

Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates
Business Meeting
January 28, 2005
Synopsis of minutes

Chair Merten Bangemann-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6.05pm.

Delegates Present

Abbott Loop – Al Tamagni, Basher – Matt Moore, Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule, Birchwood – Nanette Belk, Campbell Park – Sandy Traini, Chugiak – Merten Bangemann-Johnson, Downtown – Kim MacBeath, Eagle River – Deborah Luper, Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman, Glen Alps – Cecelia Hildago, Girdwood – Ron Burson, Huffman/O'Malley – Tim Stevens, Mid-Hillside – John Weddleton, Mountain View – Kep Pierce, North Star – Harriet Drummond, Northeast – Dean Syta, Old Seward/Oceanview – Kate Weidemaier, Rabbit Creek – Diane Holmes, Rogers Park – Robert Williams, Russian Jack – Ed Leach, Scenic Foothills – Janice Johnstone, South Addition – Patrick Flynn, Spenard – Robert Auth, Tudor Area - Diane Etter, Turnagain – Doreen Schenkenberger, University Area – Don Hadley.

Delegates Not Present

Airport Heights, Bear Valley, Eagle River, Government Hill, Hillside East, Fairview, Eklutna Valley, Hillside East, Midtown, Portage Valley, Sand Lake, South Fork, Taku/Campbell, Turnagain Arm,

A quorum had not been reached at this time, so the Chair moved on to reports and new business.

Reports

Assembly: Janice Shamberg talked about the two major issues that come out of the recent Assembly meeting 1) The finances of the Federation of Community Councils and 2) The Community Council Bylaws. Janice stated that Chair Traini would be speaking to these issues at tonight's meeting. There will be an Assembly work-session on Friday January 21, 2005 from 11-1pm and the Executive Board of the FCC is invited to attend. The first public hearing regarding these issues will be on March 1, 2005

New Business

MOA Legislative Priorities 2005: Jim Lamson from Capital Improvement Management stated the MOA would like feedback from the FCC, and talked about the three ways to make this easier:

- 1) The Spring Legislative Program
- 2) The Bonds
- 3) The Survey for Community Council priorities

The MOA is creating a one-sheet fits all prioritization ABC's of Capital Planning that would include: a) State Grant Requests b) Preliminary Road Bond Projects and c) an Alphabetical Project List. Jim passed out a sample sheet that had been made up for Taku-Campbell Community Council. Projects can also be added to this sheet that are not listed.

New Civic and Convention Center: Bruce Bustamante presented on behalf of the Anchorage Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Bruce stated that polling indicates that 70% of voters believe that Anchorage needs a larger Convention Center one day (this survey was conducted by Dave Dittman). Bruce would like to conduct presentations at each of the Community Council meetings, please e-mail Bruce at www.anchorageconventioncenter.com if you would like a presentation. The completion date for the center is 2008 The building is to be located between the Conoco Phillips and the Attwood buildings, it will be 93,000 square feet in size, with 50,000 feet of

exhibit space. There will be two covered connecting walkway's between the new center and the Egan Center. A new parking garage will be built adjacent to the new center (the City is due to roll out a new parking plan in the next two weeks for Downtown Anchorage). Cost for the new project is \$93M including operating costs, which will be covered by an increase in the Hotel/Motel bed tax from 8% to 12% (12% is just under the National average) with no increase in property taxes required, this proposal will be voted on in the April 2005 ballot. The Egan Center is being used to near capacity (80%) and ACVB is booking out to 2007 through 2010. Large groups are being turned away because a major component of conventions are a trade show/exhibit hall, which the Egan Center is not able to accommodate due to space restrictions. 2004 was the best convention year in Anchorage history. The new Civic and Convention Center will mean better facilities for local events and more jobs.

At this time a quorum had been reached.

Seating of New Delegates: Al Tamagni moved to seat new delegate's Shelly Dodson – Tudor and Ron Berson - Girdwood. Tom Freeman seconded the motion. Delegates were seated.

Approval of December 2004 minutes: Sandi Traini made a motion to approve, Patrick Flynn seconded. The minutes were approved with one correction, and two additions; the delegate roll call needs to accurately reflect delegates present and the minutes need to state that a quorum was achieved later in the meeting, plus the November minutes were also approved.

Old Business

MOA Ordinance Chair Traini stated the new ordinance covering Community Councils would be introduced on March 1st, following public testimony. Dick Traini suggests the FCC form a committee to work on this (meetings can be held in Assembly Chambers). The Charter speaks to Community Council funding but does not address FCC funding. Some Assembly members would like to see the funding distributed directly to the Community Councils. Discussion followed regarding Council Takeover's and outsourcing. Chair Traini stated the bond package is coming up; it is mainly road bonds, with no school bonds or park bonds. Anchorage Assembly approved the Community Development Legislative Package at last night's meeting

Reports

Mayor's Office Teri Albrecht said the business list for each Community Council area is now complete. There will be a training session held at the Loussac Library for Community Councils and interested citizens on February 8, at 7.00pm, Dianne DiSanto will be conducting a session about how to lobby to get Parks and Recreation, and Road issues resolved. Please contact Teri at 907-343 4497

APD Cindy Stanton introduced herself as the newly appointed Community Council Liaison for the APD. Her task is to attend Community Council meetings and deal with any issues. Cindy is also available to give a quick briefing at meetings. Her contact details are: Phone 907-786 2688 or email: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us Hours of operation are Friday-Thursday from noon-10pm.

School Board no report available at this time.

Old Business

Liability Insurance update - the FCC Center was recently notified that Community Councils were required to have Liability Insurance coverage in order to conduct meetings at ASD School

locations. The FCC now has Liability Insurance that covers all Community Councils under an umbrella policy.

Web Page update – the Foraker Group has quoted \$2500 for a major overhaul of the FCC existing web site. We now have the largest web site in Anchorage; our files are very large and need updating. They have also quoted around \$5500 to build a completely new site that will contain a content management system.

New Business

Personnel Plus Offer – Steve Levi’s contract was extended through 1/31/05 in lieu of bonus, and Steve has offered to stay on a month-to-month basis until we can hire a new administrative person. We received 50 applicants in response to our advertisement for an administrative assistant, and have narrowed the list down to 4, 2 of which have been interview, with none accepting the position, due to employment instability or insufficient salary/benefits package. At this time we need to start the search over again.

Diane Etter made a motion to delay the FCC officer elections until February, no one seconded the motion and discussion followed on election timings, officer election and tenure. Patrick Flynn and Sandy Traini the elections nominating committee requested to pass out ballots while the discussion continued. Ballots were passed out.

2005 Election of Executive Board Members - Patrick Flynn moved to announce the results of the elections ballot. Bob Williams seconded the motion. Merten asked if this was the will of the body and the motion passed unanimously, results of the ballot was read as follows:

President – Merten Bangemann-Johnson
Vice-President – Kim MacBeath
Secretary – Niki Burrows
Treasurer – Cecelia Hidalgo

Diane Etter made a motion to increase the hourly rate for the FCC Administrative person and Sandy Traini seconded the motion. Motion was subsequently withdrawn, as this is a decision for the Executive Board.

Sandy Traini moved to adjourn the meeting and let the Executive Board report back next month. Ainslie Phillips seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8.35pm.