

**Federation of Community Councils  
Board of Delegates  
Meeting  
Wednesday, 18 January 2006**

**Attendance**

Airport Heights - Mark Fish	Bayshore/Klatt - Bob Laule	Birchwood - Nanette Belk
Campbell Park - Sandy Traini	Downtown - Kim MacBeath	Eagle River - Bill Gossweiler
Eagle River Valley - Tom Freeman	Government Hill - Julie Jessal	Glen Alps - Cecilia Hidalgo
Mid-Hillside Lance Powell	Mountain View - Kep Pierce	Northeast - Bob Reupke
Old Seward / Oceanview Vicki Klaasen & Steve Klaasen		Rabbit Creek - Dianne Holmes
Rogers Park - Bob Williams	Russian Jack - Mike Gutierrez	Sand Lake - Robert Hayes
South Addition - Kathy Weeks	South Fork - Bob Gill	Tudor - Sheli Dodson
Turnagain - Cathy Gleason & Breck Tostevin	University - Susan Klein	
22 Councils		
Secretary - Niki Burrows	Mayor's Office - Teri Albrecht	Anch School District - Jeff Friedman
Anch Police Dept. - Sgt. Cindi Stanton	Community Councils Ctr - Ed Leach	

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kim MacBeath at 6:10 PM. The Agenda was amended to include Jim Lamson from Project Management & Engineering, and the January Minutes were approved as written.

**APD Sergeant Cindi Stanton** said that although she hasn't made it to all Community Council meetings, she is making as many as she possibly can on those nights when several Councils meet on the same night. She reminded us to turn in our questionnaires about how the Police Dept is doing - they have received only a few to date. If Councils have issues, please get them to her early, so she can research the answers before she comes to your meeting.

**Jeff Friedman, Anchorage School Board**, reported they are knee-deep in the budget process and have to cut \$1.8 million, which will mean some teachers and 2 elementary assistant principals will lose their jobs - they will also be reducing the number of teacher assistants in small kindergarten classes. Dianne Holmes asked about the drainage problems at Golden View Middle School due to its being built on wetlands - it is affecting properties downstream. Traffic is still a problem. Two families are without cars due to accidents there.

**Teri Albrecht, CIP Project Manager**, introduced her boss, **Jim Lamson from Project Management and Engineering**. He passed out copies of the 2006 Legislative Program (put together by Mayor Begich). He said the Assembly is debating whether to put 4 General Obligation bond issues on the April ballot – Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area bond; Security and Public Safety Improvements bond; Anchorage Fire Service Area bond; and Anchorage Parks and Service Area bond. Four school district bonds will be introduced January 31<sup>st</sup>. His office is responding to each Community Council's CIP request - they have responded to 22 to date. He reminded us that the regional meetings for the second Title 21 rewrite will be the 30<sup>th</sup> in Eagle River; the 1<sup>st</sup> at Romig; the 7<sup>th</sup> at South High and the 8<sup>th</sup> at the UAA Consortium Library. Terri's number is 343-8142 if you have questions.

**Tom Davis, Community Planning and Development**, unveiled the new draft Anchorage Land Use Maps that go along with the Title 21 rewrite to show zoning implementing the Anchorage 20/20 Plan. These are a visual guide, a blueprint for growth, and a policy map. The maps are:

- Generalized Land Use Plan Map
- Residential Intensity Map Layer
- Commercial Intensity Map Layer
- Community Facilities Map Layer, and
- Composite Land Use Map

The handout also included a Land Use/Zoning Consistency Table, and descriptions of the various designations. Transitional maps should be online in about a week. Comments are due by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Comments on Title 21 are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Tom Davis at 343-7916.

**Dave Tremont, also from the Planning Dept.**, reported that the amendments to the Sign Ordinance repealing some of the criteria will be before the P & Z Commission on February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Assembly February 28<sup>th</sup>. Comments are due by February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Municipality hired consultants in 2002 to rewrite our Sign Ordinance which was adopted by the Assembly in August 2003. The amendments will revise the grandfathering, or amortization schedule for existing signs, size and height, and setback limitations. Dave Tremont can be reached at 343-7915.

