

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of September 16, 2015 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris

No quorum at this time. Approval of the draft agenda and previous meeting minutes postponed.

FCC Delegates in attendance (16):

Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Mountain View	Daniel George
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Portage Valley	Joanne Blackburn
Rabbit Creek	Adam Lees
Scenic Foothills	Forrest Dunbar
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Turnagain	Danielle Bailey
University	Joanie Nardini

Others in attendance included:

Tam Agosti-Gisler	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Jon Cecil	MOA Long Range Planning
Tom Davis	MOA Long Range Planning

Mayor's Office report:

None.

Assembly Report:

None.

School District Report:

Tam Agosti-Gisler, Anchorage School Board

Goal of the ASD Destination 20/20 will be presented at next FCC meeting.

Leaders in Schools: An invitation to attend a local school between Sept 25th and Oct15th sponsored by Anchorage School Business Partnership. To sign up see www.asdk12.org/sbp/

There is an upward trend in the graduation rate, which is believed to be linked to incentive programs. There appears to be a causal relationship in targeting the 9th grade to improve attendance which has a trickle-down effect as they advance into the later years. FYI 26% of the student body are transient.

Bond re-imburement was denied by the State, so Anchorage taxpayers will have to pay the full cost of the construction bonds approved by the voters in the April 2015 ballot.

Presentations:

Anchorage Land Use Map

Tom Davis and Jon Cecil, MOA Long Range Planning Division

Presented the outline of the procedure for the acceptance of the Land Use Plan Map. This is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

Current plan is to have the Public Draft to be released by end of September.

The CC's need to discuss and submit their input . Muni would like to have a Resolution by Oct 30th from each council.

Muni has already held more than sixty meetings with various organizations including eighteen community councils. They will hold an additional eight meetings with community councils later this week.

Muni would like the CC's to:

- 1) Identify an individual to be point of contact & make a Resolution.
- 2) Planning will hold Regional meetings to review proposed land use. To address how this relates to Neighborhood plans and how the implementation will occur.

3) Muni will provide as an option a template for a resolution

6:49 p.m. - Quorum achieved.

Presentation continued.

A resolution was proposed by Harry Need (FVCC) requesting an extension of the dates to allow more time for the councils to review the document. Jeanne Blackburn (PVCC) Seconded.

Amended offered after discussion to ask for a 60 Day extension rather than leaving it open ended.

Forrest Dunbar Recommended

Harry Need seconded

Vote on approval of the amendment 12 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

Discussion of the main motion.

Vote on Resolution: 12 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain.

Resolution will be signed by the FCC Chair Bonnie Harris and forwarded to the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Assembly, and the Planning Department head.

Hal Hart, the newly appointed Municipal Planning Director was introduced.

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Bob Reupke (NECC) and seconded by Tom Freeman (ERVCC). Motion to approve agenda passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Kyle Stevens (GHCC) and seconded by Deborah Jones (CCC). Motion to pass May minutes passed unanimously.

Public Transit Budget for 2016

Jed Smith, Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Board

The Sullivan Administration asked the Transit Department to take a 2% for 2016. The Berkowitz Administration reduced the requested cut down to 1%. So the budget cut goal is now at about \$320,000. This will mean a serious hit to service.

Transit board is looking for general feedback from the public. Regarding how to improve service / where to cut. The Board would like to make presentations to community councils. The transit budget goes to the Assembly on October 2nd. Jed's contact is akjed@yahoo.com

Officer Reports:

FCC Chair Bonnie Harris – No report.

FCC Treasurer Kevin Fimon – BDO is no longer providing bookkeeping services for the FCC, but they will be completing the FCC tax forms for this year. Presented Year-To-Date accounting of MOA grant expenses. Third quarter check from the Municipality has not yet been received but is expected soon. Note that each Council may spend up to \$75 each year for marketing their council, but few councils have taken advantage of this.

Community Council Center Manager Mark Butler – Planning to be out of the office on Thursday October 1st and Friday October 2nd and then again on Thursday October 15th and Friday October 16th. Three council grants expire at the end of June 2016.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

FCC Budget Proposal for CY 2016 – Treasurer Kevin Fimon discussed the proposed \$85,000 budget for next year. Keeping the total amount the same as this year. Harry Need (FVCC) proposed and Tom Freeman (ERVCC) seconded. Passed with a vote of : 14 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstain. Will be submitted to the City Clerk and the Chair of the Assembly.

Chair Bonnie Harris stepped down from the Chair in order to present the next issue. Vice-Chair Kyle Stevens assumed the chair.

FCC Delegate to the AMATS Citizens Advisory Committee – Bonnie Harris

AMATS has developed a new Citizens Advisory Committee. The FCC has a seat on the 16 member committee. Bob French (Past President of GHCC) was suggested by the FCC Executive Board to fill that role and report back to the FCC. Confirmation of Bob French by the FCC was proposed by Kyle Stevens. Seconded by Danielle Bailey. Approved by a vote of: 14 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain,

Council Sharing:

Old Seward/Oceanview – Creek drainage project complete. New round-about at Klatt & Johns Roads. Still fighting the Alaska Railroad over their right-of-way policies.

Fairview - Fairview community block party, working to implement neighborhood plan.

Turnagain – September 23rd BBQ

Rabbit Creek – Traffic, mailing list questions.

Mountain View – Davis Park Master Plan, MV targeted neighborhood plan, two Brown Jug liquor licenses need conditional use plan.

Scenic Foothills – Muldoon Farmers Market a success!, Muldoon Town Square Park approved!

University Area – Resolution about Northern Access to U-Med District.

Portage Valley – Cell Tower, Alaska Railroad in a “Robust opponent” to Portage Valley area property improvements, terrible car wreck, neighborhood plan.

Eagle River Valley – Held meeting at Jitters.

Northeast – Dedicated Muldoon Town Square Park, Muldoon Farmers Market a success!, Picnic.

Meeting extended until 8:10 p.m. Proposed by

Campbell Park – Met every month of the summer, removal of the dilapidated creek platform.

Government Hill – Road impact. Woolly Mammoth park, Visit of the President of the United States (POTUS)

South Addition – Coastal Trail bridge still closed.

Public Comments:

Cathy Gleason TCC – Berkowitz administration withdrew the proposed West Anchorage – Airport land trade.

Move to adjourn Tom Freeman, Seconded by Kyle Stevens.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Laule and Mark Butler.