

**FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave  
 April 11, 2019 — 7:00 PM

**Call to Order** 7:00PM - Quorum 7:05PM

**Legislative Reports**

Christopher Constant – regarding the redistricting question, there is a Draft Charter amendment proposal he is hoping people will consider, which will increase the size of district and represent the district more fairly because it will have two Assembly members just like all the other districts. A Charter Amendment requires vote of the people. Vote in 2019. By 2022, if approved, Fairview will be represented by two members in the Assembly. The State House budget reintroduced school budget sharing.

Cal Williams: Proposition 9 was not approved in the municipal election--what is the next step? Constant: the next step is cleaning up as much as we can (the greenbelts). It's hard that it did not get approved. He is not shy about bringing up the question again.

Ron Alleva: Regarding 3rd Post to Ingra, the social services in the area do not extend anything beyond the sidewalks and they should not have a say in the project. Constant: we should eliminate any pedestrian use on the south side of the avenue. If you double the sidewalk, you get double the tents. Fence the south side. Allow camping on north side. \$3.8 million is crazy to double the sidewalk. Does not have an opinion on whether the social service providers should have a say or not on a public topic.

SJ Klein moved to approve agenda. Harry Need seconded. Amendments: add report on the Parks Challenge Grant. Sharon Chamard moved to move election before presentations. Harry Need seconded. No opposition. Approved as amended.

Harry Need moved to approve minutes. SJ Klein seconded. Corrections offered by Sharon Chamard: Nora Morse, not Nora Morris. Dahnna Graham, not Donna Graham. Moved to extend meeting to 9:00PM.

**Elections**

Officers Slate: Allen Kemplen – president SJ Klein – vice president Sharon Chamard – secretary Sharon Chamard – treasurer	No nominations from the floor. No opposition. Slate approved.
Members-at-Large Slate: Chris Crawford James Thornton Tammi Miller Harry Need Joshua Sy	The role of members-at-large is to provide wisdom to the executive board to ensure a holistic approach to issues. Cal Williams: no faith-based communities represented at the board. Allen Kemplen: we've had faith-based representation in the past, but they have to show up and be willing to participate. No nominations from floor. No opposition. Slate approved.

(The Secretary's minute-taking duties transferred at 7:33 pm from Josh Sy to Sharon Chamard)

**Presentations**

*Anchorage Community Land Trust – CEO Kirk Rose*

Mr. Rose gave an update on activities in Fairview. ACLT has been working in neighborhoods in Anchorage for 15 years, in particular in areas with concentrated poverty that can stunt communities. Since 2017, ACLT has engaged in these various activities in Fairview, such as the mural at Fairview Elementary School and the project at Fairview Park. Their approach to community development is to go block-by-block. ACLT has several partners, including the Alaska Center and the Anchorage Parks Foundation. Currently they are

partnering with Greater Friendship Baptist Church to paint their façade. Another program is Set Up Shop, which helps people learn how to open businesses. They are working with eight people in Fairview. The goals are to find people, empower them, and help them launch their businesses. Participants need training, access to capital, technical assistance, and support on bricks and mortar issues. An idea ACLT has now is a food cart incubator. Several people in small-scale food service have come through their program. They could use a food cart for six or so months, try out their menu, etc. ACLT would like to launch it in Fairview. They are excited about the coming neighborhood clean-up, and want to have another block party in Fairview Park this summer.

Harry Need – I want to express our gratitude for all the help you've given our neighborhood, especially Radhika and Kat. Kurt Rose – if you know entrepreneurs, please send them towards us.

Leslie Kleinfeld – we would like to have a café in Fairview. Kurt Rose – that is a tough business model. There is a lot of competition.

Allen Kemplen – suggest that the food carts be located for some of the time in our arena district. We are proposing a challenge grant for Woodside/Eastchester Park and will be working on that the next couple of years. Jamie Patterson-Simes – Another good location would be around Fairview Elementary.

