

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of May 16, 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.
Airport Heights	Becky Kurtz
Chugiak	Amy Demboski
Eagle River Valley	Thomas Freeman, Jr.
Fairview	Sharon Chamard
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Tudor	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Jeannie Mackie	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager
SJ Klein	Fairview CC
Rep. Berta Gardner	Alaska Legislature
Dan Traxiran	Alaska Department of Corrections
Tom Davis	Municipality of Anchorage
James Joseph Howell	Huffman O'Malley CC
Tammy Howell	Huffman O'Malley CC
Ellie Han	Huffman O'Malley CC
Jasmine Han	Huffman O'Malley CC
Joan Eastlack	Huffman O'Malley CC

Linda Mechon
Roger Mechon

Huffman O'Malley CC
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Jeff Mittman opened meeting at 6:00 PM

Began with introductions of those present until have quorum. (6:20 PM)

Agenda approved when reached quorum.

Motion moved and seconded to approve minutes with amendments.

Presentations:

School Board: Jeannie Mackie, President

After seat new board will have new member coming to FCC. Graduations happening. Last day of school May 17. Waiting on seating two new school board members on vote recount.

Budget adjustment coming up. Received one-time funding from state, but no on-going funding. First meeting Monday May 21 and then June 11 on final budget for next school year.

Adopted common core state standards – will convene two teams to implement standards. New super – Dr. Jim Browder officially takes over on June 1. Has makeshift office now. Excited to have him on board. He has a survey online and hopes as many as possible will take that. (Survey was sent out by FCC office).

Question regarding football stadiums since funded by legislature. Does ASD have right to deny funding if ASD does not want the project. South High Football stadium is starting at square one at planning and Zoning committee. Homeowners are being bullied by those wanting the stadium.

Question about who takes the next step in stadiums. What happens to money if not spent on project. (Assumes goes back to the state).

State Department of Corrections – Dan Traxi SP?

Been going to community councils to talk about growth in DOC and employment opportunities. Goose Creek Correctional will open in July. Have huge facility that will be staffing in 12-18 months – out in the boonies. Will employ about 350 people – mostly correctional officers, security, but will include maintenance, health care, clerical, cooks, etc. Opening in July with 95 employees who are transferring which means job openings

in each community they came from. Recruiting actively. www.alaskacorrections.com - recruitment website.

How far from Goose Creek to Palmer – 40 miles – closest court.

Will Goose Creek allow return of inmates Outside to Alaska? Will begin returning starting May of 2013. 1050 out of state. 1530 beds – medium facility.

CIP Appropriation Process – Berta Gardner

If a person should go to community council and get resolution – goes to assembly and lobby them and mayor to get into Municipal Budget Request document.

Looking for projects with broad support – not a pet project supported by one or two persons.

Muni puts out CIP list. Community council projects should get into the list. If large project, talk with Anchorage Caucus to get support (can also work with more than one community council). Has better possibility of success if Caucus supports.

If have discretionary funding they look at community council and school district requests to fund. Budget process is better in last 8 years.

How do requests get vetted? I.e. South Anchorage Football stadium. Make sure community council supports request.

CIP list is online and listed by district. Look through and see what is on it for your community council.

Title 21 re-write – Tom Davis, Municipal Planning Officer

Updated Title 21 on Muni website. Will populate with power points and issue specific items. Shows how Title 21 relates to comprehensive plan. Minimum ground rule for development.

Process – provisionally adopted 2007-2010. Coffey changes 2010-11. Administration

106 changes to P&Z Commission – Public hearings March 12 and 19 Airport Heights CC has someone at each meeting

P&Z Commission Review of Admin proposed amendments – instead they have opened the whole provisionally adopted rewrite for review. Are talking about changes significantly beyond Administrations proposed changes. Don't intend to go forward with provisionally adopted draft. Developing their own "S" Version to forward to Assembly. Have help of lawyer hired by Admin for the commission who is taking the notes

(consultant Sally Kusko). Traditionally staff have kept notes and helped with agendas. Department is not receiving agenda until afternoon of the work session. In work sessions they discuss changes they would like to make.

