

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting, DRAFT minutes by Nan Mundy

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Horn Doctor on August 11, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Howard at 6:45 pm.
Approval of minutes was postponed because there was no quorum.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Howard presented the treasurer's report. He discussed the Council's system of subaccounts under the general account and reported that the remaining balance in the block party subaccount was transferred to the general account.

Community Comments and Concerns

Claris Syren reported that the Community Council actually owns a fence on the northeast of corner of Karluk and 13th. The Council put up the fence and now the back part by the alley needs to be repaired. She has talked to SJ Klein and Dan Loren about the repair. It was suggested that the fence be moved back so it is less likely to be hit. Claris Syren reported that the Church has repaired their portion of the fence and that it is important the Council be aware of our responsibility.

Next Heidi Heinrich reported that the Grady Ward naming committee met last week. The naming committee chose not to try and rename a park. Instead, they want to do something inside of the Fairview Recreation Center because of his commitment to helping kids. The committee wants to do more than just a plaque. Let them know if there is something the recreation center might need that would honor Grady Ward.

Kenny Scollan provided an update on Karluk Manor. Their goal is to open by November 1 and so far they are on track. They start dry walling next week. He has business cards to give out if members know of someone you would like to put on the waiting list.

He also reported on the upcoming two-day survey of homeless in Anchorage. If anyone wants to volunteer he will get them the number.

Lottie Michaels reported that a private upscale gym is moving into the automotive at 9th and Gambell.

Since a quorum was now available, Heidi Heinrich moved to approve the July 2011 minutes and Dan Loren seconded.

Legislative Reports

Representative Les Gara reported that not a lot is going on that we haven't told you about in previous meetings. He acknowledged that the Capital Projects budget is soon to be submitted to assembly and that money is available to continue the 9th Avenue project to Fairview. He also pointed out that they usually try to get something each year for Fairview Elementary School. The school got a lap top cart this year. He suggested that the Principal of the school not be shy about submitting requests.

Representative Gara was recently visited by members of the United Way. One of the new goals for the United Way is to raise the current 63 percent to 67 percent high school graduation rate to 90 percent by 2025.

Representative Gara also mentioned his program to pair foster children with used lap tops. Donations of used lap tops are appreciated. He concluded with a brief update about the possibilities of mixed income housing. He mentioned that he wouldn't want to recommend anything that the neighborhood doesn't want, but that research proves it is more positive.

Michael Howard provided a brief update and reported that there is some talk about the city health building in Fairview becoming mixed income housing.

Amory Lelake, staff member to Senator Johnny Ellis reported that she and Senator Ellis went on a ride around of the district including Fairview looking at constituent issues. She thanked the Council for submitting their CIP list.

Presidents Report

Michael Howard presented a brief report on his recent testimony to the HAND Commission where he focused on the need for mixed income housing and the need for mitigation of impacts of the concentration of social services in the Fairview neighborhood.

He mentioned that he will get the CIP list on the Council's web page.

Michael Howard reported that he had been on ride through of the neighborhood with the Solid Waste Department in response to membership concerns about moving trash and recycle pickup from alleys to the street. He noted that one finding was that our alleys are fairly wide and in some cases it may be possible for pickup in alleys to continue.

New Business

Chris Constant requested that committee reports be moved to above New Business.

Committee Reports

Michael Howard reported that a new committee structure is being established in hope of drawing in more people. The goal is to reach out to the membership. He did not have the list of new committees with him but believes the list is as follows:

Planning and Revitalization
Harm Reduction Committee
Public Safety Committee
Education Committee
Art and Beautification Committee

Harry (not sure of last name) proposed creation of a new data and research committee.

Michael Howard requested that if anyone is interested in being on a committee to please get in touch with him.

Art Committee

Christopher Constant presented a brief status update on the public art project for 13th and Gambell. Last Friday was the deadline for proposal submission. Four individuals submitted final proposals and each were paid \$1,000.

The Art Committee will meet August 18th to consider the proposals. He pointed out that this is not an exclusive project and that everyone is invited to participate. The meeting will be a Invision at 6:00 p.m. He believes that everyone will be surprised and pleased with what we have. He also reported that the right of way has been secured for the project and that arrangements are in place for installation of electrical power for the project. All pieces are moving ahead.

Harm Reduction Committee

The Harm Reduction Committee met with Susan Bomalowski, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services. Susan Bomalowski reported that it was a productive meeting and that Catholic Social Services in conjunction with the Community Council is interested in moving forward to discuss the impact of the Sleep Off Center with officials of the MOA.

Christopher Constant reported on a new pedestrian CIP request.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business

??? did a presentation last year on a resolution to support ending child hunger. Les Gara added that there is a bill

before the State Legislature that has been stalled in the House Finance Committee. The chair of that committee is Bill Stolz. Les Gara recommended that council members get in touch with Chugiak residents and have them send letters in supporting this bill.

Michael Howard referred the resolution to the Education Committee.

New Business

Christopher Constant introduced a new resolution for first reading related to Karluk Manor. Ron Alleva seconded the motion. Due to length of the resolution, it was not read aloud. Michael Howard described briefly what it was about and explained that copies were available in front. After a brief discussion, Kenny Scollan removed himself from the Harm Reduction Committee. Dan Loren pointed out that collaboration goes a long way. Rural Cap is our neighbor and they have been leaders for 20 and 30 years around the state. As this resolution goes forward, we must recognize that they are our neighbors and we should collaborate in friendly way. He hopes we keep it civil. Michael Howard stated that the resolution will be referred to the Harm Reduction Committee and the Committee will meet August 25th or 26th. If anyone is interested in attending please sign up.

Before the meeting closed Dan Loren reported that on August 24th there will be an organization meeting with Parks and Recreation to discuss the needs assessment that will be conducted in early September. He asked that anyone interested should contact him. He reported that Fairbanks Park just had its parking area paved and pointed out that Fairview Lions Park should also have a paved parking area.

Christopher Constant suggested that a thank you letter be sent to Parks and Recreation.

Ron Alleva reported that the chair of the Fairview PTA got in touch with him and she is interested in coordinating with the Fairview Community Council.

Ron Alleva also wanted to clarify that when he testified at the most recent HAND Commission meeting he made it clear that he was speaking on his own behalf not as a representative of the council.

The meeting was adjourned.