

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021 — 7:00-9:06 PM
On ZOOM

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

No objections

March 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tabled by Sharon to May 2021 meeting, seconded by SJ Klein

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich

- This year's special order was for Principal Davis and mentioned his support for renaming an Anchorage school for her.
- \$1B in relief money coming into the state - multi-year plan that doesn't expire until Dec. 2024. The house and Senate have talked about using resources for job training and capital projects. \$112M can be used for specifically Capital projects, \$300M for Education that's going to school districts, and \$45M going to the University system. Funds are going to Alaskan Tribes, and additional money is coming into the cities. Anchorage will receive around \$100M. There is a discussion on how the money will be spent that will be different from how it was handled last year.
- Introduced income tax bill that will help generate funds for the Alaska budget. Added into the discussion was a revenue bill dealing with the gas industry and property tax, adding 1% to their 2% property tax—legislation for next week regarding the Alaska Dividend.
- Working on an education bill with the Governor and the Commissioner of Education on a bill called the SB8 on creating universal voluntary pre-K in the state and a strong reading program. It will enhance the Department of Education's ability to work with school districts with early education and provide their constituents' support. There is also a bill called the SB111 "AIM Act" that targets education. There will be a public hearing on this combined bill on Saturday, around 11:30-noon.
- Working with Senate Finance on the free tuition for essential workers bill and including those who were laid off were otherwise terminated because of COVID-19. It will provide support to all those who were essential front-line workers. 20% of those serving groceries got COVID.
- Money from the CARES act. This bill will be on the Senate floor in the next seven to nine days.
- The Alternate Energy Bill moved out of committee. It sets clean energy targets for Alaska, substituting 50% movement to clean energy. Backed by the Governor and AIDA. Looking at retrofitting buildings of 5,000 square feet or greater with new technologies that are energy efficient. This has been done in the state for 10,000 square feet or greater and saved the state over \$40M in the last decade.

Questions and Comments

SJ Klein Comment: In the last week, we have gotten news that the Gambell/Seward PEL finally had some motion. Can you speak to what the governors' and legislatures' intent and priority are there and how it relates to DOT?

- Sen B: The Fairview PEL planning document - Sen B's. office was contacted by Allen and S.J. to remind him that the contract had not been let out yet for the PEL, nor had the public document been made public. Thank you for helping us during the planning processes that engage the community.

Löki: Fairview has been allocated \$5M, land planning, Pedestrian Environmental Linkage (PEL) document. Community document of what is wanted and needed in the community. Sen. B spoke with Gov and staff, talking to legislation staff. We have heard that information was not being shared. HDR received the contract. Advice on a guidebook on what the PEL document should look like, the Fairview PEL guide process. Significant resources are coming in, COVID relief and Biden's infrastructure idea.

Representative Zack Fields

Questions or comments? Call (907) 465-2647, rep.zack.fields@akleg.gov or tristan.walsh@akleg.gov!

- House Bill 76 passed - the disaster declaration and made it retroactive - a lot of businesses and individuals reached out regarding this declaration and the importance of making testing mandatory. Previously it caught 3,000 cases of Coronavirus that otherwise would have spread within Alaska. It is also essential to continue food and SNAP benefits. The legislature has seen an increase in food insecurity. More minor things included and restaurants being able to serve alcohol with dinner to go, vital for them to stay in business. This bill is with the Senate.
- Budget subcommittees - Rep Fields review on what bills are moving forward. The budget subcommittees are closed out. The House Finance Committee is opening public testimony on the operating budget this Saturday, April 10, 10 am - 2 pm.
- There is an obstruction in the partnership from a minority. It is hard to move things across the floor due to obstructions from a small group of people.
- CAPSIS deadline was extended until April 15.

Questions and comments

Laura O: What does CAPSIS mean?

- Rep. F – A system on how we file capital requests. We ask community councils for requests. From the CAPSIS system, the requests are pulled.

