

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Draft Agenda
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave
September 12, 2019 — 7:00-8:30 PM

Call to Order 7:03 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: Moved S Klein, seconded Chris Crawford. S Klein, want to move Christina Grande to "Reports and Presentations." U.S. Census representative rescheduled to October meeting.

Harry Need – add item to unfinished business regarding second-member Assembly district. No objections.

Minutes moved S. Klein, seconded Denise Knapp. Constant, change name Welten to Welzin. No objections.

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich – staffer Löki Gale reporting. Senate is in interim status. Next session could be in November. Possibility of restoring some funding along with a supplemental PFD amount of \$1,400. Senator Begich meeting with constituents on Oct 12, 12-2 pm, Clark Middle School.

Representative Zack Fields – staffer Tristan Walsh reporting. A \$4 per-barrel oil tax would close our deficit, which is why it is being emphasized. We are waiting for a reply from Commissioner McKinnon regarding our letter to him about the Midtown Congestion Relief Project.

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant – Planning and Zoning commission – one new member, O’Quinn, is from Fairview. Assembly will soon vote on Radhika Krishna from ACLT as a new member of the P&Z Commission.

There will be public hearing on October 8th on AO 2019-82, which would authorize a public vote to amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to have six districts with two members each.

Homelessness – housing is the best solution. There is a move to locate an encampment at old Native Hospital grounds, but he will resist that. It is important for neighborhoods not to fight amongst themselves about locations. The best solution is more housing, not large legal encampments.

He wants the FVCC to review AMATS MTP and provide comments as soon as possible.

The Assembly will vote on creation of a storm water utility. It is very early in the process. There may be a vote of the people, at the very least it has to go to the RCA for approval. There are issues with repeated flooding in the Valley of the Moon area. Also, there are many very large property owners with lots of pavement who don’t pay their fair share.

Regina Manteufel commented on the continuing problem of wifi not being turned off at night at FVCRC. Inebriates, etc. hanging around at night accessing internet.

Leslie Kleinfeld asked for an explanation of the storm water utility. A short discussion ensued.

Claris Syren brought up the issue of homeless people behind Central Lutheran Church all summer. Constant said he is very aware of the situation. The camp was abated. He said he

spends most of his time on the issue of homelessness. Housing is the solution. 20 people were housed last month.

Harry Need said he knows someone in South Addition who is getting his alley paved. What about alleys in Fairview? Constant said only get three paved each year. Next year, two out of three will be in Fairview.

Beth Verrilli commented that because it was so dry this summer, alleys were very dusty. She called about oiling the alley, but they oiled the wrong alley. Why isn't the Muni more proactive about alley oiling given the impacts of alley dust on air quality? Constant said this neighborhood has had under investment for many years, and he will keep pushing to get more resources for this neighborhood.

Allen Kemplen asked who will pay for the storm water utility? What if a property owner doesn't have any hard surfaces that produce runoff, just grass? There are equity issues. Constant said there is a work session tomorrow at 12:45 pm.

Regina Manteufel remarked that in the past, the military had to pay property taxes on base housing to Muni. Constant replied that the Muni doesn't have the right to collect taxes from the federal government.

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy – newest member of ASB, have been assigned to Fairview Elementary School and Fairview Community Council. Plan to get involved, help you navigate issues related to education. Swim suit incident at Dimond. ASB reacted, Bellamy is pleased with their reaction. Otherwise, a fabulous opening to the school year. ASB meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4 pm work session, 5 pm executive session, 6 pm open meeting. Come talk with us, let us know what you want the future of education in Anchorage to look like. Get involved in the strategic planning process, which will start soon. Bellamy lived in Fairview and her kids went to Fairview Elementary School and are today both very successful. Volunteer coordinator Paula Perry-Edwards (742-4418) is looking for volunteers to serve in schools. Old position revised to new position: Equity Compliance and Family Engagement.[check on this] Leslie Kleinfeld asked how ASD is doing after fallout of state budget. Bellamy said it survived, but there is nothing left. No holdback positions are left, unlike usual years. Kleinfeld asked how budget cuts will affect Fairview Elementary, and what do they need? Bellamy said she will check into that and get back to the council with the information. Regina Manteufel said she will not be able to supply winter clothing to students this year.

