

**FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave  
January 9, 2020

**Call to Order 7:06 PM**

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda – Moved by Harry Need Seconded by S Klein

Amendment by Harry Need – put Leslie Need from NWAK before all for short presentation on Paint the Town, no objection to amended agenda

Minutes - Moved by S Klein Seconded by Harry Need

Changes – Tom Begich – Löki Gale should be Löki Gale-Tobin, change PFD to CBR

Approved with no further changes.

**Elected Officials**

Anchorage Assemblymember Christopher Constant

Back to work after four week break. Big item – bonds and what revenue proposal might pass the body.

Project 2020 came too late to the table, after other tax proposals were introduced. It is the only aspirational funding item, but not ripe for putting on the ballot. Three revenue proposals – two have to do with funding for alcohol treatment and homeless services, the third is for public safety. He does not support use of more taxes just for public safety because these agencies are funded already through existing revenue streams. Need to use the additional revenue for things that aren't usually funded. Most people don't care what happens to homeless people, they just want them moved out of their local park. The current model is to try to get them into housing. This complies with federal law, so we are focusing on increasing housing.

He is working with the man who planted apple trees last year in Fairview Lions Park and trying to direct him towards Eastchester Park.

S Klein – are you pushing the two alcohol sales tax initiatives? What about Project 2020? Constant – I'm not a sponsor of any of the tax initiatives. Project 2020 is aspirational, it's an interesting idea, but it needs more time. Parts of it include a Housing trust (\$80M), roads on Hillside, and a new firehouse in Eagle River. Would raise \$75M/year in revenue over 5 years. The Housing trust calls for \$80M, how could these funds be raised and made available for implementation in a timely fashion while also funding the other items? It just needs to be fleshed out more. Maybe next year. Ron Alleva – asked about the SAP settlement with the unions, \$16M on a \$1B liability. If police officers use their awarded non-cashable leave, senior officers can fill in those shifts and it would be overtime. Constant – There are costs associated with filling the shifts. Administration is trying to get the use of non-cashable leave limited to non-busy times.

Senator Tom Begich

1. General revenue ideas out there – continuing to work closely in Senate. Legislature will start from where they left off in June. Because of the public efforts regarding the recall and vetoes, the Governor is more amenable to listening to public concerns. If we are going to preserve the Permanent Fund, (we need to put money into it, we put \$5B last year) the money goes into the earning reserve, it needs to be between \$80-100B. We have a target now. The fund produces more revenue for the SOA operating needs than oil revenue does. It is heading to what the goal is—to have it be a self-sustaining source of operating funds. Dividend should be targeted to the

growth of the fund, rather than a set number. We are also seeking a reduction in the per-barrel oil credit of \$5, which would produce about \$650M. But industry is going to spend lots of money to get people to vote against that. Other proposals - \$30 tax on everybody. Variations on this would make it more progressive, increasing the amount based on income. Tax on gasoline. Most funds would come from airlines. [??] Also, we don't have any tax on S-Corps, would roll them into regular corporate income tax, we could raise about \$35M.

2. Education bill – agreement with Governor that scores on reading, etc. need to improve. Sen. Begich and the Governor have been discussing a non-partisan comprehensive education bill that includes comprehensive voluntary pre-K and innovative reading programs.

There is serious discussion about overriding some of the vetoes, which might affect funding for homeless services and public media.

Questions from members regarded methods to increase state libraries ability to augment collections, status of effort to recall Dunleavy, thoughts about an innovation zone in Fairview. Sen. Begich talked about the benefits of investment in fiber optics and alternate energy technology.

Representative Zack Fields - absent

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy

Updates – parents should have already received the “Expect the Best” newsletter from ASD. The School Board has completed Phase 1 of strategic planning process. There were four community forums; they will start working tomorrow to formulate a plan for what education in Anchorage will look like over next five years. The Board voted on the CIP on Tuesday. There is an \$82M bond request, mostly for earthquake repair, which will be before the Assembly. They are moving to a multi-year bonding process. They learned that it will cost money to accept FEMA money. They expect to get \$42M, but need to be insured at a certain rate to receive those funds. They are also developing budget, and did a community survey to get input. The Superintendent announced the process for naming a school facility after Senator Bettye Davis. A Municipal naming panel decided it would be most appropriate to have a school named after her. February is Visit Your Schools month. Q – Allen Kemplen – we discussed in November the possibility of FVE being a magnet school. Is that included in strategic planning? Bellamy – Yes. I shared it with the Board, they are interested. The school principal is excited about it. Will send you information about the process that would be used. Q – Will there be a Bettye Davis summit? Bellamy – Yes. Also want to get a youth summit going the day before the regular summit. Q – Ron Alleva – was anything learned from the Rogers Park flu outbreak? Bellamy – the District response included working with agencies and sterilizing the school every night for two weeks. Lots of schools had people with the flu, but at Rogers Park, it was a third of the students and staff.

