

# **Federation of Community Councils, Inc.**

## **Board of Delegates**

### **Minutes of August 20, 2014 meeting**

**Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Vice-Chair Dick Tremaine**

Meeting quorum established during roll call.

#### **Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda by Bob Churchill. Seconded by Deborah Jones. Motion by Al Tamagni, Sr. to amend agenda to discuss Alaska Waste rule and rates change. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### **Minutes:**

Motion to approve by as amended by Bob Churchill. Seconded by Kyle Stevens. Approved unanimously.

#### **FCC Delegates in attendance:**

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Sew/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
South Addition	Jeff Manfull
Taku Campbell	Jeff Landfield
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
University Area	Joanie Nardini

#### **Others in attendance included:**

Amy Demboski	Assembly member
Dick Traini	Assembly member
Tam Agosti-Gisler	ASD Board Member
Natasha Von Imhof	ASD Board Member

Alden Thern	ASD SN
Darrel Hess	MOA Ombudsman
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Steve Beardsley	OSOVCC President
John Pletcher	OSOVCC member
Merle Akers	TCC member
Samuel Moore	NSCC member
John Laux	guest
Mari Gallion	DOWL HKM

**Assembly Report :** Assembly members Dick Traini and Amy Demboski spoke about the situation with parking at the Rustic Goat. FCC delegates thanked Amy for bringing food for the people attending the meeting (at her personal expense.) Thanks, Amy!

**Anchorage School District:** Deferred to presentation about the ASD budget.

**Presentations:**

**Update on council bylaw rewrites – Darrel Hess, Municipal Ombudsman**

- 5 councils have submitted bylaws and have been approved by Assembly
- All info available on a spreadsheet from Darrell
- Councils that have not submitted bylaws or extension request, will use default bylaws from Exhibit A in Assembly Ordinance until new bylaws are passed by the council and then approved by the Assembly.

Discussion about bylaws and absent landlords having a proxy at meetings. Harry Need to contact Dick Traini and Amy Demboski from Anchorage Assembly about this.

FCC Vice-Chairman Dick Tremaine read a letter from the FCC to Darrel Hess, thanking Darrel for his work setting up the council member training session March 1st. Lengthy applause from all delegates and all others present in the room. Thanks Darrel!

**ASD School Meals Program - Alden Thern, Director of Student Nutrition**

He gave presentation on school meals and the new **Community Eligibility Program**, that provides meals to all students at some thirty ASD schools.

**Anchorage School District Financial Situation - Tam Agosti-Gisler and Natasha von Imhoff , ASD Board members**

They gave a presentation on understanding the education budget for the ASD. An interesting point was that the analysis of the ASD budget showed the main driving force

in increasing the budget over recent years has been the increase in health coverage costs for ASD employees, not the increase in salary costs.

**Alaska Railroad Right-of-Way Concerns -- Steve Beardsley (OSOVCC president) and OSOVCC member John Pletcher**

They gave a presentation on concerns neighbors have about the right-of-ways the Alaska Railroad has through neighborhoods across the Municipality (and beyond.) They contend that the law giving the Railroad the right-of-ways limits the Railroad's use of the area to just for rail and telecommunications purposes. They contend that this right-of-way is not

**Officer Reports:**

**FCC Vice-Chair - Dick Tremaine.**

None.

**FCC Treasurer - Kevin Fimon**

Kevin was out of town. Mark passed out copies of the monthly financial reports. He reported that Kevin will be reviewing ways to cut down on the cost of our bookkeeping.

**Community Councils Center Manager - Mark Butler**

There are five grants that will terminate by the end of this State of Alaska calendar year (June 30, 2015). Councils must use these grant monies by then or get the Alaska Legislature next Spring to re-appropriate the funds for other uses.

Mark said that the website was near to completion and that we would be soon be "freezing" the content in place while we transfer the extensive files to the new site.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Discussion about proposed FCC budget for 2015 – Dick Tremaine**

The FCC delegates must approve a budget request at the September FCC meeting. Our contract requires the FCC to submit a request to the Clerk's Office by October 1st.

Dick said the FCC executive board is asking the delegates for their input. How much should be ask for in 2015? Based on this input, the board will bring a proposal to the September

Assembly member Amy Demboski spoke about evaluation FCC contract saying that there have been some complaints from some councils about responsiveness of FCC

staff, no one specific mentioned. She talked about the possibility of contracting out some of the services provided by the FCC.

**Motion by Kyle Stevens to extend the meeting by twenty minutes, seconded by Tom Freeman, motion passed.**

Continued discussion about the possibility of an RFP for services for councils. Perhaps a Kinkos type company might be interested in providing the service. Some concern expressed about limited timeline.

Expanded discussion about FCC contract and role of the FCC presiding over the community councils.

Harry Need spoke about the importance of not defunding the FCC or contracting out services because everyone is happy to be here and volunteer. This is a highly efficient way of distributing information. Rent is low.

Deborah Jones said that it was inopportune to have an RFP.

Amy Demboski said there is no intention to dissolve the FCC, just look at alternative means of delivering FCC services. She also said the FCC is not in the charter, just the councils.

Dick Tremaine said that the FCC exists to support the councils.

Bob Reupke said that Mark is responsive to councils need. Across the country there are different structures in place to support neighborhood councils. Often it is city employees.

Bob Laule said that the scope of the Councils Center is much more than just making some copies.

Bill Wortman – Supportive of the existing structure. As well, Turnagain CC has many meetings in the conference room there.

Deborah Jones – Why not keep the same structure?

Jeff Landfield – Concerned with this RFP approach. Mark is very helpful. How do we replace him?

Sharon Cissna - As an older delegate, I remember a more volunteer-focused Anchorage. Could we use more volunteers?

## **Alaska Waste Rate Increases – Al Tamagni**

Al spoke about Alaska Waste submitting a notice to the RCA about raising rates and changing the conditions of their service in Anchorage. He suggested that councils in the Alaska Waste service area review these proposed changes.

### **Council Sharing:**

**Government Hill** – Held protest against the removal of buildings that had been purchased by the stalled Knik Arm Crossing project.

**Fairview** – Fairview Plan passed the Assembly! Highway to Highway project “lack of certainty”. Corridor tax abatement plan. Holistic approach to chronic inebriants.

**Taku Campbell** – Train crossing of “C” Street is stopping traffic at key moments.

**Rogers Park** – Unhappy about proposals for the new Seward Highway and 36th Avenue interchange that would block access from 36th Avenue to the north.

**Turnagain** – Balto Seppala Park improvements. A “Little Lending Library”. Bylaws. Rustic Goat praking lot.

**Northeast** – By-laws. Upgrade of interchange at Muldoon and Glenn Highway. Creekside Holdings.

**Airport Heights** – Bond for new elementary school passed. Thanks for the votes! Property crimes. Using AHCC Facebook page to fight crime. Traffic calming.

**University Area** – New UAA garage. Road through campus.

**Campbell Park** – Campbell Creek. Old Anchorage Borough fire station building – sale by MOA, sell to developer, or level building?

**Public Comments:** None.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Jeff Landfield, FCC Secretary.