

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of December 13, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Dick Tremaine
Quorum was attained at 6:05 p.m.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni
Airport Heights	Becky Kurtz
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
Spennard	Jason Bergerson
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Jeff Friedman	Anchorage School Board
Carole Comeau	Anchorage School District
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager
Tam Agosti-Gisler	School Board Candidate
Tim Kosednar	Disc Golf Advocate

Agenda

Approved agenda by consent.

Minutes

Approved minutes of October 2011 by consent.

Dick Tremaine, VP chairing for Jeff Mittman who is at Assembly meeting

No quorum so meeting began with presentations.

Presentations:

School Board: Jeff Friedman

1. Approved three charter schools for renewal – AK Native Cultural, Family Partnership and Aquarian – for 10 years.
2. 8 ½% set aside in reserves for bond rating. MOA advice to change it to 10% set aside.
3. Hope to announce finalists for superintendent position by end of this week and will visit in January to visit schools and people.

FCC Chair: At the Assembly meeting tonight, so no report.

FCC Treasurer: Had another meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Carol Comeau and Jeff Freeman

Discussion about how to get the word out to community councils and neighbors about school developments in neighborhoods – background information:

1. Worked on new policy for notification about change in school site. Precipitated by South Anchorage HS master plan without a football stadium. Policy did not pass
2. Dimond HS included a football stadium in their master plan, as did Chugiak HS. At that time HS boosters, coaches etc began lobbying for football stadiums at each HS.
3. Began with legislative request for turf, meanwhile Anchorage Football stadium has been condemned (maintenance not kept up). Football teams used Dimond and Chugiak. Schools did not reach out to community councils and neighbors. South got a legislative plan for field turf. Grand design is for full-scale stadium

and controversial with neighbors. Of surrounding homeowners - 72 homeowners don't support, 16 homeowners do support. Homeowners vs. schools

4. Want turf in all high schools
5. Bartlett HS has high interest and no neighbor issues.
6. Main controversy is South Anchorage HS
7. West's master plan includes football area (not spelled out what) approved by School Board. Carol Comeau (personal) does not think appropriate there – better to upgrade Anchorage Football Stadium for West.
8. How early in process should community councils be involved. When in CIP for a school. When legislatures are supporting moneys for school projects.
9. Legislators said would not fund if school board had input into these projects – need community reassurance to legislature that community as a whole supports school board/district input to these type projects

Suggestions from FCC members:

1. Another stadium in south Anchorage for use by all teams – legislatively who would take credit for it?
2. Informal email list from School District to send to people on issues in their areas. – Use FCC list.
3. Important to have central stadium because other schools are going to want stadium if other schools have them
4. Send neighborhood issues to FCC for distribution to pertinent CCs or all
5. Are there rules and policies that School Board can put into process to make public meetings and processes mandatory. Public policy committee tried to do this. School board policy is appropriate place for this.
6. Capital Improvement Advisory Commission be involved in process. Legislative grant requests be put in queue for review and M&O – especially for large money requests – for CIP advisory committee
7. What kind of community we want – bunch of schools that think they are better than others? Will parents want children to only go to certain schools?
8. Inequity in legislative support for school projects
9. Add school CIP list to those sent out by MOA – or to FCC to be send out.

Other issues:

1. Outside interests throw wrenches into public planning process, should instead take projects on merit, put them in queue and then work on.
2. No knowledge by School Board about Booster plans to add football stadium to South HS
3. UDC requires community council input and this is how South's project became known to the community council
4. Who will maintain stadiums, continue funding, insurance etc. Electricity will be the biggest cost.
5. Board behind public process for notification – P&Z, UDC, Community Councils

6. School Board President: if gets built, must regulate scheduling of games (none in the evening) – parking, noise, put up fence as buffer.
7. Memo from School District to homeowners promised only practice fields
8. Unamplified human noise is not regulated (according to H&HS)

Cathy Gleason suggested that FCC representatives take the School Board Policy Committee resolution on School District process (the one that did not pass the School Board) to their community councils to discuss and support. Bring support resolutions to FCC so can be turned in as a whole.

Dick Tremaine suggested sending a copy to CCs or taking up next meeting or attach to minutes. Facilitate through information transfer. Take it to every school board candidate and ask to sign.

Bring to our councils and support so bring to FCC for support. And then can go to School Board and District Administration.

Update on Parks Disc Golf Development – Tim Kosednar
Frisbee golf – throwing to a “target” – upright structure

Have temporary course at Russian Jack and wants to add a nine-hole course there.

Would like to put some temporary “holes” in neighborhood pocket parks

Spread sport out across city to mitigate overuse of one area

Questions regarding drinking and harassment of other park users. – policing issue – not Frisbee golf issue.

Small infrastructure

Wants to present at any community council who would be interested in Disc Golf at Russian Jack Springs Park

What size need minimum – 50 to 100 feet.

Quorum attained at 6:30 PM.

After presentations decision making items addressed:

Agenda was moved, seconded and approved with one addition on website vendor update

Minutes moved, seconded and approved.

Manager's report (Mark out of office from Dec 16-Jan 2).

Financial report handed out –

3 accounts

1. Muni account \$80 K grant
2. FCC Corp account – savings account
3. FCC Fiduciary account – all grant money gotten in advance goes here

Travel was 10% over budget

Motion made by Kep, seconded by Tod to approve the change in travel budget. Unanimously passed.

Report on website vendor – Committee chose current vendor - TexRUs. Will follow through on calling vendors and starting process of updates.

Guest: Tam Agosti-Gisler – candidate for school board introduced herself – needs to look at proposed policy on placement of facilities in neighborhoods. Was on School budget advisory committee. Would like to come to councils to introduce self. Works for School Business Partnerships and also at UAA. Believes in Community Council process.

FCC has assisted community councils with candidate forums. Jason Bergerson volunteered to chair the mayoral debate this coming Spring.

Moved and seconded to adjourn 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Susan Klein, FCC Secretary