

Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes April 20, 2005

The Chair, Merten Bangeman-Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Attendance: Al Tamagni, Abbott Loop; Bob Laule, Bayshore/Klatt; Nanette Belk, Birchwood; Sandy Traini, Campbell park; Merten Bangeman-Johnson, Chugiak; Charlie Horsman, Eagle River; Tom Freeman, Eagle River Valley; Justina Meyer, Fairview; Ron Burson, Girdwood; Cecilia Hidalgo, Glen Alps; Tim Stevens, Huffman/O'Malley; Kep Pierce, Mountain View; Harriet Drummond, North Star; Dianne Holmes, Rabbit Creek; Robert Williams, Rogers Park; Ed Leach, Russian Jack; Robert Hayes, Sand Lake; Janice Johnstone, Scenic Foothills; Robert Auth, Spenard; Ronald Jordan, Taku Campbell; Diane Etter, Tudor; Cathy Gleason, Turnagain; Don Hadley, University Area; Niki Burrows, Secretary; Teri Albrecht, Mayor's Office; Janice Shamberg, Assembly; Jeff Friedman, ASD; Sgt. Cindi Stanton, APD.

Agenda: Dianne Holmes asked if we could have Council Sharing up front, but there was too much on the agenda; Al Tamagni added Elections to the Agenda. The amended Agenda was approved.

Minutes: Corrections: page 2, The Web Site Committee is putting together a bid - not Ron Burson from Girdwood.

Sandy Traini moved that we dissolve the Bylaws Committee, not the Nominating Committee. The paragraph beginning "Don Hadley wanted to know" was struck entirely. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Assembly Report - Janice Shamberg: The new Community Councils Ordinance has passed. Dues will be limited to \$15 and required meetings reduced to 2 a year to accommodate those who do not need to meet every month. It is time to look at the CIP. They are developing a new form. First quarter amendments to the budget require using savings to balance to the end of the year.

Mayor's Office - Michael Johnson, Community Development Specialist: CIP lists were sent out the 5th of April and are available online. Call Bruce Holmes at 343-4479, if you have questions. The Mayor met with 6 Community Councils on the Hillside to give members of his staff a chance to meet Council members, to answer questions and give reports on department activities. The Mayor encourages other areas of town to band together for similar meetings. Sandy Traini stated that Mayor Fink used to meet with the Council Presidents on a quarterly basis. Cecilia Hidalgo pointed out that at these group meetings Mayor Begich brought department heads who could answer questions or look into issues. A straw poll resulted in everyone agreeing that this approach would be helpful. Diane Holmes wants us to have more information about the CIP - why/who to call etc. (Call Bruce Holmes.) Chip seal - the Municipality is working on a better public notice program and the technical issues - looking at smaller rocks that would stick better and compact better. To not chip seal would dramatically change the cost of maintaining our streets. Michael Johnson, 343-7112.

Anchorage School District, Jeff Friedman: Students have made it through the national tests. They are expecting the arbitrators to come up with a good contract for the teachers. His contact number is 742-6699.

Anchorage Police Department, Officer Cindi Stanton: Sgt. Stanton asked Councils to email her if you are going to suspend your meetings for the summer (cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us). She is trying to set certain times for meetings when she has several to attend on one night. If you have issues you need for her to research, please email her or call 786-2668.

New Business - Cheryl Frasca, State OMB: The Governor is asking for support to use the Amerada Hess settlement earnings to pay for self-supporting bonds to fund state priorities. The settlement was put into the Permanent Fund, but the earnings were specifically excluded from the dividend calculations. There is now a balance of \$424 million (\$194 million in principal deposited to date plus \$230 million earned in interest.) He proposes to use these funds to pay for \$340 million in bonds. Dianne Holmes asked that they calculate the maintenance costs on the proposed new projects.

L RTP - Lance Wilbur, Traffic Department Director: The city is beginning to make decisions on the type of transportation system we will have, and early involvement by the public is key. The public has its greatest influence on transportation projects years before implementation, whether it's construction or purchasing a street sweeper. The initial questions that need to be answered are: "What problems are we trying to solve -- mobility, access, safety, pedestrian, rush hour congestion, livability, connectivity, pollution, or something else?" "How should we address this problem -- with a road, trail, bridge, or other means?" Get involved now (later is too late) years of effort and resources will have been put forth to review any alternatives and other options. They predict there will be 488,000 people in the Anchorage Bowl by 2025.

If we don't do the highway-to-highway connection, we will have to pave more lanes to accommodate the traffic. He asked us to think of the region as a whole - how are your kids going to get around? The Knik Arm Bridge is not currently in the plan. We cannot build our way out of the problem. The best answers are on the back of the insert in the newspaper. They will start writing the plan May 25th and have a draft plan ready by mid June. Public comment will be taken throughout the process.

Community Councils Web Site - Ron Burson: The Web site is functional. Ed Leach is posting Minutes as they are sent in. If your Council has a Web site, links can be set up from this Web site.

Treasurer's Report - Cecilia Hidalgo: We currently have \$23,675.22 in the bank. The first installment of \$27,000 from the Municipality has been received and deposited, but not recorded yet on the computer.

Office Space - Merten Bangeman-Johnson, Chair: The office will be moving to the Success By Six building on Commercial Drive and Mountain View Drive. There are several advantages to moving at this time. The current landlord is increasing our rent 2% and will include common areas - hallways and stairs, an additional 75 square feet - in our square footage for rent of \$1095.60/mo. (\$1.32/sf). In addition, he will write into our contract an escape clause, but it will have an undetermined effect on the rent. The new landlord - United Way - has written such a clause. There are 1263 square feet in the new location at \$.91/sf for \$1149.33/mo. We gain 508 sf of usable space for only \$53.73/mo. and an opt out clause, more parking, a conference room, kitchen and nearby elevator. This way the Municipal money will go around twice - to us and to the United Way. We will have an opportunity to partner with another non-profit - there are four non-profits in the space now. The move is slated for May 20 and 21.

Bylaws: Sandy Traini moved to postpone the discussion until next month. It was seconded and passed. Al Tamagni requested that the May meeting be a business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.