

Federation of Community Councils

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2005

The Chair, Merten Bangemann-Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Attendance: Al Tamagni, Abbott Loop; Nanette Belk, Birchwood; Sandy Traini, Campbell Park; Merten Bangemann-Johnson, Chugiak; Kim MacBeath, Downtown, Charlie Horsman, Eagle River; Tom Freeman, Eagle River Valley; Justina Meyer, Fairview; Robert Atkinson, Government Hill Stu Hall, Government Hill; Cecilia Hidalgo, Glen Alps; Tim Stevens, Huffman/O'Malley; John Weddleton, Mid-Hillside; Kep Pierce, Mountain View; Harriet Drummond, North Star; Bob Roses, Northeast; Dianne Holmes, Rabbit Creek; Robert Williams, Rogers Park; Ed Leach, Russian Jack; Janice Johnstone, Scenic Foothills; Lee Walker, Scenic Foothills; Diane Etter, Tudor; Don Hadley, University Area; Niki Burrows, Secretary; Teri Albrecht, Mayor's Office; Jeff Friedman, ASD; Sgt. Cindi Stanton, APD; Deborah Bauer, Community Councils Center.

Assembly: Janice Shamberg was unable to attend.

Mayor's Office: Teri Albrecht handed out information on chip sealing streets. The idea that we are the only city doing it was put rest when Teri reported that even California does it. Other cities find it as economical as we do - it prolongs the life of our streets by several years. She also had a handout for the Budget Meetings Scheduled for Public Comment and the Anchorage First Lady Military & Family Support Initiative on Saturday, May 21st. Diane Etter asked about the buses to the Sullivan for Armed Forces Day stating that the only ones scheduled are from the Peanut Farm for their patrons. Several members said they thought the free busses from other parking lots had been taken over by private entities because of the concern over free busing to the polls for voting.

Anchorage School District: Jeff Friedman said there were lots of empty school buses with drivers looking for extra work. He asked the Community councils to ask them to come to their meetings if they have any questions about the school district. He was asked why the schools still had vending machines that dispensed sugar and fat. It was pointed out that these machines help pay for extracurricular activities and sports programs. The School Board is working on getting healthier snacks into the machines, but they have to do as the kids and parents wish. He had advocated for healthy snacks when he ran for the Board, and been thoroughly booed. However, he is seeing a move toward that position now - a mere three years later. The budget is \$10 million short, and they are looking at giving pink slips to many teachers at the end of the school year unless the State Legislature and the Governor put money into their budget before then. The school year calendar will change for the 2007 school year - beginning earlier in August and ending earlier in May. He hopes the spring sports programs will be adjusted so those students will get in full seasons - perhaps part of their season in the Fall before snow falls.

Anchorage Police Department: Sgt. Cindi Stanton is trying to get to all of our meetings and asks for our help by letting her know which ones are not holding meetings this summer. Please include her email and phone number in your newsletters so your members can reach her with any problems between meetings (cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us and 786-2668). They are still looking for people to help with Trail Watch - you only have to use your cell phone if you see a problem and call for help - don't try to intervene. She plans to be riding her bicycle on the trails some this summer - she hopes to see you there.

Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2005 were approved as written.

Chair Bangemann-Johnson then asked for a vote of confidence for the current Executive Committee to continue to serve you. Harriett Drummond moved, seconded by Dianne Holmes, for a vote of confidence. Bob Williams' request for a secret ballot was accepted as a friendly amendment. Paper was passed out, and the members were asked to vote yes or no. Teri Albrecht and Cindi Stanton counted the ballots. The count was 4 No, 15 Yes and 1 Abstention.

At this time, the Chair had to leave and turned the meeting over to the Vice Chair, Kim McBeath.

Moving: Ed Leach asked for help with moving the office from the Fireweed location to the Commercial Drive location. He figured it would take about 4 hours as they hoped to have most everything ready to just load it and deliver it to the new office on Saturday the 21st.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws: The Delegates then proceeded to go through the Articles of Incorporation making the recommended changes plus a couple of others before moving on to the Bylaws. Each one was addressed article by article, and the changes were approved - most of them by unanimous vote. One or two had only one objection.

The meeting was adjourned by 8:30 PM.