Kurt Rose – we have partnered with a UAA grad student to look at media representation of neighborhoods. Mt. View and Fairview are both poorly portrayed. 1) the media show up to report on bad things that didn't actually happen in the neighborhoods, and 2) violent crime is reported with the neighborhood name in the headline. We still have to figure out how to disseminate this finding. Harry Need – maybe there is a possibility of working with the Alaska Humanities Forum to have a Difficult Dialogues session.

Jerome Lopes – we need to get the churches involved and fired up. I have done community development before. We want to make a difference. The first thing we need to do is get rid of the bad reputation. Allen Kemplen – positive events and activities will present a positive image.

*Merrill Field – Ralph Gibbs*

As airport manager, he "owns the land" through authority of mayor. But he doesn't own the airspace. He is trying to bring about a culture change and is informing pilots about importance of managing RPMs to reduce noise—a long-time Merrill Field user wrote an article about this in the Merrill Field newsletter. Since then, Mr. Gibbs thinks noise has declined. Another issue is with helicopters and touch-and-goes. Moving them to Elmendorf in certain wind conditions means they can't do touch-and-goes because Elmendorf doesn't allow it. Mr. Gibbs is requiring pilots to maintain altitude until over residential areas (i.e., the green zone), then make a steep descent.

Bird control – before simulated shotguns, will send an announcement through Nixle.

Sitka Park – it is airport property that was converted for public use 20-30 years ago. There was a proposal by the previous Merrill Field manager to move the park 80 feet away. Merrill Field is now operating in the red, and has been \$200K in the red for the past four years. Moving the park is not financially feasible now.

SJ Klein – but that is still in the MF Master Plan. Ralph Gibbs – yes, but it is just not a priority. There is so much else to do.

Leslie Kleinfeld – can we use bird dogs to deal with birds? Jamie Patterson-Simes – that is a hazard to student pilots.

Nighttime noise abatement procedures – we currently don't have nighttime restrictions and are working with FAA to add restriction between 10 pm and 6 am – just one takeoff and landing. Allen Kemplen – what about departure procedures? We have a problem with the pilots not staying in the pattern and flying right over houses at low altitude. What can be done to minimize events when pilots are not using proper procedures? Ralph Gibbs – proximity to Ted Stevens International Airport. Jamie Patterson-Simes – traffic pattern altitude is 900' for single-engine, 1200' for turbo-prop. She explained the need to gain altitude over given distance. Her students are taught to observe established patterns. Allen Kemplen – appreciate what can be done to minimize noise from main runways but also dirt strip (5/23). Fully-loaded planes are taking off at 6 am on Saturday right over my house. This makes me unhappy. Jamie Patterson-Simes – most of those are high-performance aircraft with high RPMs. They could use runway 5 on calm days. Allen Kemplen – who can we talk to about changing departure procedures? Ralph Gibbs – it's me.

Allen Kemplen – there are opportunities with hangars facing neighborhoods. They present a “cold shoulder,” but there is potential for murals. This is a great way to build goodwill and have positive interface between industrial and residential land uses.

Ron Alleva – if airplane noise makes you unhappy, imagine how the homeless would make you feel. I’d gladly trade the homeless for airplane noise.

#### *Color Palette – Maria Crawford*

MS. Crawford spoke about how the use of color can create a unique sense of place that reflects our natural environment. Related her own experience of how the color of her own house positively affects her family and her neighbors. Kirk Rose – this is a big deal. We did a façade improvement project in Mt. View. Many of the businesses wanted to improve their façades, but didn’t know what colors to use. A palette like this would be a great help to them. We would love to package this up for a commercial purpose in Fairview. We also had standardized lighting applications that the businesses could use.

#### *Anchorage Skate Club – John Monroe*

Wants a letter of support for a challenge grant application to upgrade the Bonnie Cusack outdoor rink facility (AKA Mulcahy rinks) and to improve security because of problems with vandalism. The facility has many more users than in the past.

