

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021 — 7:00 - 9:00 PM
On ZOOM

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda – Leslie Moved to approve, seconded by Laura Orenga

Approval of March 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes - Leslie Moved to approve, seconded by Laura Orenga

Approval of April 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes - Leslie Moved to approve, seconded by Laura Orenga

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich

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- Gov. Dunleavy announced two special sessions.
 - o The first starting May 20. This is a 30-day special session for the legislature to finish the three budget bills; Mental Health Budget, Capital Budget, and the Operating Budget. Will also incorporate the pass-through ARP monies, the \$1B from the Federal Government, \$350M through the state process.
 - o The second starting Aug. 2 and will include revenue and constitutional amendments with other policy issues.
- There are items on the budget that Sen. Begich will not vote for.
- Vic Fisher and Jack Cogvil Alaska Constitution Day bill on the house floor expect to be signed into law after the senate concurs minor change.
- Three bills on floor May 14
 - o Free Tuition for Essential Workers
 - o Alaska Canada Relations Resolution
 - o Community Trust Bill
- Education Bill has had 61 amendments and is still in the house. Senate Bill 111 has bipartisan support.
- Governor proposed Energy Independence Bank, a green bank, combining the Begich bill with this.
- Three of the Governors appointees to boards and commissions were rejected.
 - o Mental health appointee – due to negative posts on social media
 - o John Cox, an appointee to Alcoholic Beverage Control Board – rejected due to similar content
 - o Abe Williams, a Pebble Partnership employee, an appointee to the Board of Fisheries – rejected due to potential conflict of interest.

For the Vic Fischer Jack Coghill Constitution Day of Alaska:

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=Sb%2028>

Free Tuition for Frontline Workers: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=Sb%2010>

Alaska Canada Friendship Resolution: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=SJR%2015>

Community Trusts: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=Sb%2011>

Early Education/Evidence-Based Reading: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB%20164>

Energy Independence Fund: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=Sb%20123>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=Sb%2017>

Questions and Comments

- Leslie: What language could you not support in the budget?
 - o Sen. Begich: There was some unconstitutional language to the operating budget by one vote that would say that the Dept. of Health and Social Services couldn't extend funding on abortions through the Medicaid budget. In the State of Alaska, you cannot prohibit funding for medical circumstances. Added strict language that was never added before – mainly divisive language that has nothing to do with the budget. The introduction of the Transgender bill was just as bad by Sen. Hugh's using transgender youth for agenda in Alaska. These efforts are damaging to our efforts.
- Karen: We are trying to get a community garden started on the department of transportation Land. They did not return my calls and said it will take over a year to decide since it is on federal lands. Do you have any tips?
 - o Sen. Begich: Please email LG Tobin – please email me so we can talk to the transportation department. Government hill built a large garden, and the DOT is reluctant to do it again. We will work with Zack Fields' offices to correlate efforts.
 - o Allen: That parcel of land was purchased with State G.M. funds and not purchased with federal dollars. There is no federal oversight of this parcel of land

Representative Zack Fields

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

Tristen Walsh (representing Rep. Zack Fields)

- A few bills are progressing
 - o Childcare Tax Credit - allows employers to provide a stipend/voucher to employees to get a tax credit to support more child care facilities in the state.
 - o Alaska Apprenticeship Extension Act
 - o The Able Act – updates A.K. statutes to let those who had qualifying disabilities open accounts for qualifying medical and education expenses.
- Entering the negotiations on the operating capital budget. Working closely with Sen. Begich on this to get results for house district 20.
 - o Tentative to see the gov special session declarations on what he says surrounding ARP funding.

Questions and comments

None

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant

Questions or comments? Christopher.Constant@anchorageak.gov

- The meeting last week ended all Emergency Orders and Proclamations except for the mask mandates. The CDC released information that vaccinated persons do not need to wear a mask.
- There was a vote to end the mask mandate that failed to pass, but it was very close. Two groups of people filed a motion to reconsider. Likely to pass tomorrow – essentially, a decision will be made to end the mandates with a compromise to end them on May 21, the last day of school. The rationale to not change their policies last minute before the end of the year.
- Anchorage Community Development Authority shut down and hasn't been able to receive any funding/revenue. They had a tax abatement housing program downtown – assumed the money was available. They received a loan from the Assembly.

