

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of March 19, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Vice Chair, Dick Tremaine.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dick Tremaine. Chair Brit Szymoniak is out of town. Meeting quorum established at 6:10 pm.

Jeff Landfield (TCCC) agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Kep Pierce, seconded by Bob Churchill at 6:08 pm.

Motion and second to amend agenda by Al Tamagni adding in section H3 to discuss payment of a copying bill for ALCC. Agenda approved as amended.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Basher	Don Crafts
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid Hillside	Lance Powell
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean.	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeff Landfield
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
University Area	Al Milsbaugh

Others in attendance included:

Amy Demboski Assembly member
Dick Traini Assembly member
Tam Agosti-Gisler Anchorage School Board Chair
Mark Butler Councils Center Manager
Cathy Gleason Turnagain CC
John Weddleton HALO Chair
Mary Jo Robinson NSCC member
Scott Christiansen Anchorage Press reporter

Anchorage School District Report –

ASD Board Chair Tam Agosti-Gisler gave a presentation ASD bond propositions and the CIP process for the School District. There is hope for an increase in the BSA this year.

Assembly Report

Assembly member Dick Traini gave an Anchorage Assembly update. Discussed elections and changing absentee ballot process. Discussed with **Assembly member Amy Demboski** the creation of the East Anchorage park and Mayor Sullivan’s veto of the park process.

Assemblywoman Amy Demboski gave an Anchorage Assembly update. Approval of CH2MHILL contract for port. Proposing changes to the ethics code

Presentations: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

FCC Vice Chair Dick Tremaine - nothing tonight.

FCC Treasurer Kep Pierce

Passed out and discussed the monthly financial report. Motion by Gordon Glaser to accept report, seconded by Al Tamagni, no objections.

Kep Pierce said that she felt uncomfortable with the agreement the FCC made last meeting to pay ALCC for the interest the FCC earned while holding ALCC grant monies. The State of Alaska has now made it a policy that any interest received by grantees (like the FCC) on unexpended grant funds must now be returned to the State of Alaska.

Motion to rescind a previous motion, passes in the February FCC meeting, to pay grant interest to Abbott Loop CC by Jason Bergerson. Tom Freeman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gordon Glaser that interest on grant funds that came from existing State of

Alaska grants to the FCC will be returned to the State of Alaska in a manner consistent with state law. Seconded by Kevin Fimon. Friendly amendment from Jason Bergerson for this to apply to all future State of Alaska grants. Motion passed.

Community Councils Center Manager Mark Butler

It is very important that every community council email a horizontal digital photo to the Center for use on the new website and on the emailed newsletters.

Old Business:

Archives Committee -

Motion by Harry to approve deposit agreement as provided permitting chair of FCC to permit FCC to enter into an agreement with UAA/APU Consortium Library for purpose of archiving, seconded by Don. Motion passed 17-2. Mark Butler said that the Center will scan any council's agendas, minutes and resolutions not currently on the FCC website. They will then be added to that council's page on the FCC website. There is also room in the center for boxes of council items that they wish to store at the Center.

Motion to dissolve Archives Committee by Al Millspaugh, seconded by Nancy Beardsley. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Council Promotions Committee -

Presentation from Promotions Committee from Kyle Stevens and Sharon Cissna.

Motion by Jason to allocate \$2,500 from newsletter distributions fund for purposes of supporting Promotions Committee, seconded by Nancy Beardsley.

Assemblywoman Demboski stated that when the Assembly approved the \$5,000 in increase to this year's FCC budget that it was for community outreach and postage. Chair (and former Assembly member) Tremaine pointed out that what was actually written in the contract was that \$4,000 was to be used for increased payroll and \$1,000 for increased mailing postage.

Continued discussion, both Assembly member Deborski and Traini endorsed the idea of up to \$5,000 from the newsletter fund could be used to community outreach to promote CC attendance.

Motion regarding allocation of up to \$2,500 passed unanimously.

Motion by Jason Bergerson to allocate up to \$75 per council for purposes of signage and P. O. Boxes. Seconded by Tom Freeman, motion passed 18-1.

Website -

Mark showed more features for the new website and asked each council to submit at least one horizontal photo to be used for both the website and on emailing newsletters. No photos, no website!

Elections Committee -

Kyle Stevens asked to be removed from the Elections Committee. Jason Bergerson agreed to join Harry Need and Lance Powell on the committee. All four leadership spots are open, with the election scheduled at the May FCC meeting. Contact one of the committee members if you are interested in serving as Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary.

Recently Completed Legislation Regulating Community Councils –

Motion by Bob Campbell to write a thank you letter to Darrell Hess for working so hard on the writing of sample council bylaws and for organizing the CC training. Seconded by Al Tamagni. Motion passed unanimously. Bob Campbell agreed to write the first draft of the letter.

New Business:

USPS Mailing Policy – Mark stated that the policy of the FCC has been to greatly reduce the number of newsletters mailed via the USPS in order to cut costs. Many councils have eliminated USPS mailings altogether, others like HOCC have spent the time calling those on the list and asking them to move to email delivery of the newsletter. Council newsletters are sent by first class mail at least once per year in order to get returns on The number of newsletters sent by USPS has been greatly reduced as a result of this work.

ALCC recently asked the Councils Center to add forty-six new names to their USPS mailing list. Should they be allowed to add new names?

Motion to allow the addition of the 46 names at this time, but it was agreed that there would be work done in the future to clarify the USPS policy.

Council Sharing: None at this meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. due to a lack of a motion to continue after 8 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Landfield.