Allen Kemplen: Please consider using monies from Biden or others to be used as resources for shelters and programs to meet the homeless population's needs.

- *Rep. F* - Working with the municipality on the long-term shelter plans once the COVID monies run out.
- *Sen. B* - Also priority with the Biden Administration. Talked to Zack's majority leader, and this is his top issue. Capital issues regarding the homeless population. Also had a discussion with the Gov., and this will be part of the package.
 - o Allen - support and services but not all in Fairview.

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant

- Current Emergency Order set to expire April 16. What happens to the emergency order now that the city becomes less restrictive. This will be discussed on the floor on Tuesday.
- Challenge administration on the demobilization of the shelter system. Prelim talks on demobilizing the people staying in the hotels, Sullivan arena, and the Fairview rec center. FEMA will stop reimbursing the cost. Working on a humane solution on transforming the system - conversation on the amendment to B3 zone to allow emergency homeless shelters to operate by conditional use. How to relate with shelter providers in the community, licensing requirements for shelter providers in business zones. Providers and assembly and coalition members are starting the process to go through ordinance, meeting need to providers and community—items set to move in May or July.
- The rec center will be vacated by early May by the shelter. Returned to neighborhood use for children and community.
- The American Rescue Plan - Anchorage awarded \$101M. Only \$50M at a time. Cares act - grants for businesses, hospitality, bars, artists, groceries, etc., didn't meet the needs of all applicants. Fun all people that were qualified in January but had no funds left.
 - o Work session Wednesday, broadcasted on GCI chan. 9, email muni.org to request public comment. Discussing how appropriate \$30-40M.
- Muni election Tuesday - Clerk staff up to the task of processing ballots. Will be certified by April 20.
- Group here regarding Dr. Davis - seeking renaming facility, request that you consult with the Native Village of Eklutna, to recognize historical traditions of the Dena'ina people, anyone making an application within the municipality, in honor and respect that they are the tribal indigenous people of this land. I would be happy to make an introduction. Recognizing the first people of our community into the conversation.
- Congratulations to Dora Wilson, who ran an outstanding campaign, excited that a school board member may be representing.

Questions and comments

Sen. B: You mentioned mail ballots. What is happening?

- Chris C. - Over marking on ballots, large numbers of individuals crossing out. All ballots had to be reviewed by a person to certify when this happened. The Bronson campaign posted on social media on what to do to make sure their ballots can't be changed. This created 8-10 hours of extra work. This may improve the system in the future. 177 ballots go out in an election and may go down to 25 ballots, saving time.
Record the number of ballots cast. After counting and election, everything will be investigated.

SJ Klein: Could you talk more about the status of the proposed Title 21 - Shelters. What is happening, and what should the community be aware of.

- Chris C. - Middle of May that will hit the floor. Working with a shelter provider and proposal for shelter licensing that can be revoked. Will include a community responsibility plan. Planning and zoning approved. There is a faction opposed to this - sending out mailers.

SJ Klein: What is the plan for all the people staying in the current homeless shelters? Are they going back to the Brothers Francois shelter?

- Chris C. - The demobilization plan is just being developed. In the early phases. They will not go back to the Brother Francis shelter because they do not have the capacity for all those individuals. Without the support of the B3, this will not go forward.

Chris C: A municipal bus ran into a building owned by S.J. Do you need any assistance from the muni regarding that?

- A car ran through a red light and hit the bus, lost control, and hit a building. Insurance has been filed. Working on assessments with contractors.

Allen: I encourage monies (\$100M) to utilize the CIP list.

- This will not be a bill for capital projects. This will support grants to organizations left out last time and funding for technical assistance, labor force planning as well. The Jobs Plan Bill will have monies for projects on the CIP list.

Andy Holleman

- Call attention that there was no school bond on the ballot. Will be bonds next year. A two-year process is a smoother process.
- Cares act money, no layoffs or reductions—robust summer school program and even for elementary and middle. Parents are welcome to talk to the principal to request summer school - don't want to leave people behind.
- Crafted anti-racism policy - the ASD will self examine institutional and subtle ways that may discriminate without knowing it. There has been little pushback from the community on this policy.