- The rezoning of the old site of the Alaska Native Hospital. This site is no longer public lands, now zoned B2C which is the downtown business district. Protects it for future, the land has to be compatible to the city center. Strong assurance of no homeless facility/camp. Still an effort to consolidate Beans and Francis shelter. This is subject to change with the new mayor.
- Continuing conversation on shelter licensing, B3 zones throughout town will help relief neighborhoods across towns from the concentration of homeless peoples.
- Ordinance to roll curbs in new subdivisions – redevelopment efforts in old historic neighborhoods with ally access do not get roll curbs. Where there are rolled curbs, people park on the sidewalk.
- Series of meetings in the next several days
 - o Mask Mandates
 - o Work session on American Rescue Plan funding – there are many priorities to finalize appropriations from the first ARP. Link to file of draft funding – review and send feedback by Monday:
https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/Documents/DownloadFile/AR%202021-167_3%20ATTACHMENT%20A.PDF.pdf?documentType=1&meetingId=4223&itemId=25867&publishId=15351&isSection=False&isAttachment=True
- The Fairview Rec center is being demobilized from an emergency shelter back to the rec center this week.

Questions and comments

- Leslie: What are some of the highlights that are most important for Fairview in the Rescue plan?
 - o \$2.5M going into a gift card and voucher program. Anyone who applied and was not awarded in the first round can get these funds.
 - o Non-profits and small businesses
 - o Meals program funding
 - o Hiring several technical assistance people to help non-profits and stakeholder groups to apply for some of the \$100M in funds provided to Anchorage.
 - o Alaska Works Partnership for job training
 - o Housing support – off the streets into housing
- Leslie: What about mental health support?
 - o The monies for this are coming out of the Alcohol Tax passed a month ago. Funding for the mobile crisis team from APD to the Anchorage Fire Department. Hiring a Mental Health Clinician to direct EMS response to take the pressure of the APD and provide a less extreme environment.
- Allen: There has been no discussion about using some ARP funds to make Fairview a STEAM school.

Anchorage School Board Member Dora Wilson

Contact: Wilson_Dora@asdk12.org

- All graduations happening outdoors this week
- Teacher appreciation week through May 3-7th, Nurses appreciation week 6-12th, and bike to school day was today. Maria headed up new bikes for students at Fairview Elementary.
- Summer school will begin Jun. 2 to address learning loss
 - o Two sessions daily and two sessions during the summer.
 - o Finishing Aug. 6
 - o Students can attend what is needed

- Planning for a regular school day next year

Questions and comments

- Ray: Are you providing summer and regular programs for students of color? And I would like more information on the STEAM program to help out youth of color?
 - o Dora: I don't have an update regarding the STEAM program, but I will find out. I will find out regarding the programs; I know that King Tech does have those programs.
- Ray: My focus is to start at the Elementary level for STEAM, so children have access.
- Allen: A group that spoke in front of the council, Launch Alaska, is an aviation organization working with the Merrill field. On the 20th, we are meeting to continue the argument to make an investment with the school based on the best of emerging science.
- Sen. Begich: Who are the new officers?
 - o Pres. Margot Bellamy, V.P. clerk Carl Jacobs, Treasurer Kelly Lessens, Andy Holleman, Dave Donley, Pat Higgins, and Dora Wilson.
- Michael Patterson: I saw on social media that students have to ask for permission to wear their traditional regalia during graduation. Will the school board address this policy?
 - o Dora: the school board is working with the superintendent on this policy and working with the government committee to ensure that the language is clear.

