

Fairview Community Council General Meeting  
Fairview Recreation Center  
6/11/2015

7:05 quorum met

Agenda: Gaeiski moves, abney seconds changes: Legislative reports, Merrill Field

Legislative Report: (Gara) Special session ended an hour ago. Budget passed. \$79M of school cuts proposed by the majority. Still some cuts in the budget. OCS is severely understaffed. Was able to add 30 staff. Pre-K education was refunded. Senior benefits were proposed to be cut. Was able to reinstate. Problem is that the current tax regime gave 650 million in tax rebates to oil companies which is more than the state brought in from oil tax revenue. Medicaid expansion failed. Fairview Gateway element gets a one-year extension. Senator Ellis has worked hard to get funding for treatment

Lelake (for Ellis): "Justice reinvestment" a program looking at cost drivers in our corrections system and justice system, with Pew Center.

Question from audience: capital budget? Gara: No extra in the budget. KABATA not funded. Will continue to fight eminent domain and condemnation.

Abney: Medicaid expansion? Gara: governor may try to use executive order. Abney: What about OCS? Gara: we were able to increase funding.

Brooks: Erin's law? Gara: Dunleavey added a bunch of junk to the bill.

Amory: Ellis just texted that Gara worked tirelessly to fight for fairview.

Constant, Klein, Chamard, Townsend, Sanders, Need, Kemplen, Heinrich, Lelake, Caldera, Annette, Graham, Gayeski, Kleinfeld, Carlson, Schlegel, Ackerman, Harrison, Abney, Spreung, Oliva, Brown, Brooks, Vandenberg, Smith, R. Alleva, Alfonsi, Watson, Pitt, J. Alleva, Starks,

Success Story: Constant served on the Mayor's transition team for homelessness. Fairview's position is being represented in the new Administration.

Need moves to approve minutes. P. Alleva seconds Chamard amends. Passes unanimously.

Legislative Report: Spreung: Failed to contact anyone at Solid Waste Services. Downtown Partnership has offered to help Mountain View with cleanup. Constant: Mountain View has raised \$20k to contract with the Downtown partnership Ambassadors program.

Brooks: Merrill Field update: 20 days of compaction on taxiway Q, phase 4. R. Alleva: what happens to the gas? Brooks: SWS is responsible for gas collection. Some gets flared. A pipe will be removed/impacted during compaction. R. Alleva: Kemplen has done studies on using the methane gas to run a snow melt.

President's report: AkHFC reports that HUD money is being redirected: Low income housing is being built in low income neighborhoods. Incentives and restrictions to create mixed income housing. Townsend: Rent is expensive. Abney: Disappointed the mayor had a meeting at Beans Cafe. Limbs are rotting off of people. Dangerous ex-cons and sex offenders. Was any of this mentioned? Lost digits because they are addicted to alcohol. Constant: No-one was talking about hands rotting off, but substance abuse was an issue. Very depressing at Beans. Much different at Covenant House. Chamard: Also a public safety team focused on chronic public inebriates. Abney:

You can't divorce substance abuse, mental health and homelessness. Spreung: Agrees with Abney. Constant: In 1 block 3rd and Karluk saw 2 people smoking crack, packages of spice, people passed out. Constant: Tuesday 6/16 5:30-7:30 the transition team will be listening.

Treasurer's report: Chamard: \$7 service charge. Report submit. Expects to pay \$134 from the education account for Fairview Elementary's cleanup effort.

Unfinished Business: Constant: Spirits: An administrative hearing will be heard later this summer. Store is closed. Now there is a new trouble spot on 13th and Hyder. Obvious sex trafficking. We hear APD is working on it.

Block Party Update: Need: Hired Element Agency. Partnered with REAP. Posters ready tonight. Charging for booths.

Gateway Element: Constant: Money is there. Met with DOT to make plan. Two steps for approval by DOT. FWHA has approved, pending AK DOT approval.

Website: Constant: Oliva did a great job updating the website.

Resolution 2015-02: A resolution relating to Service Charges and Municipal Tax Relief Paid by Solid Waste Service Customers. Constant: If SWS is making this much money, it is not fair to Need moves, Harrison Seconds. Klein Reports on conversation with Director Alcantar and Finance director Tim. Chamard: Do we know the expense to operate the collection? Klein: Forthcoming. Heinrich: Does South Anchorage pay solid waste? Abney: SWS money got taken and given to the general fund? Chamard: Never been to the landfill. moves to amend Need seconds. Klein points out that anyone who generates waste pays landfill fees. Kleinfeld: are other councils moving this? Constant: we have brought it to their attention. Motion passes unanimously. Resolution passes 15-0.

