

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of April 16, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM by Chair, Brit Szymoniak.

Meeting quorum established during roll call at 6:20 p.m.

Bob Laule agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

Agenda:

Approval to accept meeting agenda. Motion to approve by Al Tamagni. Seconded by Deborah Jones. Approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Approval to accept February 2014 meeting minutes. Minor changes made to attendees listed accepted. Motion to approve by Al Milspaugh. Seconded by Jason Bergerson. Approved unanimously.

Approval to accept March 2014 meeting minutes . Minor changes made to attendees listed accepted. Motion to approve by Al Milspaugh. Seconded by Christine Monette. Approved unanimously.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Airport Heights	John Grover Whitlock
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid Hillside	Lance Powell
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Carla McConnell
Old Seward/Ocean.	Nancy Beardsley
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
Spennard	Jason Bergerson

Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
University Area	Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Amy Demboski	Assembly member
Dick Traini	Assembly member
Brit Szymoniak	FCC Chair
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC
John Weddleton	HALO Chair
Brianna Joubert	UAA Student
Michele Wiley	TCC member
Merle Akers	TCC member

Assembly Report

Assembly member Dick Traini said that the Assembly is reorganizing with the new members. Dick is considering sponsoring an ordinance to require all liquor outlets to label all bottles of liquor with an identification sticker identifying the point the sale. It might help identify stores that are selling to public inebriates who often litter. Dick is looking for feedback on the idea.

Assembly member Amy Demboski provided commentary on Capital Improvement Project list response requirements. Response is required to be on-line this year. Do send a copy of your CIP preferences to the Assembly as well. First Quarter budget revisions are scheduled at the next meeting.

Anchorage School District:

No representative present.

Presentations: None.

Officer Reports:

FCC Chair Brit Szymoniak

Asked for a motion to authorize the approval of the office lease extension for an

additional two years at the current lease rate of \$455/month. Motion made by Kep Pierce. Second by John Grover Whitlock. Jason Bergerson indicated that previous investigation into Midtown office rental rates found that our rate was significantly below the average for commercial buildings. The motion authorize for approval of the office lease for an additional two years passed unanimously.

Brit said that the FCC is going to go live with the website at the May meeting. If councils have not submitted appropriate photos by then, they will get a “place holder” photo put in the photo spot on top of their page.

FCC Treasurer Kep Pierce

Passed out and discussed the monthly financial report. Mentioned that we will have to move some money from the FCC Corporate Account to the MOA Account until we get the Second Quarter payment from the Municipality. Have moved all FCC bank accounts to non-interest bearing status so that we avoid having to rebate back interest to the State of Alaska or the Municipality of Anchorage.

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 you page of the new website and on your emailed newsletters. Please submit receipts for items purchased for promoting your council (P.O. Boxes, signage, etc.) and we will reimburse up to \$75 per council. APD “Raids Online” Public crime Mapping System Roll out meeting Friday April 18th 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the APD Training Center in classroom #3. The program allows you to be aware of the crime activity reported within your council area.

Old Business:

Elections Committee

Presented a slate of candidates including: Todd Butler (TACC) for Chair, Dick Tremaine (RCCC) for Vice Chair, Kevin Fimon (CPCC) for Treasurer and Jeff Landfield (TCCC) for Secretary. No other candidates have been suggested so far, but nominations remain open for all four positions until the election at the May FCC meeting.

Dedication of Municipal Parkland

John Weddleton, HALO President suggested that each council examine the “parks” in their community council area and make a resolution that all park be rezoned to the new designation “PR”. This is a more restrictive use designation.

The old designation of “PL1” is for public use but could be used to build service buildings, fire stations, storage facilities, etc. This old PL1 zoning has been the source of surprise for neighborhoods that have seen what they thought was parkland converted

to a firehouse or other public use. The general public assumes that if they have a neighborhood park that it will remain a recreational area. Rezoning to "PR" will help secure that land for recreation but doesn't eliminate the possibility that building will not happen (i.e. Indoor ice rinks and tennis courts are still a possibility.)

Mark Butler will post link to the Parks inventory list use the list as a source to identify all of the parks in your CC for your request.

MOA Parks and Public Lands clean-up from the September 2012 wind storm - Mark Hill (SFCC) is an advocate of establishing partnerships with Park & Recreation Dept. to perform park maintenance and cleanup operation in parks within your council area. Mark has a history of successfully accomplishing joint clean-up and is hoping to inspire other councils in doing the same. He is currently reestablishing the procedure to set up a partnership. If interested stay tuned for updates on Mark's progress.

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 bad addresses. The number of newsletters sent by USPS has been greatly reduced as a result of this work. Please help reduce the number of names on the USPS mailing lists.

Council Sharing:

Oceanview/Old Seward – Property owners along the Alaska Railroad right-of-way worried about property owners do not want ARR to gain fee simple title to the ROW.

University Area – Dog control problems.

MVCC – Annual clean-up project.

Mid-Hillside – Will buy sign at Kinkos. Parks dedication.

Turnagain – Group Housing. Balto Park upgrade. Parking at Rustic Goat.

Government Hill – Against Knik Arm Crossing.

Tudor Area – Huge Weidner Properties project just over the border in Midtown (E 42nd and Old Seward).

Fairview – Passed Fairview neighborhood plan. Up at Planning and Zoning Commission for public comment soon. Developing a collaborative approach to public inebrates (modeled after the Green Bay, Wisconsin model).. Snow hauling and storage seen as a problem. Below-ground snow melt cisterns seen as a solution. Working with UAA Engineering students on the issue.

Spenard – Supporting the Fairview work on public inebrates. Looking for Spenard Road funding.

Public Comments:

Merle Akers, TCC member – Aviation Advisory Board meeting on Thursday April 24th (starting at 8 a.m.) Open to the public. Includes a tour of the Lake Hood seaplane facility.

Kenny Peterson, MTCC member – MOA is updating the 10 year plan about homelessness. Looking at more supportive housing, including the “Housing First” model (like Karluk Manor in Fairview.)

Cathy Gleason, TCC member – Dedication of Parks. Anchorage Airport Land Trade Advisory Group.

Motion to adjourn by Al Tamagni and seconded by Kyle Stevens.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bob Laule.