

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave
October 10, 2019 — 7:00-9:00 PM

Call to Order 7:03 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Chris Crawford, seconded: Leslie Kleinfeld. Three changes to agenda. No objection to changed agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: James Thornton, seconded: Chris Crawford. Changes to some of Christopher Constant's remarks about alley paving, query about numbering of resolution regarding assembly ordinance No. 2018-82. No objection.

Official Reports

Senator Tom Begich - staffer Löki Gale reporting. Unlikely that there will be another special session this calendar year, so no additional PFD disbursement. No overriding of vetoes. Bills introduced in regular session will carry over to next session. There will be more budget discussions. Important to tell your legislators what your priorities are.

Letter to APD Chief Doll re: speeding along 3rd Ave. Discussions will be happening about what can be done there to make road safer.

Question from Harry Need – what is the status of the UA budget next year? Löki – agreement between UA BOR and Governor has not been approved by the legislature. Sen. Begich was glad to hear slowing of move towards single accreditation, and wants to consider different funding next year, e.g., reducing the oil production credit by \$4 per barrel would generate enough funds to not have to make any more budget cuts.

Constituent meeting tomorrow with Geran Tarr in Mt. View.

Representative Zack Field - staffer Tristan Walsh reporting. They are getting ready for next session, working on bi-partisan group of bills regarding education. Good response from Commissioner McKinnon to letter on MCR PEL. Had a good meeting, addressed important issues, another meeting in November.

Harry Need – consultants are trying to wrap up PEL by Dec. By the time you meet with them in Nov., it may be past the point of giving input.

Assemblymember Christopher Constant – showed binders containing upcoming budget. With 9-2 vote, Assembly passed resolution to put question on April 7, 2020 ballot about moving to a 12-member, 6-district Assembly. Important to vote in support and to get others to vote in favor. Communications with talking points will be distributed soon.

Brother Francis Shelter problems external to facility are not all the fault of BFS. We have a chronic failure in Alaska to invest in services to help people with these problems. Planning on a daytime shelter for somewhere in midtown or beyond.

Question from floor – what is the status of beds at API? Constant – Only 20 of 75 open in the

summer, most for use by DOC. If there was no space at Prov or Alaska Regional, APD had to drive people around all their shifts waiting until they were fit for going to BFS. It is a broken, immoral system driven by decision to give tax credits to oil companies and reject federal Medicaid dollars.

S Klein – takes exception to comment that there is not a criminal element involved with the homeless population. There is a criminal element that preys on them. There is petty theft in our neighborhood and every neighborhood around town where homeless people are allowed to gather. Constant – we don't need jail beds. We need psychiatric beds, treatment for those people. It is like API without walls down there.

Allen Kemplen – re: charter amendment – encourage people who care about this issue to form a non-profit to advocate for it and to be able to get donations, just like there are non-profits to advocate for road bonds. Capital budget – request a careful review of what is being proposed by the Parks Dept so there are funds for Eastchester Park. Constant – nothing in there about that. Please send me a letter with details about what would be needed.

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy – start with requests from last time. 1. Substitute teaching – could someone living in Fairview sub in Fairview? Yes, you can make a request. 2. How do you make FVE a magnet school? Start with the school – stakeholders, parents, principal, staff – design a plan. Could have a small committee with Kemplen and Bellamy, go up and talk to the principal. Kemplen – more than happy to do this. Bellamy – we'll go meet with the principal.

We are beginning our strategic planning. This idea of a magnet school at FVE would be good to come up during this process. Question from floor – can the ASB endorse state legislation? Yes, we can make resolutions supporting state actions. Magnet school – many examples around Anchorage. A science or arts magnet school would be great for Fairview.

We still need volunteers for Fairview Elementary. There is also a needs list: food or volunteers for family nights on Feb 27 and April 30, eight ukuleles (about \$40 each), Bluetooth receiver (about \$200) for assemblies and music class, shoes for PE for students (girls sizes 2 and 4; boys sizes 2, 4, and 5, boys sweat pants), school supplies, stickers, pens, pencils, etc.

Tuesday October 15th is next meeting. Will have work session before meeting to review the bond proposals. Likely most will focus on repairing earthquake damage. Working on the budget. It will be a challenge. Will build a budget for what we need, not what we think we can get. Parent-teacher conferences Oct 23 and 24. Half-days for students. Send texts to Bellamy at 907-903-9820

Community Comments

Chris Crawford – Saturday, Oct 12th, 1-4 pm, 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat, Fairview Elementary, need volunteers and nut-free candy.

S Klein – went to a fundraiser event, afterwards went to the Raven, it had an awesome vibe.

Resident from 12th and Karluk - Struggling with problem of man who is living in van, visible drug dealing, his van burned down today. He moved to the adjacent RV. General discussion about what to do. Suggestions: get a restraining order, organize neighbors to occupy the nearby space.

