

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of March 16, 2016 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris.

Quorum achieved. New delegates!

FCC Delegates in attendance (18):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Teri Penn
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman/O'Malley	Matt Burkholder
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Jamie Lang
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Tudor Area	Jake Tuckerman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly
Amy Demboski	Anchorage Assembly
Tam Agosti-Gisler	Anchorage School Board
Felix Rivera	Mayor's Office
Jason Bockenstedt	Mayor's Office/PM&E
Dean Franklin	MOA IT Department
Mark Butler	FCC Manager

Dianne Holmes RCCC
Mike Bronson NAACP
Maeve Nevins Leadership Anchorage
Emily Cohn Leadership Anchorage

Agenda: Approved – Jones and Reupke.

Minutes: Approved.

Assembly Report:

Chair Dick Traini spoke about the upcoming election, the move to mail-in voting in the April Municipal election, the purchase of a gas field by ML&P and commercial marijuana rules.

Assembly member Amy Demboski spoke at length about the reasons behind wanting to speed up the process to amend Title 21. Window are coverage clauses are onerous, steep lot rules are discouraging development on remaining lots in Anchorage and the garage rules are not appropriate for Alaskans with their heavy use of garage space. There was unanimous agreement to fast track these three items. Mindy Willis (RCCC) asked why there is an emergency need to bypass normal processes for amending Title 21. Mark Hill (SFCC) noted that the storage rules proposal had not been forwarded. Mindy Willis (RCCC) stated that parts of her council was outside of the Title 23 rules area, so keeping “sloping” rules in Title 21 is important.

School Board Report: Tam Agosti-Gisler said that the school bonds up for voter review are for critical major maintenance of the building. With over \$200 million in bonds paid off in the last seven years, the bond cost of the schools has dropped.
www.asdk12.org March 31st at 6PM is the opening of the West and ROmig career facility.

Mayor’s Office Report: Felix Rivera spoke about:

1. JBER – MOA and Department of Defense economic impact report will be written and useful
2. Vision Zero project aims to reduce deaths on the sidewalks and streets. Looking at behavioral issues. MOA website
3. AMATS 2016 and 2017 projects
4. Youth Art in City Hall

5. AFD academy has 25 students. APD is accepting applications for the next academy. APD is also looking at “lateral” moves from already trained officers.
6. Homeless count report coming soon.
7. Sign up for the Berkowitz Bulletin at www.muni.org
8. Get out and vote in the elections!
9. Title 21 public participation should be “robust”.

Standing Committee & Officers Reports:

FCC Chair Harris:

FCC Outreach Committee: Kyle Stevens continues to do outreach to less active councils.

Presentations:

Council CIP/CIB Process – Felix Rivera, MOA Mayor’s Office spoke about the CIP/CIB process for the community councils. It is online as of March 1st. Please prioritize by May 31st. You can add, delete and prioritize online. This year the Mayor is focusing in Juneau on gaining funding for the Port of Anchorage Project. So he is asking the councils to prioritize their top one or two highest priorities in each category. Felix introduced Dean Franklin of the Municipal IT department and Jason Bockenstedt who is working as a community liaison with the Municipal Project Management & Engineering, Street Maintenance, and Traffic Departments.

“CPEAK” CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS – Maeve Nevins, Leadership

Anchorage spoke about her Leadership Anchorage class that is developing “CPEAK” (Community Platform for Engagement Alaska) a proposed program designed to help increase civic engagement in Alaska by educating, empowering and engaging community members. There is a website with a survey. You are invited to a group focus meeting on Monday April 25th from 7-8 p.m. in the FCC Conference Room.

Adequacy in Education – Mike Bronson, NAACP Anchorage spoke about the NAACP’s concern over adequacy in education (literacy proficiency). Proud of ASD however... reading and mathematics skills are not high enough among many, many students. 60% don’t meet State of Alaska standards. State funding is receding. Need to hand back the ASD budget because they are proposing eliminating teachers and classroom sizes growing.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

FCC Officers Elections Committee - Bob Reupke (NECC) reported that Bonnie Harris is interested in running for FCC Chair, Kyle Stevens is interested in running for FCC Chair or FCC Vice-Chair, and Sam Moore is interested in FCC Treasurer. All four positions are open for nominations. Nominations are open until just before the elections are held at the May FCC meeting.

No Council Sharing.

Public comments:

Nancy Pease, RCCC - AO34 has four major changes proposed.

1. Removing size limits on residential garages.
2. Permitting development on areas with steep slopes.
3. Changing drainage plans for 3 and 4plexes
4. Reducing standards for windows from 15% of walls down to 10%.

Why do these thing need to be pushed without the usual amount of public hearing? The sense of urgency is misplaced. Please go March 22nd to the Assembly meeting to stop this from bypassing the usual public process.

Dianne Holmes, RCCC – We need a better public process for these changes!

Adjournment: 8:12 pm

After adjournment, Ray Metcalfe give a presentation about state oil taxes.

Minutes by Mark Butler