

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of November 19, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Dick Tremaine

No quorum achieved yet.

6:13 p.m. Meeting quorum established during roll call.

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Bob Churchill and seconded by Tom Freeman. Motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Bob Churchill and seconded by Tom Freeman. Minutes approved.

FCC Delegates in attendance (20):

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
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
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
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly member
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Ed Graff	ASD Superintendent
Tam Agosti-Gisler	ASD School Board
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Mari Gallion	DOWL HKM

School District Report: ASD Superintendent Ed Graff attended the meeting along with ASD School Board member Tam Agosti-Gisler.

The Superintendent stated the District was under spending their budget so far this year. These “unexpended funds” are the result of many unfilled positions (especially in Special Education), a number of lower paid employees taking the jobs previously filled by higher paid employees, and a lower base due to their being fewer students than anticipated.

As a result of the need to look at options for reducing the school budget in future years, the District reviewed the possibility of merging some schools. Ed also addressed the status of military (and other) recruiters on ASD campuses.

Assembly Report – Dick Traini discussed UBER shared –ride service and the new Tow-truck ordinance.

Presentations:

East Anchorage District Plan – Bob Reupke and Jerrienne Lowther

They discussed the status of the East Anchorage District Plan and their focus on securing the front portion of the old Alaska Greenhouse property at DeBarr and Muldoon Roads as a park. East Anchorage has an increasing population and lots of high density housing but has the lowest number of acres of community parks.

Guidelines for Operating Dog Parks – Al Mispaugh

The Animal Control Commission is looking for input from residents about how to operate the increasing number of fenced and unfenced dog parks in the community.

Reports:

FCC Treasurer - Kevin Fimon

Gave the Treasurers report.

Community Council Center Manager – Mark Butler

The 4th Annual “State of Our City” went extremely well with eight interesting speakers. We might want to do more than one per year.

Old Business:

FCC Website Features

Mark spoke about the new website’s features. He has completely reorganized the documents on each council’s pages and has loaded a lot of new documents. Remaining work includes loading banner photos and photo albums in each council page.

New Business:

Dick Tremaine announced that this would be his last meeting as an officer of the FCC as he and his wife are leaving the state. Mark brought out some pastries for all to eat and the FCC gave Dick an ovation for his many years of work with the Federation of Community Councils and Rabbit Creek Community Council, and for his six years of service as an Anchorage Assembly member.

Dick is resigned his position as Chair and Vice Chair Jeff Landfield thereby became the new Chair. Nominations were opened for the FCC Vice-Chair position and the still-open Secretary position.

Bonnie Harris was nominated for the FCC Vice-Chair position. There were no other nominations. Sam Moore was nominated for the FCC Secretary position. There were no other nominations. Bonnie was elected FCC Vice-Chair and Sam Moore was elected FCC Secretary by unanimous consent.

The FCC officers are now:

Jeff Landfield, FCC Chair
Bonnie Harris, FCC Vice-Chair
Kevin Fimon, FCC Treasurer
Sam Moore, FCC Secretary

Council Sharing:

Fairview – Implementation of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan. Looking for next best actions.

North Star – Alcohol problems in the North Star and Midtown council areas.

Government Hill – Outreach committee. Gas station went away due to the possible Knik Arm bridge project. Low income people need more stores open. GH is becoming a food (and now fuel) “desert”.

University Area – U-Med road project.

South Addition – Broken Coastal Trail bridge. Parks & Rec is seeking funding.

Eagle River Valley – Bylaws.

Rogers Park – Increasing number of property crimes.

Abbott Loop – New board. Working together as a team.

Motion by Tom Freeman to extend for ten more minutes. Seconded by Kyle Stevens. Approved unanimously.

Tudor Area – Re-appropriation to David Green Park.

Bayshore/Klatt – Officer election.

Scenic Foothills – Seeking officers. Talking to legislators. By-laws.

Chugiak – Change of council leaders. AWWU cancelled proposed lease of AWWU land to cell tower company. “Dump the Dump”! Objecting to this proposed project for over three years.

Airport Heights – Bylaws. Officer change. Many property crimes. Askign APD for more policing in the neighborhood. Diverse community with lots of good folks in the neighborhood. U Med issue.

Campbell Park – Bylaws.

Birchwood – Dave Wolfe suggested people look to “justserve.org” for good ways to get involved in the community.

Northeast – Muldoon Interchange update. Park.

Turnagain – Elections, with new board. Lake Hood master plan. Balto Seppela Park.

Rabbit Creek – Dick is selling his house!

Public Comments:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bob Laule.