

**Fairview Community Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Fairview Community Recreation Center - 1121 E 10th Avenue
August 8, 2019 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

Call To Order 7:02 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Moved by S Klein and seconded by James Thornton. No objection.

June 2019 Minutes: Moved by S Klein and seconded by James Thornton. Amendment to change title by deleting "Proposed Agenda" and adding "Minutes." No objection to amendment. No objection to amended minutes.

Legislative Reports

Senator Begich

Legislative work in the second special session has been completed. Programs such as Power Cost Equalization and Alaska Performance Scholarships were restored in capital budget. This passed unanimously in the Senate and needed 30 votes in the House. The Governor signed the bill, but vetoed out some funding for homeless and mental health programs, and also Mountain View Clean-up and community patrols. Senator Chris Birch just died; the Governor has the power to replace him with someone of his choosing, but the appointee must be approved by the Republican senators.

The operating budget is much more difficult. There were 17 votes in Senate, 2 walked out, and 1 voted against. The budget restored \$110 M to university, support for homeless programs, Arts Council, and public broadcasting, and passed 23-15 in the House. It includes a \$1,600 dividend. The Governor has it now and has until end of month to sign or veto. Sen. Begich said he was a "\$3,000 dividend person" at start of session, but not anymore; he supports \$1,600. The Governor raised rates on Pioneer Home, despite objections of Senate and House. High rate is now \$15,000 a month. The Legislature is working well.

Q – what is happening re: oil taxes? Sen. Begich – Conoco Phillips makes \$26/barrel profit, \$13/barrel in Lower 48, \$11/barrel worldwide. If oil was taxed at \$4/barrel more, it would generate \$550 million in revenue.

Representative Fields – absent

APD – Sgt. Ranger and Ofc. Worland

Ofc. Worland reported on calls-for-service. Between 23-29 July there were 275 call-for-service resulting in 59 reports. The top three locations were 1400 E. 4th Ave, Brother Francis Shelter, and Beans Cafe. The top three call types were Disturbances (38), Traffic (25), and Stops (22).

S Klein – There are issues at 1010 Nelchina. Ofc. Worland said APD is aware. They will track calls and pass this on to CAP Team for nuisance abatement.

Allen Kemplen – What is happening at the Black Angus? Ofc. Worland: Calls-for-service have declined, no calls in last week at all.

Harry Need – How do you assign an address to a call when it is in the general area, because there are lots of calls assigned to Carrs Gambell, and not to Black Angus. Is it possible calls are being attached to one location because it's easier to attach fines to those calls? Calls to 13th and Gambell should be assigned to the intersection and not to Carrs. Sgt. Ranger: Locations of calls-for-service aren't arbitrarily assigned.

Allen Kemplen – the FVCC is working on the Gambell Street Corridor Initiative. Public safety is a problem in the area and is an impediment to investment and business viability. We really need the help of APD to improve the area.

Assemblyman Constant – was glad to attend the mounting of the civic heroes panels. He is working with artists to develop a mural on NE corner of 10th and Hyder; it could possibly tell story of John Parks, Ruth Moulton, and Richard Watts. Reapportionment will be addressed in 2020. It is not right that this district has one Assemblyperson and all the others have two. The Muni has declared a state of civic emergency about homelessness. We were facing reduction of Brother Francis Shelter from 240 to 100 beds and defunding and closure of housing programs that would push people out onto the streets. There is a move afoot to create a legal encampment. 3rd and Karluk is proposed by many, but it is not a good place. There is an encampment at Valley of the Moon, and others scattered throughout smaller parks in the area. He is hoping a church will step up to offer to provide space for a legal encampment. The Assembly voted to provide \$400,000 to Brother Francis to maintain capacity of 240 for rest of the year. Catholic Social Services has committed to engage in a process to improve their operations to make it more attractive to homeless people, because many people avoid going to the shelter because of conditions there. The Assembly can pass an emergency ordinance to allow for expenditure above the tax cap. Constant is working on a needs assessment to determine how much the one-time expenditure would have to be. The Assembly passed an ordinance prohibiting metal dealers from buying burnt metal to deter people from burning covering off wiring. It is toxic and can create problems for responding firefighters.

Presentations

Anchorage Skate Club – John Monroe – was previously here in April requested support to upgrade Bonnie Cusack Rink Center. Thanks for the letter; we got the funding. Now the Parks and Recreation Commission needs an approval resolution from the Fairview Community Council to actually do the upgrades, which focus on improving security by replacing the fencing and installing lockable swing gates. The rink is well-used in the winter; we want to increase usage in the summer also. Improvements include: removal of old fencing, installation of new fencing and new swing gates, upgrade of existing swing gates, installation of public address speakers, and improvement of landscaping and interior of the warming building.