Denise Jansen – if you see shopping carts from Carrs/Gambell (or any store), please give the store a call and we will come pick them up.

Standing Reports

President – Allen Kemplen – three items – Oct 15th – meeting of the 3rd Avenue Channelization group, Mayor’s Conference Room, 3-4 pm

At Eboard there was a conversation with consultants from Agnew::Beck who have been hired to develop a community vision and development plan for the properties on 3rd Avenue currently owned by Ron Alleva west of Brother Francis Shelter. They expect to have a more general meeting in November.

13th Avenue between Hyder and Gambell. First civic hero panels have been installed. We have also had the signature street signs installed. The last element of the project is civic hero plaques. They are being manufactured now and they will soon be installed in the “Hall of Civic Heroes” in the Fairview Rec. Ctr. As more panels are installed, more plaques will be installed.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard

Expenses: \$8.00 bank fee

Revenues: \$110.00 confidential donation

Balances: General: \$626.90, Community Development: \$1013.24, Beautification: \$274.00. Total: \$1914.14

Presentations

Tom Davis – Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department

- Update on implementation of Anchorage 2040

Upcoming changes to the zoning ordinance that are of interest to Fairview: public comment opportunities; Davis handed out a flyer with information about project timelines and update of

Downtown zoning ordinances. Nov 1st, release of public review draft of Downtown Comprehensive Plan. Plan is to take parts out of old Title 21 (downtown wasn’t updated in the most recent updates to Title 21), and translate them from arcane code into current zoning ordinances – set-backs, heights, etc. – will not change but will be put into new Title 21. Next step is to update the Downtown Plan and revamp the zoning for downtown.

Recently released public review draft of Local Historic Landmark Register. Allows for designation of areas as historic districts, not just individual properties. Will go to P&Z in March 2020.

New land use designation for Fairview is R4-A, mixed-use residential zone, up for public review this quarter.

Lucas Cooper

- Neighborhood Responsibility Plan for new marijuana business 4th Avenue Cannabis Company (previously known as “Barely Legal”)

S Klein says he reviewed a previous draft and made comments, he thinks the current plan addresses the concerns he had.

Moved: S Klein, seconded: Harry Need, to authorize president to send a letter on behalf of general membership of non-objection. Klein explained the purpose of a Neighborhood Responsibility Plan, we have a standard format, this NRP complies with our format. No objection to the motion.

Dawn Morse, Representative from the US Census

- Notice of upcoming census and opportunities for employment

2020 Census is the decennial census mandated by the Constitution. The Census determines representation in Congress, boundaries of legislative districts, school boundary lines, allocation of federal funds for a variety of purposes (transportation, waste management, health, child care, education). Field positions pay \$28-31/hour to go to people's homes if they haven't completed their Census form. Have to be over 18, U.S. citizen, Social Security number, temporary employment. Needs lots of people needed in Fairview, don't have them yet. Most work will be in April, May, and June.

Motion to extend to 9 pm. Moved: S Klein, seconded: Leslie Kleinfeld, no objection.

Steve Noble, DOWL

- Midtown Congestion Relief Planning and Environment Linkages (MCR PEL) Study

From Tudor to 20th, will lead to a list of projects that will improve motorized and non-motorized transportation along Seward Highway corridor. There is a draft version of report that is with DOT now, there will be a public draft released soon and a public open house Nov 12, 3-7 pm at Loussac Library. Work session for advisory groups on Oct 28, 4-6 pm at DOWL office.

S Klein introduces a resolution cautiously supporting the Midtown Congestion Relief Planning and Environmental Linkages Study, provided it address impacts of the project on Fairview. Kemplen refers the resolution to the executive board.

Unfinished Business

Community Gardens at 14th and Ingra

Allen Kemplen - FVCC is partnering with ACLT, Nick Bachman here to field questions. We're moving forward on developing a conceptual site plan. Hoping to repurpose some dead spruce killed from spruce bark beetle into a pedestrian portal. If anyone has to get rid of such dead trees, consider having the trunks cut into large sections of 10 feet or so and donating them for purposes in the neighborhood rather than chipping them.

Allen Kemplen - Eastchester Park Improvements – meeting on Nov 8th with Parks Foundation and Parks & Rec. Will also likely use some repurposed spruce trees for fencing or a kiosk.

Reports and Updates

DHHS Consolidated Plan Amendments

S Klein – federal funds, mostly from HUD, \$3-5 million/year, CDBG, ESG, HOME, how money is spent is determined by consolidated plan. There is some money for Beans/BFS to replace funds lost by state cuts, also \$125,000 for jersey barriers along 3rd Ave. in front of Beans/BFS.

Allen Kemplen – this relates to 3rd Avenue Channelization project.

Moved: S Klein, seconded: Chris Schneider, authorizing president to send letter to DHSS objecting to use of those funds for jersey barriers.

Allen Kemplen – at 8:59 noted loss of quorum, no vote held on motion.

Adjourn 9:00 PM

