

Federation of Community Councils
DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dick Tremaine, Chair with guests and delegates in attendance.

Roll Call

Members in attendance:

Airport Heights	Jon Spring
Bayshore Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Laurie Holland
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Paul Benson
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University	Susan Klein

Quorum was established.

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler, FCC Manager
Carol Comeau, ASD
Patrick Higgins, ASD
Marie Laule, ASD
Pita Benz, Housing Taskforce
Teresa Meyers, Housing Taskforce
Maria Taguajento, Housing Taskforce

Agenda

Presented for approval. Accepted with an amendment from Tom Freeman to add a discussion regarding timing of issuing of meeting minutes.

Guest Speakers

Mayors Office. Not represented.

Sheila Selkregg, Assembly woman.

ASD Superintendent Carol Comeau, School Board member Pat Higgins, ASD Budget Director Marie Laule

ASD discussed the FY 2010-2011 budget that was submitted to the School Board on Tuesday. ASD depends on the Legislature to continue funding PERS & TRS. Encourage the Legislature to place into statute increased base student allocation and forward funding of education. ASD balanced budget is due to the Assembly the first Monday in March with Assembly approval by the end of March. The final funding isn't confirmed until the Governor approves funding by the end June. Last year's budget was at the tax cap. Recognizing the desire of the Mayor/Assembly to be under the Tax cap, the ASD's budget for FY 2010-2011 is based on flat funding of local property taxes plus any expenditures previously expensed by the Municipality. Examples of this would be 50 percent of the School Resource Officers with the other 50 percent in the Municipality's budget and the amount of the reduction for the discontinued discounted fare bus passes for students. The School Board will have two public hearings on the budget on Jan 28th and Feb 4th at 5:00 pm at the Education Center on Northern Lights. Please encourage you CC members to weigh in on the ASD budget.

Additionally: The Muni and ASD are investigating co-locating their respective IT centers as potential cost savings. School meal prices will remain unchanged from the current year. There will be No School Bonds on the April ballot. There will be \$49.5MM of debt retirement this year; however, there will be \$20M of bonds sold that were previously approved by the voters. Student enrollment is expected to continue to increase. Pat Higgins is trying to get the funding for Career and Technical Education to be separated from the funding formula as the Federal mandated programs must be funded first and are consuming the majority of the funding. Community and Economic Development Committee will be holding presentations on the various forms of taxes other communities use to reduce the tax burden on the property owner. Time and dates to be announced later.

Anchorage Assembly Housing and Neighbor Task Force

The general theme of the presentation was that Anchorage's working classes is having difficulty finding quality affordable housing (work force housing) and are moving to the Valley. According to HUD, this is an indicator of a city in decline. The committee objective is to raise awareness of this to the community and develop a plan of action to identify bottle necks to development, permitting process, public transportation availability, tax incentivizes etc. They are looking for inputs on possible solution as well as to the effectiveness of their presentation. The feedback from the FCC members was that they felt the presentation implied high density housing which is not necessarily its intent. The task force members were grateful for the feedback and welcome more.

Old Business

NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA) Conference in Anchorage in 2011

We need to send about 10 people to NUSA conference in Little Rock May 26-29, 2010 in order to prepare for running the 2011 conference. We need to start fund-raising efforts with a goal of about \$300,000.

Proposed logos' for the 2011 NUSA conference in Anchorage were reviewed. The design approval deadline is 1/22/10.

A motion proposed by Susan Klein to select the format of the neighbor, city, mountain and float plane backdrop be approved. After a discussion on some minor modification to include wording Alaska, NUSA, 2011, and an allowance for the designer to use his discretions on incorporation of a moose in the design lettering, the motion was seconded by Tom Freeman. The motion was called by Bonnie Harris. The motion approved with one no vote cast.

Thanks to North Star Community Council president Matt Johnson for his work creating the NUSA 2011 logo graphics!

A NUSA 2011 sub-committee was created to work on the hotel and venue contracts. Volunteers were Jason Bergerson, Pat Butler, Christine Monette, Mark Butler and Andrea Schmidt of the ACVB.

A sub-committee for fund-raising was created. Volunteers were Jason Bergerson, Paul Benson, Laurie Holland, Kep Pierce, Susan Klein, Bernie Bradley and Mark Butler.

Thanks to all the volunteers for a great start. Please promote the need for volunteers at your local CC meetings. Many will be needed. A list will be developed identifying the areas where volunteers are needed.

New Business

Quick publishing of FCC meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Tom Freeman requiring the meeting minutes of the FCC to be published no later than two weeks from the meeting date. The Motion was seconded & called by Bob Reupke. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Treasurer Bernie Bradley was AWOV (Absent While On Vacation!!!) Copies of the DRAFT financial statements for 2009 were distributed. Small adjustments are scheduled to be made in the near future and final statements will be distributed to all FCC delegates.

Manager's Report

Using Constant Contact software for emailing newsletters and alerts from the Community Council Center. Many more people are starting to sign up on the FCC website at www.communitycouncils.org for newsletters and alerts.

We hope to have a Facebook website for the Community Council Center in the near future. Fairview CC has led the way with their "group" and sees the opportunity to use it as an effective tool at getting information to residents. Almost all younger people use it as a communication tool.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Tom Freeman to adjourn meeting was made and seconded by Bob Laule. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Laule.