

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Fairview Recreation Center on January 14, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at 7:07 pm.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Note: Comments sheets were made available for community members wishing to provide additional comment on the RurAL CAP issue.

Note: A hat for donations from the Fairview community (autonomous from the Council) for Officer Jason Allen and his family was circulated. Additionally, a Get Well card was available for community members to sign to express their condolences.

Guest Presentations

- **Representative Les Gara:** Spoke briefly regarding the upcoming legislative session. Specifically Gara addressed the divergent views regarding whether to roll back existing oil taxes following a change in 2007. Gara also addressed his initiatives on the state level to support foster care youth. Gara noted his e-newsletter that is available and welcomed those interested to contact his office.
- **Jeff Jessee, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority:** Provided a presentation about the “Housing First” initiative supported by The Trust.
 - The Trust supports housing because their beneficiaries are at higher risk of becoming homeless.
 - A variety of funding streams and support services provide resources for the homeless
 - Roughly 40% of the homeless in Alaska may be Trust beneficiaries.
 - In August of 2009, Mayor Dan Sullivan released his strategy on addressing the homelessness issue.
 - There was a significant number of deaths among the homeless population in 2009, also, this population consumes a disproportionately high level of resources
 - Elements presented as necessary to end homelessness are the accessibility, affordability, and appropriateness of housing.
 - Other examples of the Housing First approach around the United States have resulted in successfully meeting the needs of the homeless via a “harm reduction” approach vs. a “mandated abstinence” approach
- **Kenny Scollan, RurAL CAP:** Presented information on RurAL CAP’s program statistics. RurAL CAP’s services have resulted in significantly decreased calls to Community Service Patrol for RurAL CAP tenants. RurAL CAP tenants. Program elements for the proposed Karluk Manor would include tenant monitoring along with numerous regulations for tenants. Tenants will pay rent and be encouraged to participate in community activities among other things. For more information contact:

Jeff Jessee or Nancy Burke at The Trust, (907) 269-7960 or www.mhtrust.org.

or

Melinda Freemon or Kenneth Scollan at RurAL CAP, (907) 279-7535 or kscollan@ruralcap.com

Comment was taken for well over an hour concerning the proposed Red Roof Inn / Karluk Manor project. Those giving testimony formed two queues and were provided three minutes to speak openly about the project. No distinction was made between those speaking in support of or in opposition of the project with respect to format and time allowed. A timekeeper alerted individuals as to their remaining time and assisted the President in keeping order during the testimony.

There was a sense of the room that an additional meeting should be held to discuss the issues of the Red Roof Inn. This meeting will be scheduled to take place in the coming months and advertised by Council leadership.

A reminder was issued that all qualified members should renew their membership and pay their dues for the 2010 membership year in order to be able to vote in Council business in subsequent months.

Fairview Community Council Resolution No [001] - 2010 “A Resolution Opposing the Establishment of a Multi-Unit Complex for Chronic Inebriates in the Northern Section of Fairview and Recommending a More Holistic Approach to Implementing the Housing First Initiative” was introduced by Allen Kemplen.

The Resolution was referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Neighborhood Plan Committee for discussion and revision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm