

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of May 18, 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):

Airport Heights	Teri Penn
Basher	Hilary Morgan
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman/O'Malley	Matt Burkholder
Mid-Hillside	Lance Powell
Midtown	Peggy Robinson
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Scenic Foothills	Jerrienne Lowther
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jay Stange
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly
Felix Rivera	Mayor's Office
Mark Butler	FCC Manager
Chief Tolley	APD
Sgt. Nolder	APD

Agenda: Approved – _____ and _____

Minutes: Minutes for the April 20, 2016 meeting were not available in time for the meeting. They will be submitted at the next FCC meeting.

Standing Committee & Officers Reports:

FCC Chair Harris: We have received numerous letters of interest for the one-quarter time FCC administrative assistant position. We will be reviewing the resumes, interviewing some candidates and then hiring one soon.

We would like to move the July 2016 FCC Picnic Meeting to July 27th so that Mark can be here to coordinate the event. So moved by the delegates. Thank you to Kevin Fimon for coordinating the 2015 FCC picnic meeting.

FCC Treasurer: Kevin Fimon reported the state of FCC finances. We remain within the MOA grant budget after four months - Our mailing contractor has not yet billed us for this year's USPS mailing of newsletters and we will soon hire the new ¼ time administrative assistant position that has been funded for the entire year.

FCC Outreach Committee: Kyle Stevens continues to do outreach to less active councils. He is interested in holding a "Civic Engagement Forum" in the near future.

Assembly Report:

Vice Chair Dick Traini spoke about the upcoming hearing on the cell tower legislation and the Vote-by-Mail process to be used for the April 2017 Municipal elections. There will be a good security system in place to assure that there is not fraud in the Vote-by-Mail process. Homeless people will be able to vote by receiving their ballots at Beans Café or wherever they receive their pfd check and other mail.

School Board Report: None.

Mayor's Office Report: Felix Rivera spoke about: Please sign up for the "Berkowitz Bulletin" newsletter. Spoke about the Legislature's plan to give the U-Med Road money to the University of Alaska, Anchorage for them to build the road. The Mayor still is holding to the position that the money would be best used for the Port of Anchorage construction project. Felix understands that it would be good to get a workable calendar of meetings put onto the Municipal website.

Presentations:

APD Public Engagement – **APD Chief Tolley** spoke about the Department’s efforts to expand the size of the Anchorage Police Department after years of shrinkage in the number of officers. Currently officers go call to call to call to call. They need unobligated time in their schedule in order to be more effective. Started an APD division to look for best practices and efficiencies and an Office of Professional Integrity. There are a number of police academies this year that should increase the number of trained officers on duty. “Coffee with a Cop” is a new program where the public can meet police officers – the third Wednesday at 10 AM.

Homelessness Task Force Report – **Felix Rivera, Mayor’s Office** spoke on the issue. The Municipality is taking a holistic approach to the issue to avoid just moving homeless folks to another camp location.

1. The Municipality is developing a public portal for people to report homeless camp locations. It should be up and functioning soon. There will be a mobile app as well.
2. There are now outreach teams in vans to pick up homeless folks who may be interested in work projects.
3. Housing is the key ingredient to the plan with a hope to develop more “Housing First” locations. As well “Sitka Place” is a new facility for families that is planned for July.

Old Business:

FCC Officers Elections Committee - Bob Reupke (NECC) opened, and then closed, nominations for FCC officer positions. The final list of candidates were Bonnie Harris for FCC Chair, Kyle Stevens for FCC Vice-Chair, and Sam Moore for FCC Treasurer. All three were unanimously approved. Their term begins July 1, 2016 and is completed on June 30, 2017. Bonnie asked for someone to fill the FCC Secretary position. Kyle Stevens and Sam Moore will become signers on the FCC bank accounts. Bonnie Harris will remain as a signer on the accounts.

Kevin Fimon was thanked for his service as FCC Treasurer the last two years.

New Business: None.

Council Sharing:

Rabbit Creek – Land use map, CIP, private homestead, Upper DeArmoun Road.

Turnagain – Amended TCC bylaws, Land use committee, permitting, Land use plan map, Cell phone tower code revisions.

South Fork – New subdivision

Basher – Main road is rap, not normal pavement. Criminal behavior including kids acting up and garbage left by trailheads.

University Area – U-Med Master Plan, U-Med Road.

Taku-Campbell – “The Green Mile”: lots of commercial marijuana businesses proposed for the neighborhood.

Airport Heights – U-Med Road, crime in the Chester Creek valley.

Eagle River Valley – Officer elections put off until the future.

Chugiak – Election of officers, development of a large homestead.

Scenic Foothills – Elections, extending trails, Muldoon Farmers Market starting in late June.

Huffman O’Malley – Problem property owners.

Northeast – Cleanup at the Muldoon Town Square site (with Mayor Berkowitz).

Midtown – Lots of people at the last meeting due to proposed marijuana businesses. Council leaders resigning, would like the FCC to come to our next meeting to help run election of interim officers.

Campbell Park – Parking and safe access to Campbell Park, drone usage, transit.

Government Hill – CIP list, pilot program for bear-proof garbage containers in alleyways (at no cost to property owners)

North Star – Spenard Road, Westchester Nature trail improvements

South Addition – neighborhood plan, property crime, homelessness.

Bear Valley – Improvement of internet access, Del’s Woods Park

Public comments:
None.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Minutes by Mark Butler