Membership Meeting will include a vote on the resolution concerning naming Town Square Park after Ruth Moulton, a short presentation by Sharon Chamard on "Paint the Town," and a report by Allen Kemplen on the Medfra Street vacation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.