

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Draft Agenda
Fairview Recreation Center — 1121 E 10th Ave
February 13, 2020 — 7:00-8:55 PM

Call to Order 7:04 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Harry Need, seconded by S Klein. Caitlyn Taylor wants to add 5-10 min presentation on community garden. Kristine Bunnell, asked for change to reflect that she would be giving presentation on the Downtown Code Rewrite rather than Tom Davis. No objection to agenda as amended.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Harry Need, seconded by Chris Crawford.

S Klein requested adding “regarding 3rd and Ingra” to item on bottom of page 2 regarding the Executive Board authorizing the FVCC President to write a letter concerning the Alleva property. No objection to minutes as amended.

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich (on phone)

Gave an update on the status of the Fairview PEL. Comments about the budget focused on the PFD, a proposed educational head tax, and a possible gas tax. Sen. Begich has been working with Gov. Dunleavy on SB 6, which would expand universal pre-K across the state.

Q from Harry Need: Should Hilcorp be subject to oil and gas production tax and payment of royalties?
Begich – yes, they should be

Representative Zack Fields (on phone)

He is wrapping up work on subcommittees that would add more funds for public radio and reinstate the ocean rangers. Other issues he is focusing on include minimum wage and equal pay, a no-bid contract to the grandson of one of the Governor’s largest donors, a Cost-of Living Adjustment for University of Alaska employees, and vote by mail. He reminded people that the Anchorage Caucus is meeting on 2/22 at the Anchorage LIO.

Q from Harry Need: Heard you are sponsoring legislation to extend education tax credit to private employers to offer daycare on site. Fields – yes. Harry – encourage you to include non-profit day cares

Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

There is a 5% alcohol tax on ballot in April that will raise \$11-15M. Back in the 1980s the state funded 40-45% of the muni budget directly. Now, it’s just 1%. It’s a challenge to backfill. The funds from the alcohol tax will go to public safety, prevention of child abuse and domestic violence and, dealing with prevention of homelessness and current homeless. These funds will be additive, that is, they won’t replace any current funding. Q from Regina Manteufel – says that it would be better to fine people who are making calls to police rather than fine the property owner. Berkowitz – we’ll look into your case. Q from council member – we need more specifics on what the funds from the alcohol tax will go to. Berkowitz – it will differ from year to year. Current priorities include daytime facility for homeless

people, getting Clitheroe set up again, expanding CSP. It will go through a transparent, public process. Q from S Klein – putting money into certain buckets frees up funds for other things. Berkowitz – it's not backfilling. S Klein – what will the bucket for sexual assault include? Christopher Constant – Dyson wants to use it for testing the 1,000+ rape kits and having more police dedicated to this particular crime. Harry Need – concerned about whether revenue will contribute to expansion of social services at 3rd and Karluk. Berkowitz – not the intent. The intent is for the campus there to shrink because we have overcome the homelessness problem. Q – what percentage are you going to put into these buckets? Constant – I have a different take on the whole thing. Q from Karen Gonne-Harrell – there is a great need for more social services for people who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Berkowitz – we have a plan. Other cities are learning from us. Statewide costs of alcohol are \$1.4B.

Anchorage Assemblymember Christopher Constant

An alcohol tax will not solve the problem. Persistent effort will solve the problem. I don't want to villainize bars or go back to prohibition. It's very simple for me. We tax marijuana 5% in anticipation it would be a problem. We know alcohol is a problem, but there is no municipal tax. They should pay their fair share. Revenues will go to appropriate places. Homelessness is a big problem. The tax is part of it, including \$40M from four donors, but this won't cover ongoing operational expenses. Q – why aren't the native corporations doing more to solve these problems? Constant – actually, native corporations are at the table and working with us. All hands are on deck.

Constant submitted to Allen Kemplen a resolution he introduced to Assembly supporting the downtown and midtown PELs. There will be a meeting with DOT and people from Fairview will be able to attend. Pay-for-Success model – how do we pay for a midtown day shelter? Social bonds – when outcomes are delivered, the investors are paid back. We have been using the outputs model for a long time, but it's not working.

Yes on 12 (Two for All) – proposition to add a second assemblymember after reapportionment 2022 following census.

Q from Karen Gonne-Harrell – will the 5% marijuana tax also go to the same things as the alcohol tax?

Constant – it goes to programs to prevent kids from using marijuana. Regina Manteufel – people need to look at the Oaken Keg before it opens. There is a long line of homeless people waiting to buy alcohol. Constant – had a talk with the management, encouraged them to put the door on the inside of the store. The built environment is the problem.