Questions and comments

None

Standing Reports

President Allen Kemplen

- Continuing to work for the community. More information next month.

Treasurer Sharon Chamard

- Now raised \$10k.
- Deposits: \$1,990 to "A Better Fairview."
- No longer have a \$7 bank fee because there is enough funds in the account.
- Current balances:
 - o General \$180; Comm. Dev. \$1,013; Beautification \$274; A Better Fairview \$10,275. Total \$11,742
- Fairview Elementary School Bike Reading Program – two expenses of \$1,402.50 for helmets and shipping, \$711.37 for locks, bells, lights, and shipping. Remainder \$136.13. may be further expenses for flyers and shipping expenses later.

Questions and comments

none

Presentations

Kristine Bunnell - Downtown Anchorage Update

- Survey online available at ourdowntownanchorage.com, the survey will take 15 minutes, asking about several projects in 2007 plan not completed, should they stay in and what should be added? All from chapter 8 downtown plan.

- Three subcommittees; urban, utility, streets and infrastructure, will receive info in their areas and community input. Developing what can be done better downtown all the way to Ingra street. These meetings are open to the public and posted.
- Pioneer Schoolhouse spring clean-up on May 1. Anchorage Women's Club will be providing refreshments. Getting the Pioneer Schoolhouse ready to open for rentals.

Tom Davis - Municipal Planning – Changes in Title 21 re Parking Requirements, Driveway standards

- Update that potential changes to zoning ordinance on how the neighborhood looks and feels. Changes to parking and driveway standards. Changing requirements on parking - having an impact on the ability to implement city plans. Goals - looking at community comments and efforts on housing designs and requirements. Providing targets tailored lower parking requirements to historical neighborhoods, lower car ownership rates. The central business district doesn't require parking and relies on on-street parking. What would happen with more snow clearing in Fairview for street parking.
- The Fairview design competition uncovered that three-four unit developments are focused on driveway requirements intended for larger housing developments. More street frontage is yards/sidewalks, fewer driveways.
- Looking for guidance from Fairview on desires. Hosting a virtual open house on Thursday, April 15.
- Hosting a design workshop on April 29, 6:30 - 8pm. Attend and provide feedback to shape the changes to the requirements.
- Should help to provide affordable housing.

Questions and comments

Allen: This is important to the FVCC. Request a design workshop for Fairview community members. It could be much more productive to have members provide their feedback.

- Yes, noon hours are open and evening available Mon/Tuesday. We will get in touch with you on the chosen time.
 - o Allen - if interested, put your requests in the chatbox for time/day.

HDL Consultants – Merrill Field Drive Reconstruction and Compacting Project

Questions or comments? Erik Jordt, ejordt@hdlalaska.com

- Scheduled construction for Merrill Field during the 2021 summer. Three major parties involved in the project, Merrill field and Anchorage Muni, the consultant HDL engineering, and the contractor, Granite.
- Using cranes to consolidate and densify the access road. This will be done in four phases. Digging out, repaving and landscaping.
- Why is the project needed? Extend the service life, reduce maintenance costs and enhance user safety.
- Goal to get done in one season instead of two to avoid the noise of construction. This will be done by double shifting of work. Starting at 6am and ending at 7pm. This will be done in shifts to keep the noise down during certain times.
- Need support from the community with night work support, patience, communication, and understanding.

Questions and Comments

Chris C: Saturday morning schedule at 6am issue - delay Saturday work until 10am. The only time on the calendar that I get complaints. Suggest looking at plans to fill those early hours with something else that will not disturb the community.

Allen: As someone who lives close to Merrill field, I would encourage you to be sensitive to these concerns regarding early morning construction on Saturday. What will be the decibel level?

