

Fairview Community Council
General Meeting draft minutes
9/14/2017
Fairview Recreation Center
Thank you Josh Sy for taking notes.

7:06pm Call to Order

Approval of Minutes - **Tom McGrath move, Tammi Miller second.**

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Representative Les Gara - limit car dealer fraud. Alaska Dealer Markup. Same exact price shipping from Detroit to Dearborn as from Detroit to Alaska. Meeting on October 11, Denali Elementary, 6-8PM.

Assemblyman Christopher Constant - at Tuesday night assembly meeting, assembly authorized inclusion of teenagers in the council under 18, a youth member in assembly that is advisory in nature. Anchorage opted to have a youth voice in its assembly. Budget process begins end of next month. Half billion dollars. Will be engaging with you as much as possible. We expect a 20 million shortfall this year. Projects and initiatives have to be creative in how they get resourced. SAP project has rolled out first phase this Monday.

Port is of great issue -- to rename the port the "port of Alaska" because 85% of goods and service that come to that port go to Alaska. News Article from Charles Wolforth -- I was criticized because they said I need to apologize to Nancy Burke (mayor's homelessness and housing coordinator). But Nancy needs to apologize to me. I asked them to produce one documentation that proves due diligence effort that they looked elsewhere outside of Fairview and they couldn't provide one email. Meeting is Wednesday next week. Planning and zoning commission -- AMATS 2040 MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) is underway. Managed to get bridge taken off of whole AMATS process. That's where we are. Confidence is high. I need your input.

STANDING REPORTS

- President's Report: snowblower program - parks foundation agreed to fund one of the snow blowers. That program is forging ahead. Next step is to meet with Parks Foundation and NeighborWorks.
- Treasurer's Report: Total \$2301
- Secretary's Report: none

PRESENTATIONS

- Cannabis Committee (presented by Need) - Mary Jane LLC met with us last week at executive board meeting. Presented draft of Neighborhood Responsibility Plan (NRP).
 - Denise (Store Director of Carrs) - Introduced herself as new manager.
 - Tom McGrath (vote by mail) - low voter turnout 24% of people voting in Anchorage. It is expensive the way we are running elections now. Machines are wearing out. People running polls are old and expected to work from 6am-10pm. Voting is important. I hope everybody participates. Everybody will get a ballot by mail if you apply for a PFD or if you have voted in the past. Chamard - what if you turn in the ballots on election day?
 - Christine - (historic preservation officer) - looking at affordable housing. How do we keep it? Gentrification - we don't want that to happen. Land Use Plan project, update to MTP, all of that works together. Photographs of existing houses and drawings of what they could look like. Knapp - where would they park? Christine - The houses are near an alley and they have alley parking. How do people know about it? How does it become available to the owners and landlords? Christine - once we get the plan adopted (most likely in March), then we will be doing a public outreach.
 - Form Based Code - Fairview Design Initiative (presented by Kemplen) - 37 responses so far. Visual Preference Survey - baseline to determine how we want the neighborhood to feel. Built around the community vision of the future. Title 21 is not form based code. Regulating mechanism. Today, focus is on use and density. Form based code focuses on form. Public realm is part of the community that is owned by us: streets, alleys, parks. Potential benefits - shifts from zoning compliance to development quality, Transform a community's image. Provides a certainty for redevelopment of land along Ingra/Gambell corridor. Moving buildings close to sidewalks with open facades; it creates a much more open atmosphere, creates dialogue, now a community is being built. Regulating Plan. Each Fairview regions have a distinct feel. When we are competing with other communities for investment dollars, we need to give them something special. Something unique, and the form based code is what this does. Create a sense of place. Sullivan area - no place to eat, no way to communicate with the neighborhood. We will be talking about Height, Siting, facade elements, building use. Northern Design - we do a poor job of incorporating northern design into our neighborhood and city. Landscaping standards - only for summer. Winter doesn't even exist; Anchorage doesn't know how to deal with shadows.
- ~Leslie Kleinfeld - Walk n Talk 10am... the more the community shows the desire to push for change, the sooner we can get it.
~October Meeting - introduce a draft. November meeting - discuss draft regulation plan. January meeting - introduce a resolution. This Sunday, Black Cup, 9:30am
~Christine - you already have the four districts in the neighborhood plan. You don't need to ask that from the assembly. The next steps are implementing the plan. You are there. If you want to make people-friendly streets, you cannot do that as long as the DOT owns them; the municipality has to own them.
- Walk n Talk (Kleinfeld) - converse and move us forward. Hosted by Anchorage museum. Start at Carrs, try to get a feel of what it's like to walk, how it feels like to communicate. We will end up at 15th and gambell at a pop up Hi! Way Cafe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Land Use Plan (Kemplen) - lots of public input, including from those in FV. Some of our input was not accepted. Area where it's weak, it's in winter city design. Documents are online, available for public review and comments.

- R3A (Kempen) - Residential mixed-use district. Neighborhood plan calls for East FV to protect the identity of single family households. R3A takes the entire residential neighborhood and transforms it to R3A. R3A allows greater building heights and greater coverage (% of lot being covered by building). Under R3A, single family homes and duplexes are prohibited. This is a concern; R3A is in violation of our neighborhood plan. Kempen to make a resolution (2017-08) concerning changes to R3A and to address community concerns. Need - We will bring it to executive board meeting and bring back to body next month.

Chamard - chair of Anchorage Citizen Coalition sent an email...

Need - received an email from John Cecil. Our response: what's the rush?

Planning Director (Hal Hart) - we did a good job of collecting community responses, but we did a poor job of explaining R3A. Transit system is going to have fundamental change on Oct 23. 15 min increments and FV will benefit from the 15 min. You guys are an important part of the city's plan; you have a strategic location.

Need - Received an email from Tom Davis sent about 2 hours ago, but has not read the email yet.

Gateway Project (Kempen) - tried to get polls, but gotten pushback from traffic engineers and streets. Looks like we are not going to be successful in advancing that one. Continue to make progress in street signage and ...

Motion to extend to 8:45. **Kempen moves. Chamard seconds.**

Code enforcement (Chamard) - one property cleaned up their backyard, but not because of Code Enforcement.

Snowblowers (Kempen) - no updates, but advised council to continue advocating for it.

Tasha Hotch - we have a lot of sex offenders living within 200 feet of our schools. We don't have laws in AK saying that sex offenders can't live next to schools. Will propose a resolution creating safety perimeter around schools.

Need- we will talk about it at the executive board meeting.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need - Installing art and fence. Working on it right now as we speak.
- Kemp - Saturday 23rd, we will be creating greenhouse in FV schools.

Motion to adjourn: **Kempen moved. Chamard second.**

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm.