

**Federation of Community Councils
Manager's Report
May 14, 2009**

Office:

We moved into the new location at 1057 West Fireweed Lane about a year ago and have been co-sharing offices with some fine folks at Big Brothers, Big Sisters. We hope in the next few weeks to sign a new lease (for three years) on a slightly smaller office space in the same building. We would substantially be in the same location on the first floor, but our own office space would be walled off from our neighbors and the interior partition (pony) walls would be removed, leaving an approximately 12 by 30 feet space with four large windows facing the parking lot. We would have our own locked door. Construction could start in early June. With the decrease in square footage, the monthly rent should drop (or stay about the same if we roll in some small interior renovation costs.) I'm really excited!

Computer Purchases:

We have decided to delay purchase of the new office computers until after the office construction is completed this summer – no reason to have sheetrock dust in the new machines! The good news is that computers are continuing to be improved while continuing to come down in cost. We are planning to buy a server, an external hard drive (as back up to the server), a new desktop PC and monitor, a laptop PC (with a docking station, monitor and keyboard) and a projector for powerpoint presentations at FCC meetings.

Capital Project Priorities lists

Each of the community councils was emailed a link to their capital projects priorities work sheet on March 31, 2009. We are assisting Jim Lamson of Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) with these work sheets to ensure that each community council is able to get their priorities sheet into PM&E by June 1st. Please complete your priorities list and give them to Jim as soon as possible.

Community Patrol grant status:

There is still a lot of community patrol grant funds awaiting expenditure. Come on and spend that money community patrols! You know who you are.

State Grants administered:

All grant reports are up to date.

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference:

Our committee that will be leading the effort to organize the 2011 NUSA conference in Anchorage has met and will meet again in June. FCC representatives Jason Bergerson, Berni Bradley, Sheli Dodson and Mark Butler

are heading down to Spokane, Washington next week to attend the 2009 NUSA conference in order to learn more about organizing the conference.

I'll take lots of pictures that will document what a NUSA conference is and I will create a powerpoint presentation of the September FCC meeting.

Mark Butler

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