

**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010
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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:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Bayshore Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Peter Hamlett
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Paul Benson
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Matt Johnson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Jerrienne Lowther
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Tudor	Sheli Dodson
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason

Quorum was established.

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler, FCC Manager
Patrick Higgins, ASD
Tim Kosednar, Disc Golf Advocate
Priscilla Hanmar

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Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Minutes and agenda had been previously made available to all delegates. A motion to approve the minutes and

agenda was made by Al Tamagni with a 2nd by Jason Bergerson. No objections were made and motion carried forward.

There was no one in attendance representing either the Mayor's Office or the Assembly.

Jeff Friedman spoke on behalf of the Anchorage School Board. The ASB has a meeting with the Assembly mid-March about the FY 2010-2011 budget that was submitted to them. The School Board will field questions on the budget from the Assembly in preparation for Assembly approval in June.

In addition, there will be ASB members in Juneau to meet with the legislature about their needs and intentions for school board funds. A delegate questioned what the student population is anticipated to be next year. The ASB projects an increase of approximately 300 students.

Jacques Boutet from Anchorage Tomorrow provided information on Anchorage Tomorrow's support of the upcoming bond propositions on the ballot. He states that it is a small bond package this year, but that the city anticipates a larger bond package and funding request next year. He states that the Mayor has asked his staff to make a strong punch in Juneau for more grants. PM & E is working towards a consensus transportation proposal that is a 5-6 year comprehensive road program with a "couple hundred" road projects- everything from small neighborhood roads to large highway projects.

The city has asked for approximately \$720 million in road funding for state grants. Anchorage Tomorrow is endorsing 2 bond propositions and 1 land swap. The first bond is approximately \$37.1 million for roads. The second is a public transportation bond. It is a Capital equipment bond to replace and upgrade some of the existing fleet. The bond is under one million dollars and comes with matching government funds. The government funds match is anywhere from \$4-9.00 per \$1.00 of city funds. A delegate questions what the transit bond would provide and asked if it would increase bus service or routes. The group was advised that the bond won't add bus service or extend any routes. The funds are strictly for maintenance and replacement of existing equipment that has outlived its useful life.

The land swap Anchorage Tomorrow endorses encompasses area in the Spenard Community Council area and is wholly endorsed by the council. It is designed to alleviate safety concerns which impact a long-established residential neighborhood which has a school, park and recreation center located in close proximity to a long-established transportation company. The traffic generated by the transportation firm has been a long-standing concern to neighbors and residents in the area. The land swap will allow a soccer field to be developed and would ease the traffic conflict between the commercial traffic and the School age children in the Northwood area of Spenard. The swap will provide for a separate access to the area for the commercial traffic to avoid conflict between the Boy & Girls Club Traffic, as well as residential traffic in the area.

Mr. Boutet noted that the O & M is one of the lowest in recent history for the current bond propositions. He also relayed that the Mayor has asked his staff to pursue State grants to support the 5 year Road Program. This Census Transportation Program is a joint request between the Governors Office, DOT and the Mayors Office. The request will be for \$120MM with the expectation of receiving \$50MM.

There is a Debt Retirement Service Report soon to be released the expectation that it will show a net reduction of bond debt for city.

It is anticipated that in 4-2011 that additional bonding will be requested for deferred maintenance, Parks and Recreation Dept, and new school bonds.

Tim Kosednar, from a local Frisbee golf organization, briefly stood up to advise delegates that he was there to see if any delegates would be interested in a presentation about establishing disc golf baskets in any of the park or woodland areas in their council areas. He said he would make himself available after the meeting for discussion. There is typically no cost to the CC as it is privately funded.

Reports:

Berni Bradley extended her regrets for missing the meeting, but had provided a written report of the financial standing of the FCC which Mark Butler made available.

Mark Butler provided a written report for the status of Community Councils Center and gave an update on Constant Contact. Each council was provided a copy of their Constant Contact email list. It was noted that he had combined old email listings with the Con-Con listing of new parties adding themselves to email lists. He also passed out a list of 78 individuals who have signed up for ALL Community Councils notices and advised councils which maintain their own email lists that they may need updating.