**Ed Leach, representing the Community Councils Center**, told us that My Neighborhood is up and running with lots of information about where you live, or where you might want to move to. It can be accessed from the Muni Web site or the FCC Web site.

Sandy Traini moved that we write a letter to Superintendent Carol Comeau requesting that Community Councils be able to use the schools during the summer months at no charge. The motion passed.

Justina Meyer from Fairview is the new Treasurer and has not had time to sit down with Debbie Bauer, the Manager, due to Debbie's illness.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

There was no Council sharing although the following Councils turned in their Concern sheets.

**Airport Heights** - 1) Funding for their Community Patrol - would like to work with the FCC regarding financial assistance.  
2) Lack of action regarding improvements to Lake Otis between Northern Lights and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
3) Safety concerns at Lake Otis and East 20<sup>th</sup> intersection.

**Birchwood** - 1) Title 21 rewrite  
2) Comp Plan  
3) Long-range Transportation plan  
4) Large Animal Ordinance - Finally!  
5) Utility corridor upgrades

**Eagle River** - 1) Particle Accelerator and Cyclotron commercial operations are not appropriate in residential areas. Proposed Ordinance AO 2005-178 would amend the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 21.45.150 to prohibit the operation of Particle Accelerator Systems, including Cyclotrons as "Home Occupations" in dwelling units. ERCC fully supports this Ordinance.

2) Janice Shamberg and Debbie Ossiander have submitted AO 2005-5 amending AO 2002-117, Land Clearing Ordinance to strengthen and add more definitive language to the Ordinance which will prevent future wholesale mechanized land clearing without consideration for air and water quality, effects on neighboring parcels and the aesthetics of the community. This amendment has not yet been voted on by the Assembly. ERCC has been impacted by the land clearing by a developer who used the loophole in the current Ordinance and encourages other Community Councils to provide strong written support for this amendment and a heartfelt thanks to Janice Shamberg and Debbie Ossiander for their work in protecting us all.

**Rogers Park** - 1) East Northern Lights sound barrier. It now appears that the project has only 28% of the funding needed to complete the entire project. The RPCC will work with our legislative delegation to obtain the necessary funding.

2) The Maplewood Drive to East 24<sup>th</sup> Ave sidewalk will probably be installed on the West side of Maplewood.

3) MOA traffic Engineer, Lance Wilber, and engineers from Dowl Engineering gave presentations regarding various road projects which are scheduled for the near future.

**South Fork** - 1) Speeding.

2) Construction theft.

3) Road safety - design of Hiland Road

**Taku/Campbell** - More moose getting hit along the roads in the Community Council area. Not only moose are getting killed. The cost of accidents to the drivers, passengers and auto repairs are very high. We are supporting "Wildlife" fencing or other means of keeping moose and wildlife off of the roads to increase safety in our area. Currently, in the bypass, there are two major areas in which moose have been hit as well as on the on and off ramps.

**Turnagain** - 1) 35<sup>th</sup> and McRae Road project: Muni and consultant had a public meeting and showed cookie cutter collector design. Residents voiced strong objections to that design. They want narrow road and maybe pathway (not 8 ft wide) on one side of the road. Retain as many trees as possible and minimize the impact on property owners.

2) Airport has released Draft Preferred Alternative for the General Aviation Master Plan. It includes two large areas in Turnagain Bog closer to Turnagain homes slated for development: more wheeled tie-down spaces (92) and large lease lots. Comment deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

3) AWWU has announced at its latest public meeting that the new pump station down by the Coastal Trail will not be built until Summer 2007 - it was originally going to be built this coming summer. This is in response to numerous other concerns/questions on development in the area voiced by residents - all of which need to be comprehensively addressed.

**University Area** - 85 unit apartment complex planned for the west end of Bryn Mawr (which is a cul-de-sac).