Anchorage School Board member Margo Bellamy

Introduced Tom Roth, chief operating officer for ASD, ASD will have a bond for \$82.8M. If it passes, we won't propose a bond next year. Moving to two-year bond cycle.

Roth – bond proposition is heavily weighted towards earthquake recovery (\$26.9M). Eagle River Elementary and Gruening Middle School were so badly damaged they remain closed. \$3.2M and \$39.3M, respectively, would go to fix those schools and address other functional issues. There is \$3.3M to design a replacement for Inlet View Elementary. Also \$6.8M to repair and upgrade the Aquarian Charter School.

Dave Donley – support the bonds. Older bonds were heavily subsidized by the state, new bonds are less subsidized by the state.

Q from Harry Need – do we usually bond for charter schools? Bellamy – no, Aquarian is in our building. Roth – they don't budget for capital repairs, but they do budget for maintenance and janitorial services that are provided by the ASD. Regina Manteufel – are there plans to include clothes closets at any of

these schools that are being repaired after the earthquake? Bellamy – most of our schools, particularly Title I, have programs like this.

Dave Donley – comments about why he wants to continue to serve on the School Board.

Standing Reports

President – Allen Kemplen

Deferred report in interests of time.

Treasurer – Sharon Chamard

\$8 bank fee. Current balances:

General \$485; Comm. Dev. \$1013; Beautification \$274; A Better Fairview \$4930. Total \$6702

Moved by Sharon Chamard, seconded by S Klein to authorize Treasurer to ask Darrel Hess to do audit.

No objection.

Presentations

Kristine Bunnell, Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Division, Municipality of Anchorage, regarding the status of the Downtown Code Rewrite

The Downtown zoning districts needed to be updated because they were not included in the recent Title 21 rewrite. The Downtown Comprehensive Plan covers a small part of west Fairview.

The packet will go to the Assembly in March and you will get a chance to make comments on it. Hope to have approval on March 24. Then we will begin to update the Downtown Comprehensive Plan.

There will be a market study that will be available to Fairview.

Allen Kemplen – the area we call “Downtown” needs to expand from the original space because Anchorage has grown since then. It really should be the area with the grid street pattern, from Chester Creek to Ship Creek, and Merrill Field to the Inlet.

Bunnell – we’ve been asked what the boundary of downtown is and whether it should change. Your council can weigh in on this, preferably early in the process. The Real Estate Department did a plan on what to do with the old Native Hospital site. The Council for Development Finance Agencies also did a study and recommendations are being released. CDFA says you need to do a market study and also look beyond that site and expand the boundaries.

James Smallwood, candidate for Anchorage School Board

Mr. Smallwood made comments about why he wants to serve on the School Board.

Motion to extend 10 minutes. Moved by James Thornton, seconded by Regina Manteufel. No objection.

Caitlyn Taylor and Erica Neilsen from the Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) on Fairview Community Garden

We wrote a proposal to Parks and Rec that is on the back table. This will also be useful to support fundraising efforts.

Moved by Harry Need, seconded by S Klein to approve community garden proposal. Discussion: Neilsen gave a brief presentation on the history of the space and proposed operations. Taylor – we talked to Greater Friendship Baptist Church about how they could help with management of the garden. They are interested and further discussions are underway. S Klein – this is a Fairview project and ACLT is partnering with us, helping to find partners and make it happen. Karen Gonne-Harrell – how are people

in Fairview other than people at the council going to hear about this? Taylor – door-knocking, flyers, block parties, etc., mostly through word-of-mouth.
No objection to the motion.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Reports and Updates

MCR and Fairview PELs

S Klein – A lot has been happening. Public comment period closed. Fairview PEL moving along. Interesting conversations with DOT and people who want to do the project. Communication with Tom Begich to make sure Fairview PEL doesn't get undersized.

Executive Board election in March

S Klein – if you are interested, please let me know

Community Comments

Rick Phillips – was here a couple of months ago signature gathering for the Fair Share Act. Moving into fundraising stage now. Been to many community councils in past month asking people to contribute and come to our meetings.

Regina Manteufel– concerns about 1114 E. 10th and cars parked all around property

Allen Kemplen – talked to Fairview Elementary School principal and person from ASD regarding turning FVE into a magnet school. He asked Margo Bellamy to look at the tenure of principals. Since 2009, there has been five principals at Fairview Elementary School.

Adjourn 8:55 PM