

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of April 18, 2012 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Jeff Mittman

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Chugiak	Amy Demboski
Eagle River Valley	Thomas C. Freeman, Jr.
Fairview	S.J. Klein
Government Hill	Brit Szymoniak
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Spenard	Jaason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Jeff Friedman	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager
Jim Bowers	Spenard Community Council
Heidi Heinrich	Fairview Community Council
Sharon Chamard	Fairview Community Council
Jessica Sawyer	
Fabienne Smith	

Began with introductions of those present.

Agenda and minutes approved when reached quorum at 6:05 pm

Motion to amend agenda order to move financial section after school board, approved.

Moved and approved minutes without objection

Motion to recognize Carol Comeau for her service. 38 years. Accolades from individual FCC representatives including always having a representative at FCC meetings. Carol also mentioned being appreciative of FCC support of School District Administration. If school has site plan change now required to contact community councils affected. She appreciated working with FCC and Community Councils.

Presentations:

Anchorage School Board: Jeff Friedman

He is termed out and we will have a new liaison next time or after election is certified.

The school board appreciated community support for bonds that seem to have passed. Legislature passed education funding bill for about 12.6 million dollars. Cuts hit more in middle school electives due to team approach last time. Hoping to reinstate some with new budget.

Transportation funding may get moved elsewhere.

The new Superintendent has been in town since first week in April and has been attending all ASD meetings.

How do we get money for projects in a community council area – Al Tamagni

Abbott Loop sends survey to find out needs in their area and use this information to talk with legislators to get money for capital projects in the area. If you can show how many people support a project it is easier to get a legislator behind the project. It takes about 3-4 years for a project to actually get funding once you add it to the CIP list. So keep a number of projects in the shute.

Abbott Loop just got funding of \$320K for two parks this year and \$14-20 m dollars for roads. Can easily get \$25 K for parks – less than that so don't have to comply with Davis Bacon rule. Have money come through FCC not city that takes 8-10% off top (FCC keeps 2% for administrative fees. Earmarked for certain things such purchase

and installation of parks equipment. Possibility to share among community councils since projects can span borders. Get letters from each community council affected.

Questions: Is this process written down – could write it so others can use it. Abbott Loop uses survey to determine what they want and cross of those Municipality or State put on that they don't want. Helps to have a resolution too. Survey helps. Did survey in 2001 as a postal survey.

Money is in the CC budget to do staggered survey for all community councils over 5 years.

May presentation will include information on CIP list process.

Standing Committee Reports

FCC Chair:

No report

FCC Treasurer

Handed out financial statement

Streamlined processes

Grant Reports:

Got all of the grants updated and on disk

Accountants now in charge of grants as far as accounting – will show all transactions Quarterly will mail statements to council presidents so know what grants are out there and what has been paid out.

Will be letting community councils when grants are expiring or if need to be re-appropriated.

Changes to Financial systems

Motion to amend policy, seconded.15 for, no nays, abstentions.

2% fee – Community councils are not 501c3 but FCC is. How take 2% has varied over years. Would like to make policy change so all 2% is taken when grant is appropriated.

Gordon Glaser - Most grants are legislative grants, but councils could apply for non-legislative grants and not paid in one lump sum, but quarterly. Suggest that change policy to MAY instead of MUST take 2%.

2% off top to FCC and rest to grant accounts.

Manager's Report

CIP reports – get with Mark Butler on this if you haven't gotten a CIP list.

Nominations for FCC Officer Positions

President: Jeff Mittman – nominated by Kep Pierce, seconded by Bob Ruepe

Vice President: Brit Szymoniak – nominated by Susan Klein, seconded Linda Billmyer

Treasurer: 1. Bob Churchill, nominated by Al Tamagni, seconded Tom Freeman
2. Kep Pierce, nominated by Susan, seconded Bob Churchill

Secretary: Susan Klein – Linda Billmyer, seconded Tom Freeman

Nominations remain open and will close during the May meeting.

Elect in May meeting and take over in July

Community Council sharing:

North Star – Gordon Glaser

Continue conflict with Wonder Bread zoning violation in where park trucks. Wonder Bread will be fined and threatened to close down instead of complying.

Still have questions on electronic sign at North Star Elementary School

Tudor Area - Tod Butler

Assembly MTP plan up for Assembly vote April 10th. KABATA may take money away from other road plans. Encourage all to make resolution to remove KABATA from MTP.

Huffman O'Malley – Christine Monette

Joint meeting with Mid Hillside and Hillside east on water quality

Punch through of Elmore Road from Huffman to Abbott- community council does not want this

Elections next month

Spenard – Jim

Spenard Road – trying to figure out what processes will work start to finish.
Same with West Anchorage District plan and teetering toward finish line

Northeast – Bob Reupke

Elections for their officers – they check ID for elections

School based health center for Begich Middle School – not supported or unsupported by ASD – Carol Comeau explained currently one at Clark with money from Providence students go there for low level health care instead of trying to get in to health care facilities.