Resolution 2015-03: A Resolution Protesting the Conditional Use Permit for 1139 Gambell St. Kemplen: Moved because there can be another liquor store at that location. The site has become habituated with the population that abuses alcohol. The resolution gets alcohol out of that community. Kemplen moves. Heinrich seconds. Oliva: Does this mean that no-one could sell liquor there, whether responsible or not? Constant: Yes. Kemplen: Forgot to mention that Anchorage jail and sleep-off center are there. Inebriates are let out the door and will go to the closest liquor store. It's an institutional problem. Constant asks to entertain an amendment. Need moves to amend, Heinrich seconds. Gayewski: isn't the license gone? Constant: conditional use is different than license. Alleva: If the council can move to rescind a conditional use for Spirits, can't they do so for Brother Francis? This body does not have the power to rescind a conditional use. Constant: This body only has advisory power. Loring: What is meant by "worse and not better?" Kemplen: Meaning that the quantity of inebriates did not improve but became more of a problem. Loring: Does not think the problem had gotten worse. Heinrich: Understands that the CAP team reports more calls for service. Chamard: The issue is not about Spirits. Do we want a liquor store there or not. Spreung: What if a nice restaurant wanted to move in? Kemplen: They would have to get a new conditional use. Loring: Will support this resolution though he did not observe that the problem had gotten worse. Does not believe this is a good location for a package. Loring moves to delete the line "whereas the problem has gotten worse and not better. Oliva seconds. Loring: has logs of activity and has not seen the problem get "worse". Kemplen: "the problem continued to be a problem". Motion did not pass. Kemplen: moves to amend. Abney seconds. Passes unanimously. 19-0

Resolution 2015-04: A Resolution Concerning Persons Who Use the Anchorage Safety Center Chamard: The fire chief came up with a plan to track users of Anchorage Safety Center and prevent them from using alcohol. ACLU has a problem with it. It is a resolution to state our desire to do something. Chamard moves. Heinrich seconds. Passes 15-0

New Business: Moving Mental Health Consumer Web. Constant: the Business Association and the Mental Health Trust Authority have identified the location of the Consumer Web as a problem. He has been in contact with Nancy Burke to put a plan together. They will come before the council before moving. Kleinfeld: What is the web? Brown: Self-led program serving dually diagnosed homeless individuals with severe mental illness and or substance abuse. No restrictions on entry. Computers, employment assistance, recovery coordinators, peer mentoring. Everyone has to blow sober. The people we see out in front are the people who do not blow sober. Townsend: where are you located? 13th and Gambell. Klein: the impact of people who do not make it in your door are something we really need to think about. Loring: the web does a miraculous job and their services are really needed. Has been reaching out into the neighborhood, which has had a positive impact. Abney: Do you treat behavioral addictions? Brown: we would refer.

President's report, part 3: Constant very impressed by the providers message: Find a way to unify treatment/services, etc.

Community Comments: Abney: excited about the new administration's focus on homelessness and public safety. People need to see the mental illness that is in our streets. Really appreciates the leadership of the council. We need more beds in mental institutions. Massively diversified services. Takes money. Kemplen: Land use committee has a meeting with the Municipality re: the Land Use Plan Map (LUPM). Alleva: Don't drink the Kool Aid and don't believe a word the homeless committee says. Appeared before the Brother Francis Board: 1- Spice, 2- Giveaways across the street, 3- Food giveaways create human waste and garbage, 4- giveaway toilet paper. Hess was appointed to the Advisory board of Brother Francis. The board failed to act or even consider action on the issues. Hess resigned from the board in response. We should ask Brother Francis and Beans Cafe to move. Lisa Sodder, director of Beans. Contacted her three times to discuss these issues. Got invited to write a letter. Accused him of assaulting a nun, of frothing at the mouth returning items that came from there, escorted out of assembly. The chief of police agrees with him. Tuesday will remove the bottle art. Loring: reports that flowers have been planted. Thanks to Beth Verelli. Re: Closing of spirits: Diverter at 10th and Juneau is amazingly clear of bottles. Party hill is going to be fenced in again. Ackerman: RurAL CAP has the same concerns about spice. Calls APD when they see dealers. Concerned about feces and other issues in the neighborhood. L. Need: Neighborworks Anchorage a finalist for a placemaking grant.

Kemplen moves to adjourn, H. Need seconds.