SJ Klein moved to authorize the President to write a letter of support. Chris Crawford seconded. SJ Klein – this is a great organization. My kid has skated there for years. It’s a good thing. The motion passed with no opposition.

SJ Klein moved to extend the meeting to 9 pm. Harry Need seconded by Harry. The motion passed with no opposition.

### **Standing Reports**

#### *President – Allen Kemplen*

The Fairview Regulating Plan breaks Fairview up into designated subareas that will have specific plans for design. Summer schedule of Design Committee – Sunday mornings – we will be focusing on each subarea at a time. We have met with municipal staff. Making good progress. Opportunities in Fairview – our innovation area overlaps with federally-designated “Opportunity Zone,” and also the municipal tax abatement and deteriorated property ordinances are in effect.

Harry Need – responding to query from Jamie Patterson-Simes about what these mean – presented specifics about capital gains, and how taxes are reduced more the longer the investor stays in the area. Allen Kemplen – we want to highlight opportunities for investors with these incentives. Cal Williams – will bringing in more investment result in an increase in property assessment values? SJ Klein – explained tax increment financing. Allen Kemplen – some people like to keep their areas deteriorated and their assessed values low. Others want to invest and increase the value of their property. Cal Williams – sometimes the young people come in and complain about old neighbors who have junk cars and old fridges.

#### *Treasurer – Sharon Chamard*

Expenses include a \$7.00 bank fee and \$90.42 for food and refreshments for Design Workshop #4. Current balances of the sub-accounts are: General: \$552.90, Community Development: \$1,155.96, Beautification: \$274.00. Total balance is \$1,982.86.

### **Unfinished Business**

Resolution 2019-06 regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Undergrounding, movers not present, tabled

Resolution regarding Assembly Member Districts – tabled

Introduction of Resolution 2019-08 regarding the Capital Improvement Project list, by Harry Need, referred to Design Committee

Introduction of Resolution 2019-09 regarding Fairview civic heroes, by Chris Crawford, referred to Design Committee and Executive Board

Leslie Kleinfeld – asked for an explanation of the civic heroes initiative for new people who might not know what is all about. Allen Kemplen – explained it is part of the road bond package, panels will be powder-coated, letters for names will be affixed by contractor, put up on signature fencing, will have name and category of nomination. Also, Fairview Community Recreation Center will have a Hall of Civic Heroes, with a plaque, picture, and detailed description of their efforts. SJ Klein asked if there is a form to nominate people. Allen Kemplen replied that there is a proposed list on the back of the resolution to get the conversation started. Forms have been previously distributed.

### **New Business**

SJ Klein - Clean-up Day is on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have three 20-yard containers donated by Ramsay. SWS is donating tipping fees. Come at 9 am to the Fairview Community Recreation Center with boots and gloves; we need trucks. BBQ afterwards at place to be determined. Have to show up to find out where.

SJ Klein announced that the final judging of the Fairview Comp/ACT competition will be at the Anchorage Museum on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

### **Continued Unfinished Business**

Allen Kemplen provided comments on the following:

Be aware of the proposed transit schedule changes

The Fairview Planning and Environment Linkages project has been referred to the Design Committee; there is no update

The Eastchester Park Challenge Grant – Chris Crawford moved, Leslie Kleinfeld seconded, to authorize the FVCC to submit a Challenge Grant for improvements to Eastchester (Woodside) Park. The motion passed with no opposition.

North Fork Chester Creek Greenspace Master Plan – nothing to report

### **Community Comments**

Cal Williams advised the council membership of the availability of the annual report from Anchorage Senior Activity Center.

Regina Manteufel raised concern about a problem property at 1114 E. 10<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Chamard commented on the process established between the FVCC and Municipal Code Enforcement to prioritize problem properties, and urged people to contact her with the address of said properties.

Ron Alleva said he will provide rubber gloves, sharps container, safety vests, hand sanitizer for Clean-Up Day.

**Adjournment** moved by SJ Klein and seconded by Josh Sy. There was no objection; the meeting ended at 8:52.