Bartlett HS new field for school activities is a Legislative request, but site plan amendment needed. Grant for football stadium field turf – Don Winchester and Steve Nerland (East, West, South) – working with Principals on site plan amendments.

Legislative caucus meeting was held

Oil tax information is of interest to community council

Chugiak – Amy Dembowski

Building Fire station 35.

Money for hazardous walking pass at Chugiak Elem School

Parks and Rec board approved Beech Lake lighting – 10 k for ski trail. 939K.

Mac center expansion project. Still under budget.

Retirements on community council and electing representatives to board.

South Addition – Bonnie Harris

CIP list

Historic survey as part of Knik Arm Bridge monies.

Draft plan for Downtown, Fairview, and Government Hill should be on muni-website.

Veterans memorial design brought to community council – continue working on this year

Government Hill – Brit Szymoniak

Problem liquor store selling to inebriate homeless

CHARR coming to meeting

RR presentation

Website for anchoragehpp.com – historic plan

Neighborhood plan – revitalize area when come across the bridge

Vigilant for Knik Arm Bridge. (Mayor support for non-toll bridge)

South Fork - Karl von Lührte

Community engagement with Assembly re bad plat by ASD and to Supreme Court

Consolidate testimony and have everyone who supports stand.
Traffic study was key part of winning the case
Worried about expansion of Highland Correctional facility

University Area – Susan Klein

Winterberry School planned in area formerly owned by Baker
Passed OneAnchorage resolution

Taku Campbell – Jeff Mittman

Seward Highway access at International – will start this summer – will close one side of road. And bike path will go through and will close path there.
Dowling Road new bridge – Old Seward and C

Mountain View – Kep Pierce

Spring cleanup will happen this year, but last probably not again. Need not as great as previously
Don Randall – invited an artist to meeting and brought tools how came to be in MT V.

Rogers Park – Bob Churchill

Elections with new slate of officers.
Working on Merrill Field master plan – primarily noise abatement.

Bayshore/Klatt - Bob Laule

Elected existing officers
Monitoring activates at S Anchorage Sports Park

Scenic Foothills - Lynda Billmeyer

Presentation on school based health center at Begich
Presentation on windmill project by students at Begich
Elections in May
Issue with NECC re Campbell Creek – grant to move Campbell Creek until the East Anchorage District Plan done.
Issue regarding model bylaws, and how to run a meeting. Mark will send out to CCs
Thinking about amending bylaws on voting on resolution

Rabbit Creek – Dick Tremaine

Goldenvue Drive intersection with Rabbit Creek Road – talking about an overpass.
Can't put stop sign. Money allocated by Rep. Hawker – DOT says won't do it. City also will not do it. Irritates Rabbit Creek CC. Planning Commission said all plans are overruled by Title 21. Advice is 180 degrees off of reality.

Spenard - Jim Bowers

Spenard had similar presentation with OneAnchorage. Tabled to March, motion made and tabled till after election. Spenard requires you to pay dues and be a member for 30 days.

Fairview – S J Klein

He is new President. Heidi Heinrich or Shirley will attend FCC meetings Elections last month.

Fairview Business Association – new organization on homelessness.

Gambell Blvd redevelopment project. Grant in state budget for upgrades

Merrill Field long-range plan up for review. Alan Kemplen representative on the review.

Also looking at plan to redevelop Sitka Park – Merrill Field owns land, but interested in improving it.

Old Seward/Oceanview – Nancy Beardsley

DOT will talk about Johns Road

Have possible president – but haven't seen him yet

Never have enough people for a quorum

Snow removal the worst ever. People mover small truck got stuck on railroad. Can't see at some intersections

Requested help for Johns and Klatt intersection as people use Klatt as bypass.

Turnagain – Cathy Gleason

10 voting members

Future agenda item for FCC – how to improve attendance – workshop for Sept/Oct

West Anchorage District Plan – Assembly public hearing was supposed to be 4/17 – but didn't happen. Don't know when the Assembly public hearing will be

Long House Hotel – did not get any legislative funding to Mental Health Trust

Open house April 25 for Turnagain Street upgrades

Presentation on Lois Drive water main redo. Will affect NLB just past Carrs Safeway – one lane May 30- June 9 – going west.

MTP before Assembly on April 10th, passed with some amendments. None of

Turnagain's recommendations were included. Now goes to AMATS –

Wetlands Management Plan update

Airport is beginning noise study update – contours of where noise levels are. Master Plan update may alter Turnagain Plan

Mid-Hillside – John Weddleton

No news

Elmore Road – destroys quietness of nice neighborhood – saves mere minutes
If live in area with wells HALO–funded study using city data to look at quality of well
water – tomorrow meeting 7 PM Elementary School

Abbott Loop - Al Tamagni

New project – co-housing project will come and explain at next meeting.
Waiting to see what capital projects are.

Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman

Had presentation on super pacs – resolution failed.
Openings for positions as well as Chugiak – ER parks board.

Moved and seconded to adjourn 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Klein

FCC Secretary