On website department is providing what do know and keeping it up to date. Working on it and improving it.

Formally deliberating on June 4th Last work session is May 21. Thinks they will continue on development and design standards.

Current news – Municipal meetings web page and can listen to recordings of meetings.

Some changes discussing go beyond rewrite. Some possibly take private open space standards down in some districts. Department is trying to keep public up to date. Response to public comments – not happening in work sessions – not sure if because haven't gotten to issues

Public comments on website. Department is providing issue response (advisory to commission and how department recommends responding to issue). First three chapters issue responses done. Followed by supporting exhibits including ALL the public comments, economic impact analysis. Don't know whether commission will use them.

On website – provisionally adopted title 21 – substantiated changes are on

Assembly – raised concerns about appointments to P&Z to broaden make up. Assembly Title 21 Committee reinstated with same 4 committee members - Ernie Hall, Jennifer Johnston, Debbie Ossiander and Harriet Drummond.

Three members proposed AL 2012-34 ordinance – encouraging the assembly to move forward with title 21 prov. As is without &Z changes.

June 4 – P&Z

June 5 Assembly takes it up

Department will get P&Z Commission amendments n the website.

Contact Planning Dept. if needed 343 7921 or Tom 343-7916

Find someone in CC who will follow this over the summer. Walkability, stream setbacks, large churches, big boxes – find issues to bring people in. Engage your assembly member.

Standing Committee Reports

FCC Chair:

Tudor Area - Tod Butler

Interested in input in how to run a good meeting. (Should have gotten cheat sheet on how to run a meeting and Roberts Rules in

Huffman O'Malley – Christine Monette

Sports groups are subversive in getting appropriations into legislature and they don't care about community. Council took position that both sides have rights. Boosters do not want others to have the same rights. Humiliated publicly. Had two stories on news in which their position was sound-bited out. Adults encouraging the bad behavior.

Spenard – Jason Bergerson

Continues to struggle with West Anchorage District plan and teetering toward finish line

Northeast – Bob Reupke

Muldoon park strip – want to make into a park – working on that. Landscaping presentation on ML&P plant. Wanted to take part of Centennial Park – but moved it. Brookshire Condo Association ??

North community gardens on Bragaw or at old community greenhouse

Speed humps – not supported by administration – directive from Mayor's office

Hired a traffic calming coordinator who will start in next month – but nothing for this summer.

Chugiak – Amy Dembowski

Passed a resolution to have school board seats be elected by districts. Currently have no representative on ASD Board and no one comes to meetings. – Don't reflect Chugiak/ER values – Birchwood has passed similar resolution and South Fork is considering it.

South Addition – Bonnie Harris

Historic survey still going on

Public process important but sometimes frustrating – write comments and don't always show up in next draft.

Becky Kurtz – Airport Heights

Question about whether Geran who is running for Sharon's seat can remain as president – depends on CC by-laws

Want to get rid of cameras at Tikishla Park

Geran wants to encumber some money for FCC meeting in Fall

Jon _____ has been attending all Title 21 meetings

University Area – Susan Klein

Winterberry moving along

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 - Kep is chair for MV

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

Elections

One report from Assemblyman on Elections

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 over-ruled 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

Working with non-profits on projects in area. Successfully negotiated MOAs on how will shape plans and involve community – most recently with Brother Francis and Catholic Social Services – MOA on how to deal with complaints with them being there.

Negotiations with Access Alaska who just bought Neighborhood housing offices.

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

West Anchorage District Plan – most important issue right now – 3 plus years. Public not really being heard Parks and Rec, P&Z Commission, or Assembly.
Could use citywide support for Turnagain concerns about plan – Cathy passed out information. Can count on Harriet for most of what Turnagain CC wants

Mid-Hillside – John Weddleton Title 21 – Planning Commission gone rogue – disdain for staff and comprehensive plan. Decided we changed our minds since are not at meetings. If anything has short term cost they are ignoring them.
Anchorage Citizens Coalition – <http://www.accalaska.org/>

Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman

Voted for officers at directors meeting
Adjourned for summer
(Council elects board members and then they elect officers)

Moved and seconded to adjourn 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Klein
FCC Secretary