

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled General Membership meeting on November 11, 2010 at the Horn Doctor on Ingra Street.

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report, Michael Howard

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as introduced.

Treasurer's Report

\$1,908 is the current balance. Water bill is pending.

Community Comments and Concerns

Ellen Krsnak reported that Tuesday November 23 is the last day to comment on the Municipality's operating budget wherein there are proposed transit cuts.

There was some question as to the status of fees charged by the municipality for use of facilities including the Fairview Recreation Center. The council members and membership were uncertain as to the status of fees being charged and / or possible changes under the current administration.

Paul Benson expressed concern about the increase in graffiti throughout the city and particularly in Fairview. Chamard suggested the public safety committee address the issue. Darrel Hess noted that the Anchorage Downtown Partnership has received donated paint and is working to remove graffiti downtown. Hess suggested that Chamard contact Chris Shutte, Director of the Partnership

Darrel Hess thanked the president, Sharon Chamard, for her dedication to the Council and the ambassador for democracy she is.

Chris Constant shared his experiences from his recent trip to Finland.

Legislative Reports

Patrick Flynn, Assembly Representative, Chamard reported on behalf of Flynn in his absence. 2nd phase of 9th ave reconstruction. There appear to be no impacts on the Fairview Rec Center and noted concern about proposed cuts to public transit.

Rose Folley, Reported on behalf of Rep. Les Gara's office, Gara will retain his seat on the house Finance Committee

Amory Lelake reported on behalf of Sen. Johnny Ellis' office, Johnny Ellis was re-elected and is chair of the rules committee; Ellis will also remain on the finance committee.

Committee Reports

Allen Kemplen reported on behalf of the Neighborhood Plan committee, that work on the neighborhood plan is continuing.

Old Business

A quorum being present, multiple resolutions were presented for a second reading:

Resolution 2010-06: Seeking matching funds for the development of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sanctioned Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for the Fairview area.

Geoffrey Humphreys, the mover of the resolution, and other council members spoke in support of the resolution in terms of the need to move forward with developing a positive vision for the future of Fairview.

Karen Iverson, Dept. of Neighborhoods, noted that restructuring underway affecting the Dept. of Neighborhoods

S.J. Klein moved to amend the resolution to read “of \$35,000 as matching funds, ... as a grant to the Fairview Community Council.” Geoffrey Humphreys seconded the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment. The president counted and the amendment was carried 17 in support, none opposed.

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Resolution 2010-07: A resolution seeking 2011 operating and capital funding for critical physical and civic infrastructure needs within the Fairview Community Council.

Chris Constant, mover of the resolution and other council members spoke in support of the resolution.

A vote was taken on the resolution. The president counted and the amendment was carried 17 in support, none opposed.

Resolution 2010-08: A resolution seeking funding for the acquisition, installation, and operation of a neighborhood based noise monitoring program.

Chris Constant, mover of the resolution, noted that noise levels are of concern due to Merrill Field – one of the busiest airports in the nature.

A vote was taken on the resolution. The president counted and the amendment was carried 10 in support, none opposed.

Resolution 2010-09: A resolution supporting the addition of up to 90 beds at the community correction facility Cordova Center.

Christopher Constant, mover of the resolution, spoke to his experiences from the tour of the facility and generally positively in reaction to the sense of order and management.

Allen Kemplen proposed an amendment to the resolution “...of up to 90 beds”... and “Cordova Center... and development of an MOA between the Fairview Community Council and the owners of the Cordova Center.” and that this position be communicated to the Anchorage Assembly and Mayor.

Discussion of the amendments: Allen Kemplen noted that the Cordova Center was in Fairview community Council boundaries for many years and that an MOA would be an appropriate approach.

A vote was taken on the amendment. The president counted and the amendment was carried 13 in support, 1 opposed.

Darrel Hess noted that the State of Alaska under the governor’s leadership is working to promote similar projects for individuals in transition out of the prison system.

Ron Alleva spoke against the resolution and the proposed increase in capacity, citing concerns about high recidivism rates and social service agencies in the neighborhood.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution. The president counted and the resolution was carried 17-0.

S.J. Klein proposed the amendment to read “between the owners, management or designee...”

A vote was taken on the amendment. The president counted and the amendment was carried 16 in support, none opposed. Geoffrey Humphreys asked to abstain.

Discussion on the amended resolution: Trey Watson, senior manager at the facility provided copies of letters of support and other documentation from various community organizations and churches in support of the work service program administered as a facet of the facility’s programs.

Regina Manteufel said that on Saturday, December 13, from 12-5 there will be a Back to Work event at the Fairview Community Recreation Center. She encouraged Mr. Watson to allow facility residents to attend under the direction of the management.

The project is scheduled to go before Planning and Zoning Committee in February, 2011. Christopher Constant questioned whether an MOA should be in place prior to passing the resolution – which includes reference to an MOA.

Benita White noted her first hand experiences from the tour of the center and the positive benefits to Shiloh Community Church as a result of the work service program.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution. The president counted and the resolution was approved 13 in favor, 3 opposed. Geoffrey Humphreys asked to abstain.

Senator Johnny Ellis Report

Ellis noted that he received a promotion from Senate Majority Leader to Chair of the Rules Committee. 10 Democrats, 6 Republicans currently comprise the senate working group and 4 Republicans in the minority working group. Representative Berta Gardener was also re-elected as a Representative for midtown serving under Gara.

Ellis reported that he is currently considering the outcomes of the motion picture production activities that have increased in Alaska under his legislation. His office’s focus in diversifying Alaska’s economy. He is also working on studying hydropower projects throughout the state.

New Business

S.J. Klein moved to introduce resolution “2010-11, A Resolution Authorizing the Fairview Community Council to enter into Memoranda of Understanding or Memoranda of Agreement with social service agencies in the Fairview area” for first reading.

The President referred the resolution to the Harm Reduction Committee and the executive board.

S.J. Klein introduced resolution “2010-12, A Resolution supporting equal rights in Anchorage.”

Chamard noted that the Council usually hosts a community potluck at the December membership meeting. December 10 will be the date of the December general membership meeting and potluck. Michael Howard offered to chair an ad-hoc committee to organize the potluck in coordination with volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.