Moved by S Klein, seconded by Leslie Kleinfeld - support for the improvements, authorizing FVCC President to write letter supporting such improvements.

Discussion of the motion ensued. Someone expressed concern about loudspeakers and negative impacts on neighbors. Mr. Monroe said the plan has to be approved by Parks and Rec. The speaker will not be too powerful because of our budget. Allen Kemplen said he could include comments in the letter regarding concerns about speakers. The motion passed with no objection.

Enstar Gas- Alicia Martinez- Utility Safety Awareness

Reminder to call 811 before digging. If there is damage to gaslines, call 911. Safety of our community is high priority. Be sure to call for a location before digging, and make sure contractors do too.

Barely Legal – Jana Welten – new marijuana retail business, 500 sq. feet, mainly cultivation, will be right next to Beans Café. Hope to improve the area.

S Klein – welcome, our process here is to establish a neighborhood responsibility plan. A Barely Legal representative handed out a draft MOU. They would like to come back in September.

S Klein suggested creation of an ad-hoc marijuana committee. Allen Kemplen reactivated the committee, S Klein agreed to chair.

President – Allen Kemplen

- Signature Street Signs – have been installed. Good press coverage.
- Civic Hero Panels and Plaques – have been installed. Good press coverage.
- Proposed Fairview Transit Routes – got good support in People Mover survey
- HLB - Native Hospital Site Development – cleaning out brush along Ingra Street, doing undergrounding of wiring, rezoning of area to allow residential development is forthcoming.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard

Fairview Festival expenses and revenues not yet reconciled. Report will be ready in September.

Expenses: \$7.00 bank fee

Balances: General: \$531.90, Community Development: \$1255.96, Beautification: \$274.00.

Total: \$2061.86

Standing Reports

- Design Committee (Form Based Code) – meeting through the summer, making good progress, will have something substantive for the council to look at in October
- Ad-Hoc Safety Committee (Black Angus, Code Enforcement, etc.) – two problem properties named last year have since been demolished.
- Ad-Hoc Festival Committee – July 13, 75-100 attendees, list supporters from donations, booths, DJ, donated printing by Shirts Up (totebags printed on spot)
- Ad-Hoc Parks Committee (Fairview, Eastchester, etc.) – improvements at Fairview Park have been delayed. Might happen before winter, if not, next year. Constant – equipment for the indoor accessible playground at Fairview Recreation Center have been shipped, will be installed soon.

Community Comments or Concerns

Rick Phillips, Northeast Community Council, registrar, offering to register people to vote, also has the signature pages to recall Gov. Dunleavy.

Nuisance property – 800-block of E. 10th Ave. between Hyder and Ingra.

James Thornton thanked Chris Crawford and Maria Crawford for organizing the Fairview Festival, and Sharon Chamard for serving as secretary and treasurer.

Jerome Lopez - Greater Friendship Baptist Church is interested in improving the housing in the area

Unfinished Business

- *Resolution 2019-10 Chester Creek Trail Access Improvements* – postponed due to mover not being here
- MCRP and Fairview PELs – S Klein commented on the Midtown Congestion Relief Project – the consultants are pushing really hard to have 14 lanes of traffic dumped at 15th, many iterations, putting cart before the horse, haven't really looked at the needs of the community, in June presented options to the different groups, design is similar to south of Tudor, plan to build frontage roads first in expanded right-of-way, and leave the center swath undeveloped to allow for future trenching in the center. Design is focused on peak hour traffic. Suggests the council make comments. Chris Constant suggests to liaise with him and John Weddleton.

Moved by Leslie Kleinfeld and seconded by James Thornton to extend meeting to 8:55. No objection.

New Business

- Gambell Street Corridor Initiative, Allen Kemplen – referred to comments made earlier to APD
- Community Garden Proposal (14th and Ingra Street), Allen Kemplen – great lot, good sunlight, think about who would be interested in the participating in the effort to make a garden there
- Homelessness Civil Emergency, Allen Kemplen – commented on already by Chris Constant.
- Introduction by Leslie Kleinfeld of *Resolution 2019-12 Requesting that the Fairview Community Council be involved in the AMATS discussion of the Draft 2040 Municipal Transportation Plan (MTP) regarding Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection Through Fairview (Project #216)*

Adjourn 8:45 PM