

Meeting called to Order at 7:12 pm

Introductions of those present indicated a lack of quorum.

Community Comments and Concerns: Representative from Catholic Social Services announced Pre-Renovation Open House for Homeless Mothers on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Program Director at Brother Francis Shelter has moved on and a replacement is being sought. SJ (FVCC President is on the Selection Committee).

Parks and Recreation Presentation: Maeve Nevins-Parks Planner introduced herself. She moved from Colorado to Anchorage four months ago. First of two presentations – Fairbanks Park Improvements included replacement of playground equipment. Project being done as a result of the 2006 Report Card by the Anchorage Parks Foundation. Improvements include: accessible parking, new fence, new bench landscaping, removal of basketball court and replacement of hard surface with mulch.

Need new playground equipment. Ms. Nevins seeking Council input on equipment options. General discussion occurred on equipment type and color schemes. Comments made included a preference for Fairview Signature Colors if possible, not use black as a major design element, use more bright primary colors. Option B was favored for the big piece of equipment and Option A was favored for the tot equipment.

Fairview Lions Park: Discussion of handout occurred. \$200,000 plus funds from a Challenge Grant were available for the improvements. Intent was to replace outdated playground equipment. Incorporate Fairview color scheme. Ms. Nevins explained the concepts. There will be numerous “circles of activity”. More equipment will be installed and they will be active elements. There will be no tunnel apparatus in design due to safety concerns about public inebriates loitering at the picnic shelter and kids. There will also be no vertical flat panels where people can hide behind. General comments included: request for use of Fairview colors, appreciation for design, desire for loop around picnic shelter pavilion rather than buffering. Ms. Nevins stated that staff will look at options and report back. She indicated a desire for a show of support from the Council. General sense of the body was taken. General concepts were approved with Parks and Recreation to present more information at November Executive Board meeting. Draft Resolution was introduced by Council Member Kemplen. Formal position to be voted on at November General Membership meeting.

A safety presentation was made by Anchorage Fire Department personnel. Change batteries in Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide monitors, etc. During recent power outage they responded to 584 calls in 12 hours. General discussion of 2013 budget and its impacts occurred. Rolling closures of fire stations will happen under both Option A and Option B.

Presentation on the Historical Preservation Plan by Municipal staff who would like a Resolution of Support from the Council. The Plan went before the P&Z Commission. They had numerous questions. She explained that Plan was part of required NEPA mitigation for the Knik Arm Crossing. Questions included: Identify what Historic Preservation is, identify KAC impacts, talk about impacts (increased traffic, degradation of street environment), discuss FHWA

requirements, 35% design from KABATA, What will the Plan do and not do, they were opposed to Design Guidelines, wanted discussion of relationship with Title 21, discussed the necessity of an implementation matrix consisting of 25 pages, why were pedestrian and trail improvements included, members were unaware that the Municipality had an official Historical Preservation Commission. Staff will go back to P&Z on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Treasury Report – No change in finances.

Amory from Senator Ellis's office announced Golden Hammer Celebration, Access Alaska moving in to old Neighborhood Health Center facility. She agreed to look into the issue of AHFC funding a 200+ affordable housing complex in the downtown area.

John from Assemblyman Flynn's office discussed proposed 2013 budget impacts. Fairview Recreation Center hours were restored along with Sunday service for the People Mover. Concern is that Assembly members in general will use the two budget proposals as "bookends" and come down somewhere in the middle. Question was asked: Why is there a shortfall? Response: Labor contracts and not taxing to the cap. Discussion of \$12 million inflow from Anchorage School District that they cannot use but Muni can. Discussion of need for investments in urban core.

New Business: Three Resolutions were introduced - Resolution in support of Historical Preservation Plan, Resolution in support of Park Improvements, Resolution regarding Climate Change and Requesting Change.

Lack of quorum resulted in no action on Old Business.

President's Report – meeting with Senator Ellis and Representative Gara along with staff, meeting with new director of Solid Waste Services regarding placement of new garbage containers in alleys versus on sidewalks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm