

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of October 15, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Vice-Chair Dick Tremaine

Meeting quorum established during roll call.

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Bob Churchill. Seconded by Karen Dechman. Dick Tremaine announced Brit Szymoniak will be resigning as chair as of the first of November. Dick will then be moving up to the Chair position. He asked whether the delegates wanted to have the election for the new vice-chair added to this month's agenda, or whether the delegates wanted it on next month's meeting agenda. This month's agenda was the answer. Agenda was approved after the addition of the vice-chair election.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting was made by Bob Churchill and seconded by Karen Dechman. Minutes approved.

FCC Delegates in attendance (19):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Birchwood	Dave Wolfe
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Midtown	Karen Dechman
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Taku Campbell	Jeff Landfield
Turnagain	Steve Strait

University Area Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly member
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Merle Akers	Turnagain CC member
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Lesley Lepley	DOWL HKM
Dan Boland	ALCC member
Jennifer Castro	APD, presenter
John Laux	NECC member

Presentations:

Assembly Report: Dick Traini gave the Assembly update. The FCC budget looks good for approval at \$85,000, the November 4th election is approaching, and more community council bylaws have been approved. Final implementation of Title 21 has been delayed for another year. The ride sharing service “Uber” will be on the next Assembly meeting agenda. There was a discussion about animal control issues and Dick said it would be a good idea to share your thoughts with Assembly members. Dick also discussed a towing ordinance he is going to introduce to protect towing customers.

RAIDS ON-LINE Crime Statistics and Mapping System – Jennifer Castro, Anchorage Police Department

She gave a presentation on RAIDS, a crime mapping system and also spoke about Nixel, a system that sends text messages to people on advisories and APD news. APD is on Facebook to post alerts. Jennifer explained how RAIDS online maps crime in peoples neighborhoods.

Reports:

FCC Treasurer - Kevin Fimon

Gave the Treasurers report and discussed our relationship with the BDO accounting firm and what we are paying them for our accounting services.

Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler

Mark said he met with the Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones and she had no proposed changes to the contract for the 2015 year. Dick Traini added that the Clerk was very happy with her office’s relationship with the Manager and the FCC and appreciated the FCC quarterly reports and the assistance on getting out information about Municipal elections.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Nominations were opened for the FCC Vice-Chair position. Karen Dechman nominated Ray Metcalfe. Seconded by Tom Freeman. Sam Moore nominated Jeff Landfield. Seconded by Steve Strait. Nominations closed. Each candidate gave a brief statement. Jeff Landfield was elected as the new FCC Vice-Chair as of the date when Brit Szymoniak officially steps down. The vote was 11 for Jeff Landfield, 7 for Ray Metcalfe, with 1 write-in vote.

Council Sharing:

Campbell Park – Bylaws and testimony periods.

South Addition – Large meeting in September (70 people) due to the request by GCI to add to an existing cell antennae on an alley pole. No resolution on the issue. Automated trash and recycling containers. Repaving of “I,” “L” and “A” streets.

Airport Heights – U-Med traffic impacts. Bylaw rewrites. Crime prevention. Getting the AHCC and the Airport Heights Elementary School PTA to work together.

Rogers Park – AFD safety issues, lack of a National Guard audit, PTA and RPCC fundraiser, East High Stadium, 36th and New Seward highway noise (need to measure at night as well as at the height of the day.)

Midtown – Banning of marijuana edibles, Library expansion, death with dignity, WalMart alcohol sales.

Chugiak – Cell tower on AWWU land, landfill issue still lingering (“Dump the Dump” organization).

Huffman/O’Malley – South High School stadium was re-presented as a “new” project. The school held a “pep” rally for the “new” plan. The ASD thinks that they have a chance with the latest version of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Abbott Loop – Large meeting. New slate of officers and board members was elected. Reviewing bylaws that were recently enacted.

Scenic Foothills – By-laws and candidate forum.

Northeast – Gas station and convenience store.

Rabbit Creek – Bylaws sent back to us for more work. CIP list. \$6.4 million being spent on a single erosion control project that is on even on the RCCC CIP list.

Turnagain – Draft bylaws brought to the full council, more work being done on them. Army Corps of Engineers working on an erosion project at the Airport – Woronzof bluffs eroding through coastal trail, then could go into West Northern Lights Road and into the North/South runway.

Birchwood – Had the annual “Birchwood Bash”, Work being done on the Eagle River bridge. Expansion of residential subdivision in Birchwood and in Eklutna as well.

Northeast – Gas station/convenience store with liquor? Muldoon Interchange update. Islands planned for Muldoon Road for safety purposes (Cook Inlet planning 100 more housing units.)

Public Comments:

Cathy Gleason – Turnagain CC member. Lots of stuff at TCC including Safe Routes to Schools, McRae Road project done. West High stadium had it’s first game since construction. Rustic Goat parking lots open, Lake Hood Master Plan and ANC Part 150 noise study. West Anchorage Land Trade task force recommended a “comprehensive” land trade.

John Laux – Northeast CC member. Chairs the Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission.

Merle Akers – Turnagain CC member. A member of TCC has denied him access to TCC documents. This is a FCC issue as there is less credibility for all councils when one council in particular is not completely transparent and open to all members. There was a discussion about what he wants and why he is not being given requested documents. Dick Tremaine asked if the board wanted to take any action on this issue. He also discussed scope of services for FCC.

Sam Moore motioned to extend meeting 10 minutes, Karen Dechman seconded. Approved.

Sharon Cissna asked if FCC had this resolution, Dick stated we did not. Cathy Gleason spoke about resolution in question.

Steve Strait moved to adjourn meeting, Sam seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Landfield, FCC Secretary.