Allen Kemplen said there has been interest expressed in the past for Fairview Elementary School becoming a magnet school. There are issues with people with school-aged kids moving out of the neighborhood. We might be able to keep those families here if the school is a magnet school for sciences, the arts, etc. Bellamy said the sky is the limit, we just need to strategize. We can create opportunities for Fairview students. Example, Scenic Park created a Chinese immersion program. There is not busing there, so there is still the problem of it being an equity issue.

Chris Constant said thank you for the swift reaction to the swim suit issue at Dimond.

Standing Reports

President – no report

Treasurer

Fairview Neighborhood Festival expenses were \$935.72, revenues from booth fees and donations were \$682.50. Total cost was \$235.72.

Expenses: \$8.00 bank fee

Balances: General: \$524.90, Community Development: \$1013.24, Beautification: \$274.00.

Total: \$1812.814

Unfinished Business

- Resolution 2019-10 – Chester Creek trail access improvements – postponed until future meeting
- 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)
 - Moved by Leslie Kleinfeld, seconded by Harry Need.
 - Presented by Leslie Kleinfeld. No questions. No objection. Passed unanimously.
- Community Garden Proposal (14th and Ingra Street, 1326 Ingra Street)
 - S Klein reports there is interest from ACLT to assist with getting a community garden running in that location. DOT would still own the land. Wondering if there is any interest in a working group.
 - Allen Kemplen – this is one of four properties purchased by DOT in anticipation of the Highway-to-Highway project. He is willing to serve on a working group and can be point of contact with the council.
 - Caitlin Taylor – ACLT has experience getting community gardens off the ground. We can help move obstacles out of the way. If there is community support, we can match funds.
- Resolution 2019-X – Regarding Support for Assembly Ordinance No. 2018-82 and Two-Member Assembly Districts
 - Moved by S Klein, seconded by Leslie Kleinfeld
 - Presented by Harry Need
 - Discussion – will likely require a Charter amendment. Could happen in 2022 after Census, state realignment and reapportionment. Assembly voting on the AO next week. No objection. Passed unanimously. 30 members were present.

New Business

Anchorage 2020 Consolidated Action Plan – S Klein, chair of Muni Homelessness, Housing, and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission. The Commission manages how federal funds for housing and neighborhood development are spent. Public comment period on the 2020 Consolidated Action Plan is open. In the past, the Muni has spent about all of this money on homelessness issues, but we can submit comments urging other ways to spend this money. For example, we could request that funds not be spent on anything that would further concentrate homeless populations in northeast Fairview, or on improving safety for the clients of Brother Francis Shelter, community gardens, and decreasing blight.

Moved by S Klein, seconded by Harry Need to authorize council President to write a letter to DHHS making comments on the Consolidated Action Plan that support council priorities. Passed without objection.

Reports and Updates

Christina Grande – Single Track Advocates – update on trails along Chester Creek. Trails were built this past summer. There was not originally a plan to create single-track bike trails in the Sitka Park area. Would likely require significant infrastructure development. Feedback from some people is that the new trail doesn't really blend in, but over time, as vegetation grows, they blend in better. General sentiment from users is that the trails are good.

Status of grants – heard from EPA – were not awarded the grant, did not score high enough, scheduling a debriefing to learn how to be more competitive in future applications. Applied for a CESA from UAA CCEL, awarded a \$1,000 CESA to assist with activities of Design Committee, in particular, reviewing literature about connections between the characteristics of built environment and human attitudes and behavior, developing a matrix to score properties on the extent to which they have good design attributes. No update on progress on implementation of Eastchester Park grant. There is a two-year time frame to make the improvements. Will work over the next year to refine design and solicit funds.

Community Comments

Maria Crawford – this coming week is Welcoming Week in Anchorage. There are a variety of activities going on at the museum and other locations. On Sept 21 there is a Hate Crime Forum; guest speakers are the parents of Matthew Shepard.

Ryan Rupert – Habitat for Humanity – just moved ReStore into old REI space. Actively seeking members for Board of Directors.

Victor Marbury – vice chair of Police Community Relations Task Force. Wants someone from each community council to attend the task force meeting.

Adjourn 8:48PM