

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

**Call to Order 7:08 PM**

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved by S Klein and seconded by Jacques Alleva to change order of business to start the party right away and resume the meeting after 30 minutes. Allen Kemplen suggests that people get their food and then we can hear the elected officials' reports. No objection.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by S Klein and seconded by Chris Crawford. No objection.

**Elected Officials**

Senator Tom Begich – staffer Löki Gale reporting. Governor Dunleavy has released the budget. It has flat funding and borrows funds from the PFD to cover budget. Begich doesn't like this. Reducing tax credits would cover all shortfall. SB6 – universal pre-K and early intervention for dyslexia and people not reading by grade 3, support for schools with low reading rates. Heading back to Juneau on Jan 10.

Representative Zack Fields – staffer Tristan Walsh reporting – Regarding the out of state prisoner transfer bill, the Department of Corrections is walking away from legislative intent, and the money to reopen the correctional facility in Palmer. DOC is still pursuing contracts to send inmates out of state, focusing on sentences of 7+ years. There may be time, even if they are sent out of state, to reopen Palmer and bring the Alaskans back in time for reentry.

Anchorage Assemblymember Christopher Constant – The Assembly has a month-long break. The municipal budget passed with unanimous support. It is very limited, with not a lot of superfluous items. We will know more the ML&P sale in the first Q, by February. If that goes through, there will be more discussions about further projects. DOT is focusing on improving aspects of the Seward Highway in south Anchorage (Vanguard project) but not on the Fairview section of the facility. DOT is expecting Muni to pay twice what state does for road projects. That is not a feasible financial plan. In the upcoming election, Constant is on ballot, plus item regarding making all districts two-member districts. Constant said he is aware of the situation at 1575 LaTouche. Ron Alleva – you did a good job on that budget amendment re: Vanguard. Mr. Alleva expressed discontent that over \$1m was spent to purchase a property in the ROW, but why could money not be spent to buy Alleva property? Jacques Alleva – Muni has never paid less than appraised value for any property, except for Alleva property. Allen Kemplen – how did Fairview do in the budget? Constant – we got some money for parks. It was a tight budget. The only expansion was for police.

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy – not present

**Standing Reports**

President – Allen Kemplen

Over the summer, we had our street sign toppers put up, and the first three civic hero panels installed. We are still waiting for the wall plaques from the contractor. We should have them next week, will have them ready to see at the January FVCC meeting.

Kempen participated in several meetings that moved the Fairview agenda forward.

A Better Fairview will pay for community gardens at 14<sup>th</sup> and Ingra and also improvements to Eastchester Park. Latter requires a 50% match. Those improvements will be installed this summer. The funds will also pay for professional services for the form-based code. The Innovation District is part of this form-based code effort, and will be done in conjunction with major highway improvements. One of these improvements is the Fairview Greenway, which connects with the Chester Creek and Ship Creek trails, creating a greenbelt. Q: Jacques Alleva, how much do we need to raise for matching funds? Allen – Eastchester Park budget is \$34,000, we need to provide half. Estimate that \$7,000 will be in-kind, so need \$10,000. Need \$10,000 for the community garden and \$5,000 for professional services for the form-based code, so our fundraising goal is \$25,000.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard

\$8 bank fee, donations and t-shirt sales of \$30. Current balances:

General \$501; Comm. Dev. \$1013; Beautification \$274; A Better Fairview \$4930. Total \$6718

### **Unfinished Business**

Resolution 2019-14 – Regarding the Fairview Laundromat and its owner Mr. Fue T. Yang

Moved by Ron Alleva, seconded by Jacques Alleva

Ron Alleva: Mr. Yang is Hmong, left his country, came to US, where has been living the American Dream and has been investing in Fairview. The situation in question was an accident. There was no malicious intent. He was protecting his life; it was self-defense. A felony conviction will make it impossible to operate his businesses. The resolution calls for a letter of support from the Fairview Community Council, saying he is an outstanding citizen and university-educated.

S Klein – moved four amendments #1 – strike 2<sup>nd</sup> para – replace “The FVCC has made several resolutions regarding safety around that area” #2 – strike “and unwelcomed” in 5<sup>th</sup> para, #3 and #4, strike 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> para. Second: Jacques Alleva

S Klein – we are not a jury. We should not be telling a prosecutor how to proceed with a case. But we can say this area has been troubled for a while, we have made efforts to get it fixed, and we support business people and appreciate what Mr. Yang has done. Hugh Wade – Mr. Yang is in a bad situation, he is in a position of extreme weakness, respects what mover of amendment had to say, but FVCC has ability to express its opinion, 7<sup>th</sup> para is true, he did express remorse. 9<sup>th</sup> para – if you take that out, it is much weaker. Chris Crawford – I support the amendment.

Ron Alleva – moves to divide the amendment to vote on first three parts, and then on last part. Second: Jacques Alleva. 11-1 vote. Motion to split passes.

Christopher Constant – someone should add something to say the state is at fault as well as the muni. S Klein – there isn't anything in there now about the muni.

Vote on first three parts of the amendment. 9-2, carries.

Vote on deleted second Be It Resolved That statement. 8-1, carries.

Amended resolution. No further debate. 13-0, passes, 2 abstentions.

### **Reports and Updates**

None.

### **Community Comments**

Resolution 2019-16, concerning 1575 LaTouche Street. Introduced by Karen Harrell.

S Klein recognized Kevin and Justin from Secret Garden.

Ron Alleva – went to 4As for a tour to see how they exchange needles. They exchange over a million each year. Expressed concern about needles that are discarded on the ground.

Jacques Alleva – how many people here would walk to Carrs right now? Or take your dog down to Beans? I've had to pull needles out of my dog's fur so many times.

Ron Alleva – they got \$5m for homeless. Where is our share of that money to buy us out?

General comments – you need to take care of yourself if you are picking up needles. On a positive note, there more people picking up garbage than in the past. General discussion about how money is going to other neighborhoods and it should be coming to Fairview.

**Adjourn 8:30PM**