### **Standing Reports**

President – Allen Kemplen

Passed around mock-up of plaques for Fairview Civic Hero. Encouraged nominations for future civic heroes.

Allen and Sharon met with Robin Ward, discussed issues related to what to do with Ron Alleva properties.

M – Harry Need, S – Mike Durisi, authorizing Executive Board to approve letter to be written by President with FVCC comments. Ron Alleva objected to this matter being delegated to the Executive Board without input from the general membership. Allen – there is a limited time span to give

comments, we do the best we can, it is better to give some comments than none at all. Harry asked if the letters/comments would be shared with the membership. Allen – Yes.

Function of Sullivan Arena. It is not being well-used, it could be used as an Innovation Hub, which would fit into our Innovation Zone.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard

\$8 bank fee. Current balances:

General \$493; Comm. Dev. \$1013; Beautification \$274; A Better Fairview \$4930. Total \$6710

### **Presentations**

Leslie Need, President of the Board of Directors, NeighborWorks Alaska, regarding Paint to Town

NeighborWorks Alaska is an affordable housing provider and involved in community development. Leslie Need talked about Paint the Town. They are planning to paint ten houses this year. Income-limited, owner-occupied only, will leave forms at the back of the room. Would be good to have a house in Fairview, haven't had one here for a while.

### **Unfinished Business**

*FVCC Resolution 2019-13: A Resolution Cautiously Supporting the Midtown Congestion Relief Planning and Environmental Linkages Study, that Includes a "Cut and Cover" Concept, Provided it Address Impacts of the Project on Fairview*

S Klein moved, Harry Need seconded.

Harry Need moved, S. Klein seconded, amendment to add "and the Knik Arm Crossing" after "Highway-to-Highway connection project," in 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas statement. Passed without objection.

No objection to approval of the resolution as amended. Approved unanimously.

*FVCC Resolution 2019-15: A Resolution Urging the Municipality of Anchorage to Assure Adequate Emergency Shelter for Illegal Camp Abatement, Effective Prevention and Enforcement of Nuisance and Criminal Laws for Illegal Camp Abatement, and Public Accountability*

Original mover not here. Tabled until mover reappears.

*FVCC Resolution 2019-16 – A Resolution concerning abatement of 1575 LaTouche Street*

Original mover Karen Gonne-Harrell – reported that the building had a fire and is now boarded up. Questions the need for the resolution now. General discussion resulted in moving the resolution anyway.

Moved Karen Gonne-Harrell, seconded Harry Need. No objection. Approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Reports and Updates**

- Updated Conceptual Designs
  - 14th and Ingra Community Gardens – Allen Kemplen distributed a drawing and explained the conceptual design and asked for volunteers to serve on the community

- Eastchester Park Improvements – Allen Kemplen distributed a drawing and explained the conceptual design. There will be a public process to determine the designs for the wraps around the utility boxes. Anyone who wants to be involved in the planning should indicate this on the sign-in sheet.
- Transit on the Move draft plan is out for public comment. The FVCC passed a resolution in 2019 asking for a new route, and there is a proposed new Fairview route in the draft that resembles that – comments accepted through January
  - Lady from Senior Center – users of the Senior Center want a bus to stop there.
  - M. Lady from Senior Center, Seconded James Thornton, authorizing the Executive Board to submit comments on the draft. Comments: a bus should stop at the Senior Center. A main route should stop at Northway Mall. Passed without objection.
- Draft 2040 MTP – out for review and comment
- Executive Board election in March

### **Community Comments**

Ron – there will be an online auction at Grubstake.com to raise \$1,000 for the “A Better Fairview” fundraising effort.

Caitlyn Taylor – recruiting people for upcoming “Set-Up Shop” program. Information is available at the Anchorage Community Land Trust website.

**Adjourn 8:41 PM**