Delegates were advised that a submission was made to the state for a unified grant through the legislature for \$70k for NUSA 2011. In addition, Mark is putting together a package so that we can have the facts readily available to discuss with our individual legislative representatives why we are requesting the grant, what its purpose will be, etc.

Al Tamagni requested that the Finance Committee convene to discuss the P & L and determine how we are going to handle the income and expenses to ensure we are no comingling NUSA funds.

Old Business:

The final 10% of reserve funds being held by the city has been released and should be received by weeks end since all of our paperwork was completed and submitted to city as required.

As a recap, our budget for the last couple decades has been \$108k per year. Last year, it was reduced by 5% to \$102,600. It has been further reduced to \$95k for this year. Our draft contract for the \$95k/year has been sent to the city clerk awaiting a final decision and approval.

We have previously been under the Department of Neighborhoods for our grant management. We are now directly under the budget of the assembly.

Dick Tremaine said he would be calling the city clerk tomorrow about the status.

NUSA Update:

The Hilton Hotel had previously issued a tentative bid for our 2011 NUSA Headquarters for \$179/night. They had since reduced the bid to \$155/night. (These bids do not include the 12% bed tax). We also have a bid from Howard Johnson's for \$109/night (+ bed tax). And HOJO's has promised to begin renovating their rooms this fall. The Clarion (on 9th/L St) has submitted a bid for \$129/night.

At present, we are planning a "loop bus" to service delegates between the Hilton Hotel and the Egan Convention Center.

Jason Bergerson will take this information to the NUSA Board meeting this Saturday for their review and approval.

The October 2010 Board meeting is expected to be held in Anchorage (according to our contract) and we anticipate about 15 people in attendance. Our rate (at the Hilton) is \$89/night for the board members during the October meetings. The October board meeting in the host city (Anchorage) is our chance to show the board that we are organized and to get their feedback. It is typically held in the 3rd week of October, however they will be encouraged by Jason to move it to the first week of October for their own comfort and convenience.

Jason Bergerson recommends that Dick Tremaine establish contact with the Mayor and/or the Assembly to request their attendance in Little Rock, AR this summer for the NUSA 2010 Conference and to accept the NUSA flag.

Once the NUSA Board approves the logo and slogan, we need to start working towards pins, buttons and other propaganda/marketing materials.

With respect to NUSA 2010 in Little Rock, AR, Jason Bergerson recommends that we sent 10-12 people to "make a good showing" and show our commitment.

The next priority to be tackled is fundraising. After Jason returns from the NUSA Board meeting (He leaves Saturday, February 20th), he will map a "critical path" plan for the group.

Al Tamagni asked for expenses so far towards NUSA 2010/2011. So far, Jason's travel expenses have been approximately \$1200-1500 and we anticipate \$20-25K in May 2010 for the NUSA Conference attendance in Little Rock.

When delegates questioned the dates of the 2010 conference, they were advised that it is a 2 ½ day conference from Wednesday, May 26th through Saturday afternoon. It is recommended that people interested in attending the NUSA conference in Little Rock look at flying through Memphis, TN or Houston, TX.

The NUSA 2011 conference will be held in Anchorage from May 25th-May 29th.

New Business:

- Mark Butler gave a presentation on social networking and played a YouTube video called “Did You Know” which emphasized the impact of technology on our everyday lives. Mark encourages us to consider establishing a Facebook account for our respective councils.
- CIP lists should be coming out in the next few weeks (in March), rather than in May, which always presented a challenge to the many community councils who adjourn for the summer months.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on how information is disseminated to the community councils, with many individuals stating that they would prefer a link be sent rather than a whole document or PDF file or series of attachments.
- Discussion about how different councils manage material dissemination was made, with one council touting the benefits of the Google Calendar. All councils will take this into consideration and the FCC will try to send links wherever possible.
- Mark Butler is a security captain for the Iditarod start and is looking for volunteers to help crowd control downtown for the race start. If interested contact Mark at 277-1977.
- There was also discussion about excess funds from Community Patrol grants to be provided to Fire Departments to help purchase scanners required to transition to the new communication system.
- Delegates shared information that the Scenic Park CC is starting up a Community Patrol.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Peter Hamlett and seconded by Paul Benson with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Submitted by Sheli Dodson, Secretary and Bob Laule