

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled General Membership meeting on December 9, 2010 at the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

Geoffrey Humphreys moved that the Council begin every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lorne Bailey seconded.

Darrel Hess objected to the motion noting that Fairview is one of two Councils in Anchorage with high proportion of non-citizen residents.

Humphreys noted that the pledge is a good way to express one's patriotism and that multiple other public bodies also begin meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

S.J. Klein questioned the purpose and timing of the motion considering that the Council President is not an American citizen.

Bruce Geraghty noted that the Pledge of Allegiance is a good idea and identifies us as citizens and residents of a common nation.

President counted 6 opposed; 6 in favor. Invoking Robert's Rules, allowing the Chair to break a tie, the president voted in opposition to the motion.

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report, Michael Howard

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Chamard reported in the absence of Treasurer Ron Alleva that the current balance in the account is \$1,828.53

Items Available for Review on the table:

- A draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Fairview Community Council (FVCC) and Cook Inlet Housing Authority.
- A draft MOA between the FVCC and Catholic Social Services.
- A proposed list of elements to be included in MOU's between FVCC and agencies.

Community Comments and Concerns

Lorne Bailey noted that the walk signals on 15th Avenue allow for enough time to cross in the summer but that during the winter this same time does not suffice for crossing. This creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians.

Legislative Reports

Amanda Metevier, staff of Representative Les Gara, reported that the Mayor of the Municipality has proposed cutting 6 extra weeks of leave every two years for public and private employees.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Plan Committee-Alen Kemplen. Members of the Mayor's staff completed a driving tour of the neighborhood with elected representatives. Additionally, Highway to Highway staff has narrowed down alternatives for the proposed freeway to three alignments, all of which would impact Fairview. The Committee will meet Saturday at Allen Kemplen house, to sled at Sitka Park then return to Kemplen's home to discuss neighborhood planning. Maps were available at the AMATS meeting at the end of the traffic model validation report. Christopher Constant suggested the Council invite the new regional Dept. of Transportation Commissioner to the next Council meeting.

Sharon Chamard reported that during the January membership meeting, municipal Parks and Rec staff will present on proposed improvements at Fairview Lions Park and Fairbanks Park. Also, vice president Allen Kemplen will report on

Robert's Rules of Order and decorum that the membership should strive to follow. As of January, the Council will start meetings at 6:30 pm to allow for time to vacate the rec center by the 9 pm closing time.

Old Business

Resolution 2010-11 “Authorizing the Council to enter into cooperative agreements with Social Service Agencies”

S.J. Klein, the mover of the resolution, spoke to the resolution. Klein explained that the resolution is an attempt to establish a mechanism to establish a good faith relationship with operating in Fairview to ensure that activities do not negatively impact the neighborhood.

Klein moved to amend the resolution to replace “go on record” with “establish”. Bruce Geraghty seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the amendment. The President counted a vote and the motion carried unanimously 16-0.

There was some discussion as to the purpose of including specific agency names in the Whereas clauses.

Allen Kemplen moved to remove specific agency names in the third Whereas clause. Christopher Constant seconded.

There was some discussion as to the spirit of the Resolution in naming specific agencies, and whether the purpose of the document is to target specific agencies, in a positive or negative way, or to put blanket policy goals in place,

The President held a vote and counted 4 in favor; 9 opposed.

Christopher Constant moved to amend the second and third Whereas clauses to read:

“The P&Z commission in a recent decision concerning a conditional use permit that the Fairview Community Council enter into a cooperative agreement with the applicant, and that the said document become part of the record of the applicant’s conditional use permit.”

And to amend the third Whereas clause to include “Catholic Social Services” in the list of entities.

The President counted 10 in favor of the amendment; 1 opposed.

Lorne Bailey called the question. The membership unanimously approved closing debate on the motion.

The President counted 16 in favor of the amended resolution; 0 opposed.

Assembly Representative Patrick Flynn arrived and reported: The municipal budget has been approved and retained nearly all current transit service; that 2011 will include work on a new master plan for Merrill Field. Flynn suggested that the Council request that permanent noise monitoring stations as a part of the plan update. Flynn is working to get the legislation addressing the Cordova center done. There will be opportunity for public comment through the process – Allen Kemplen, Council Vice President, is familiar with the input process and will discuss it in committee meetings with Council members. The 9th Avenue reconstruction process is included in the draft legislative proposal funded by a mix of state and municipal funds. There was a request that measurement methodology and process for establishing stations be included in the study process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm to engage in holiday celebration. Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.