

Federation of Community Councils

Meeting Minutes

15 June 2005

The meeting was called to order without a quorum.

Attendance: Sandi Traini, Campbell Park; Kim MacBeath, Downtown; Charlie Horsman, Eagle River; Justina Meyer, Fairview; Tim Stevens, Huffman-O'Malley; Kep Pierce, Mountain View; Harriet Drummond, North Star; John Floyd, Northeast; Bob Williams, Rogers Park; Ed Leach, Russian Jack; Teri Albrecht, Mayor's Office; Janice Shamberg, Assembly; Sgt. Cindi Stanton, APD; Deborah Bauer, Community Councils Center.

Committee of the Whole: Bob Williams moved and Harriet Drummond seconded that we conduct the meeting as a Committee of the Whole. The motion passed.

Meeting Minutes: Bob then moved and Kep Pierce seconded that the Minutes of May 20, 2005, be accepted by the Committee of the Whole with the caveat that the final approval of the Minutes and the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation be made at the August meeting. Motion approved.

Assembly: Janice Shamberg reported on upcoming issues for the Assembly work session and meeting: Assisted Living for 5 to 9 persons; the \$1.5 million Bus stop at the Museum; District Neighborhood Plans; Ethics rules; and Bicycle Helmet Ordinance. There will be a Gang Institute on the 24th.

Mayor's Office: Teri Albrecht from the Mayor's office presented a press release regarding legislative funds affecting Anchorage and FAQ's for the Capital Improvements Plan process. She explained that projects are added to the CIP by several means and work their way up the priority list. If we have questions about the process for items for our specific Community Council, please call Jim Lamson in Public Works at 313-8120 or Bruce Holmes in OMB at 343-4479.

Anchorage Police Department: Sgt. Cindi Stanton told us that APD is forming a Gang Task Force by using the Robbery and Assault Dept. personnel to address the issue. Most of the recent shootings were gang related - mostly over girlfriends. She asked that we discourage people from giving money to the homeless who beg on corners and in parking lots. They make LOTS of money. The Homelessness Task Force is looking for solutions to the homeless problem - it is much bigger than just picking them up and putting them in jail overnight - that just gives them a warm dry place to sleep. There are about 200 drunk homeless, and there are 500 - 600 families without housing in transitional housing facilities. She asked that we put her email and contact phone information in all of our newsletters.

UAA Justice Center: Robert Langworthy, a professor at UAA, invited us to a presentation of the Anchorage Community Survey 2005 to be given by him and others on June 22 at the University. The focus was on Community Council areas to give a better picture of the issues facing any particular Community Council.

Municipal Boards and Commissions: Michael Johnson reminded us that there are 480 volunteers serving on 50 Boards and Commissions appointed by the Mayor. They serve staggered three-year terms, which end on February 14 every year, so one-third are reappointed or replaced each year. Municipal government functions the best when citizens get involved.

Community Councils Center: Debbie Bauer, the Community Councils Office manager, handed out maps to our new office in Mountain View. We hope to be meeting there as soon as we can get the meeting room schedule coordinated. We are now moved into our bright new space.

Debbie then handed thank you gifts to Kep, Ed and Charlie Horsman for their efforts in moving the office from Midtown to Mountain View.

Ed Leach, Office Assistant, reported for the Web Site Committee that there is a new front page on the Web site, and that they hope to have a completely new Web site by September.

Niki Burrows reported that Cecilia Hidalgo, Treasurer, said she and Debbie are still working on the budget figures for 2006.

Old Business: There was not a quorum to approve the changes made to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation at the May meeting.

Council Sharing: Niki reported that the Municipality is preparing to sell the Heritage Land Bank parcel between Clark Middle School and McDonalds to PO'B Montgomery, a Texas developer, for a "Lifestyle" Mall. She expects this to have a big impact on the Mountain View Arts and Cultural District, which is in its infancy.

Sandi Traini asked the members to spread the word that if anyone sees anything illegal happening at the Call of the Wild to please call the police. This business is still a major thorn in the neighborhood's side, and they need more people reporting incidents.

Justina Meyer of Fairview, said 400 graduates of Nine Star had received their GED at a ceremony at the Fairview Recreation Center.

The next meeting will be in August. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.