

Fairview Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2007

In attendance: Darrel Hess, Sharon Chamard, Lee Ross, Justina Meyer, Paul Benson, Harry Deuber, Benita White, Allen Kemplen, Sgt. Denny Allen

Sgt. Allen came to the meeting with an explanation of the number of police calls initiated at the corner of 13th & Gambell, reported to the press by the Mayor's office as being over 500 in one year. He explained that when a police officer does a Field Interview or F.I., the dispatch will log the call based on the closest crossroads. This area includes Consumer Web and Carrs-Gambell. They are not only responding to calls from citizens but are also doing "pro-active policing" such as questioning loiterers or inebriates, etc. Of the over 500 postings, only 64 generated actual reports. The FVCC is working on a signature project at that corner and hope that the improvements will help to alleviate problems in the parking lot of VF Grace.

DH is thinking of inviting Spenard, Downtown and Mt View Community Councils to request a meeting with the press about unfairly identifying our neighborhoods specifically when reporting negative stories, but everywhere else in the city is reported as "South Anchorage" or "West Anchorage." When positive stories happen in our neighborhoods, they don't report them at all, such as Central Lutheran Church's pilot program for day care. They started offering free after school day care when the only other program available to children at Denali Elementary costs over \$100 per month. Sgt Allen offered that he attends Central Lutheran Church as does our Assemblyman, Allen Tesche.

Also noted before Sgt Allen left was that illegal activity has decreased noticeably since fencing was put around the office building at 13th & Gambell. DH also noted that since Carrs-Gambell put mouthwash behind the photo counter, sales stayed the same but they've had to order less, implying that much of that product was being stolen. APD will be talking with Fred Meyer on No. Lights about doing the same noting that the woods are filled with empty mouthwash bottles.

Claris Syren is traveling but has asked the EB to send a card to Martha Plummer, who is ill.

Allen Kemplen would like to make sure the City and State are sensitive to our concerns about pedestrian traffic along 5th Avenue. They are eliminating the frontage road along Merrill Field to widen 5th Avenue to 3 lanes each side. Many families live in the interim housing at Safe Harbor and various hotel/motels on the north side. They walk along that route and have to cross the highway to reach the nearest grocery store, which is Safeway in the Northway Mall. There are only 3 crosswalks at Sitka St, Reeve Blvd and Mt View Drive.

Harry Deuber suggested that the FVCC not participate in Clean-Up Day on May 1st. The cost of the trash bins are no longer free since Solid Waste went under new management. In past years they've ended up picking up couches and mattresses, usually from the same apartment complexes. And they have the same volunteers every year. A suggestion was made to provide garbage bags to the neighborhood and a call will be made to Solid Waste about picking up excess bags from alleyways.

With the success of the Road Bonds, our neighborhood will be busy with improvements. Sixteenth Avenue will be done next summer. 13th & Gambell project starts this summer. The Day of Caring is the summer.

The Capitol Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) should be coming out soon, We should stay ahead and plan our response. The Pedestrian Plan is in the Public Comment period. It is a priority of the FVCC. The Neighborhood Plan needs to be wrapped up. The Neighborhood Plan Committee will be working on their segments over the week-end.

Justina Meyer has verbally submitted to the EB a notice to resign as delegate to the Federation of Community Councils effective in June when the new Executive Board is voted in. Harry Deuber has voiced interest in the position. An alternate will be discussed at the General Meeting.