

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

DRAFT Minutes of April 20, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chair, Jason Bergerson.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Airport Heights	Becky Kurtz
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Laurie Holland
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler	FCC Manager
Sheli Dodson	NUSA 2011 Conference Coordinator
Elizabeth Giardina	NUSA 2011 Conference Director
Kathleen Plunkett	Anchorage School Board
Mark Begich	U. S Senator
Ira Perman	Aide to Assemblyman Ernie Hall

Agenda was reviewed, and approved, without objection.

Minutes: Motion to accept March 2011 meeting minutes: **MOVED**, Seconded to approve with minor amendments; Approved without objection.

Presentations

Kathleen Plunkett, Anchorage School Board

Goal is improve communication with community to address issues relating to shortfall on bonds. New Board Member – Gretchen Guess – joining, will be sworn in.

Queries:

Possible to put projects not approved into CIP? Potentially possible – ideas welcome – please share with Kathleen.

State grant of \$21MM – must be matched somehow with \$9MM – there are 4 years to do – and Kathleen believes it WILL happen.

What about oil revenues – can those be tapped into for school purposes? Only through legislative process – discussions with Reps/Sens are recommended.

Discussion: again – communications – how do we convey to voters WHAT the bonds are for? Voters expressed concerns regarding maintenance issues, auditorium issues, cost-benefit analysis, etc.

Capital Review Advisory Committee – has addressed communications issues – looking at capital plan and sense of community position – if intention is to do outside polling, please coordinate with CRAC.

Ernie Hall, Assembly – presented by Ira Perman, Aide

New Members sworn in, Debbie Ossiander new chair, Ernie Hall, new vice-chair.

New parking authority passed, and mandatory ID check passed strongly (Dick Traini to introduce Ordinance to include restaurant/bar check as well).

Queries:

Is Assembly looking at re-drawing boundaries for Community Councils. Yes, will be reviewed, encouraged to write to Assemblymembers.

What do the Assemblymembers think of “hen” ordinance – much communication from constituents, generally in favor of change.

Why are parks and roads not bonded together? Just a strategy – will be looked at.

Heritage Land Bank – looking at 5 year plan. Requested to send to Ernie.

ML&P Board – what was action – unclear as to what passed – some relation as well to CIRI wind proposal – ongoing discussions.

U.S. Senator Mark Begich

Washington, D.C. Update:

Review of “Tax Receipt Calculator” on website – find out where your taxes go.

Discussion of Town Hall Teleconferences, and ability to join chat while it is occurring.

Bipartisan proposal to revise tax code.

Spending issues are on the table – e.g., tax credits for moving businesses overseas, farmers netting over \$1MM (corporate farmers subsidy), medicare, earmarks – Senator DOES support them (they don't ADD to budget, only re-allocate) – Sen. Coburn (who opposes earmarks) teams w/Sen. Begich to address “orphan earmarks” where funds have not been spent for a decade (will pay off debt), worth \$500MM to \$1BB, buildings not used - \$15BB in values, and multiplier effect in new buildings.

Alaska oil/gas issues – some slow headway on National Petroleum Reserve, or Chukchi will have production. Need to address these issues for economic and national security issues.

All this information is available on the Senator's website.

Queries:

Outer continental shelf – how can we arrange for Alaska to get a share of those revenues? Sen: Louisiana gets 37%; has been told “won't happen,” likes that challenge. Has been working with Kerry, Lieberman, Boxer informal energy group on: EPA rules (consistency required); process for adjacent states to input on OCS issues (dependent on mileage); revenue sharing (any state who does development gets 37% percent – but deepwater Horizon happened) – possibility that this may be addressed by constituents in lower 48 communicating with MOC's re rising gas prices.

Case should be made regarding jobs creation related to new energy policy. Sen. agrees and reviewed issue that Military is largest single consumer of oil/gas; and has interesting alternative programs.

Do we have technology to deal with a spill in the Arctic? Sen. chairs Ocean/Fisheries Committee – late Sen. Stevens was on – has Coast Guard, Arctic, Oceans. Arctic – EXPLORATORY wells – wouldn't be productive until 7 to 8 years out, and Coast Guard can be given resources to deal with spills other challenges. Sen. has joined with Sen. Rockefeller to try to work cooperatively. (See website for Arctic issues review.) Is continuing to look at, has picked up three Republican votes on the Committee for proposals. Sen's biggest worry is ships in transit – running aground – much more likely to happen than a production spill. Sen. has introduced legislation to more carefully manage shipping lanes. Also recommends looking at Norwegian model – testing live – under controlled conditions. Bring in NOAA, Coast Guard, and EPA to look at Norwegian model.

Discussion of cooperative work with Sen. Murkowski, and Begich joining the Democratic leadership team.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – as distributed. Some money in bank, issue – City has not provided our 2nd quarter check. (Has been cut, but “check is in the mail.”)

Expenses have been reduced – are a little underspent for 1st quarter – which is good. We are doing a lot of work of importance to the Muni, and we need to convey to Assembly that funding is needed. About \$3000 in checks are being held awaiting the deposit of the MOA check.

Discussion of fixes to financial processes to address needed checks and balances, following GAAP, and ensuring reports and taxes are timely.

Community Councils Center – Mark Butler –Manager’s Report as distributed.

Old Business

Status of planning for the 2011 NUSA Conference in Anchorage in May 2011

Status of budget and fundraising, including options if fundraising goals are not met

Status of contract with Hilton Hotel, including status obligation for a minimum number of rooms

Jason Bergerson, NUSA National Board Member
Sheli Dodson, NUSA 2011 Conference Coordinator
Elizabeth Giardina, NUSA 2011 Conference Director

NUSA Budget - Review of updated budget – sources of income, and contractual requirements as necessitated by NUSA.

Have changed participant range to 250 (as opposed to 400 originally estimated).

Hotel contract with Hilton discussed, and final reduction will be requested.

Suggestion: contact those at other hotels and advise that Hilton may be open.

Elizabeth: sponsorship contacts are online – PLEASE REVIEW and find businesses or organizations where you have contacts. Go to Google docs. FCC office will provide link.

Current news: fundraising – many organizations are donating mid-size gifts.

Coastal Television Broadcasting - \$30,000 in-in donation – production and statewide ads, and news coverage

Wells Fargo is committing.

Dick Tremaine and Elizabeth are still pursuing Princess on transportation – pursuing churches and other organizations for vans on smaller transport needs.

Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes, seconded – approved without objection.

Morris Communications will air our PSA’s.

TV Commercial reviewed.

Wasilla and Palmer mayors attending NUSA conference

Volunteer – **PLEASE SIGN UP** – core volunteer team is growing and expanding.

Note correction to volunteer form. Website has correct information and new form.

Review of expense savings.
Exhibit booths committed, venues laid out.

Nomination of officers for the FCC.

Note - nominations will remain open until the elections (at the May FCC meeting), and can be forwarded to FCC officer for distribution to Delegates.

Vice-Chair

Note: review redistricting plan maps.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Mittman, FCC Secretary