- Eric J - Do not know - will have to send it to you.

Allen: What height is the crane dropping from?

- 100 feet tall, dropping height is about 70 feet.

Allen: Concern with pilots diverting away from the crane and flying over the residential area. Would like to see coordination with messaging to pilots regarding diversion procedures—concerns with safety and noise.

- There will be times when the runway is shut down. I will speak to Gibbs on this issue.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

- Two resolutions were introduced. Anyone who has an interest in the capital improvement list, let us know in the chatbox.
- Resolution 2021 - 03 Fairview community council fy2022 nominations for municipal capital program
- Resolution 2021 - 04 Advancing of development of the Fairview innovation area of the development of one or more fabrication labs

Report and Updates

Spring Clean-Up Event

- Set for Saturday, May 8, starting at 9 am in the Fairview Rec. parking lot. Two hours of volunteer time.
- Volunteers needed, BBQ set after culd-e-sac at the end of Orca street - food donated by Carrs on Gambell.
- *S.J. K* - Ramsey will haul trash for free and requested two containers from Solid Waste.

East Chester Park Improvements

- Better Fairview Campaign funds will go to East Chester Park improvements. Looking for volunteers to help plant trees along 20th ave. Utility boxes to be wrapped with vinyl art.
- Will be set for May/June.

Community Comments

Marcus Wilson, principal of Wendler Middle School - Thank you, Sen. B, for working on renaming Fairview Elementary to Etheldra Davis. Thank you, Chris, for your tips. It is important to outreach to the tribe. This effort is a long time coming. Our parents worked on this, and now we are. Dr. Davis moved her family here in the 1950s. She was one of the first African American teachers and principals in the

district. She lived and raised her family in Fairview and was one of the first to start a community watch. She educated several generations of children, we are inspired by her. We need to honor this woman by renaming Fairview Elementary school after her. We have surveys out, getting support from local organizations and previous teachers. Will present this to the school board. We are here tonight and request time out in the next council meeting to present more. I spent my youth here, coached here, would like to know what you need from us to gain support.

- Allen - motion to extend. Moved by Leslie Kleinfeld, James Thorton Seconded.
- Allen - I would like to thank everyone for their efforts. Way to proceed the process is being placed on the May Agenda to devote more time. Anytime we rename a facility, it warrants time and reflection. Ensure that the larger community is aware of the process. Suggest to prepare a resolution for review in consideration and introduction in next month's meeting. Introduce the resolution one month, and consider the following month. Marcus, we will put you on the agenda, let us know who the speakers will be and the time needed.
- Barbara Johnson Chat - Petition link to rename the school.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQq6lp7DaLf9RpkIF83cOI_nllWrW7fK_1Mpxe-dbACqQZJg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2mng4pypjl80KLyNbSh3yUHnZx8EVs_Xw9Spv68WLqT4a3BbcUQ-DGYrE
- Marcus - thank you for the feedback and for giving us the time. See you in May.

Pierce Schwab: A colleague is running for Chugach electric board, Erin Whitney. I work with her. She is talented and effective. She would be effective. Voting starts on April 16 online. Can also call 563-7366 for a paper ballot.

Chris C: Just FYI, Everyone is a part of the co-op, and this is the first year everyone can vote for the board. I look forward to participating. If you don't have a seat at the table, you are probably being served.

Ashleigh Gaines: I wanted to put a plug into the community about the AACCP college program. We are always looking for young people between the ages of 13-25 to join our program. Contact anchorageyouthandcollege1700@gmail.com for more details.

Loren Hill Comment box: I hear there is interest in expanding community garden space. I enthusiastically support this idea and would love to contribute in any way I can.

Maria Crawford: Helmets arrived for Fairview Elementary - working to deliver bike accessories. Close to being done with the project

- Diane Teekell-Opitz, Principal of Fairview Elementary School - Thank you, Maria, you are amazing.

Meeting Adjourned 9:08 pm Laura motions, seconded by