Standing Reports

President Allen Kemplen

- The Challenge Grant for improvements at Eastchester Park.
 - o Met with Parks and Rec this morning regarding the FCC concept and proposal. Proposed a row of trees but turns out that area is a significant utility corridor of wires. May need to come up with a different strategy for separation of road and park. The date for the tree planting is July 12, time is TBD. Looking for community support in the planting of the trees. If you have ideas on how to improve the park, please let me know.
 - o Chester Creek – there is a possible connection to the Dena'ina people of this area that we were unaware of. That is a new addition.
 - o AARP would like to do something for seniors relative to the Senior Center.
 - o Looking into a phase II approach with park bonds.
 - o Positive feedback on the wrapping of the utility boxes and design ideas.

Questions and comments

none

Treasurer Sharon Chamard

- Maria Crawford repayment for helmet/lock shipping for the bike project: \$137.55
 - o Exceeded the amount for the project by \$1.42, covered by the council's general account.
- Current balances:
 - o General: \$178.60
 - o Community Development: \$1,013.24
 - o Beautification: \$274.00
 - o A Better Fairview: \$10,275.00

Questions and comments

none

Presentations

Street Calming – Tim Myland, MOA Traffic

Contact Information (907) 343-8470

- Traffic Calming Steps
 - o The first step is citizen-initiated by calling MOA or community council.
 - Recommended to get a resolution from the council and turn it in.
 - o Speed studies are usually done in the summer and publish the results in the fall.
 - o Criteria to list – finding people going 6 miles an hour over the limit and 500 a day, 86%.
 - o Ranked by pedestrian factors – define the problem, create a solution and then find the funding.
 - Budgeted yearly \$500k annually
- 17th avenue has been brought to our attention by the council.

Questions and comments

- Leslie: In the council's history, has anyone submitted a resolution on calming traffic between 15th and 17th.
 - o Tim: Not that I am aware of.

Fairview Elementary School Renaming – Marcus Wilson, Principal of Wendler Middle School

- Thank you for the time provided last committee meeting and others logging in and joining tonight.
- Land acknowledgment to the Deniana Tribe
- Asking for support to adding Dr. Etheldra Davis's name to Fairview elementary
 - o Have letters of support
 - o Online petitions
 - o Support from the current Fairview Principal
 - o The past and current superintendent of the Anchorage School District
- Dr. Davis was the First African American principal in Anchorage at Fairview Elementary.
- Community leader since 1957.
- Will present the resolution to the council crafted by Derrel Hess.

Questions and comments

- Rosa Foster: I came to Alaska in 1961 and became friends with Dr. Davis. Lived in Fairview and was a teacher at Fairview Elementary. I was one of three African American teachers, retired from the district in 1983 as a principal. Dr. Davis was a great teacher and a community advocate. She worked with teenagers and tutored youth. She also had a shoplifting program for kids, working with the police on the program. Worked with the churches and ministers in the churches as well. She was very busy – she was in the grove chasers' social and charity club. They did a lot for the community of Fairview, doing whatever was needed to enhance people's lives. I want to encourage you to rename Fairview Elementary after her, the first African American teacher, principal, and advocate.
- Allen: Darrel, is it your intent to move the resolution?
 - o Darrel Hess: Yes, I would like to introduce the resolution.
 - o Allen: It will be reviewed by the executive board and put up available to look at between now and next month. In subsequent months' meetings, it will be up for action. Thank you for coming and doing all this work.

- Allen: For the FVCC, we take a deliberative process that works best for all concerned.

Unfinished Business

CIP Resolution 2021-03

- Make a motion to approve – Sharon Chamard makes a motion, Laura Orenge de Gaffory seconds for discussion
- Resolution presented for the council to review
 - o Brought up as priorities of what people want to see, to make Fairview better.
 - o Project Priorities are broken into three areas
 - Project management and engineering
 - State of Alaska
 - Parks and recreation
 - Removed one from last year – 15th avenue streetscape improvements were made
- Leslie: Did we add turning Karluk from 15th to 17th into a complete street. Is it on here?
 - o Allen: Yes, that has been added under project Management and engineering, #3
- Allen: Any discussion or objection as presented?
 - o Leslie: Once approved, where does it go?
 - Allen: the next step is that these priorities are entered into the municipal operating budget computerized database. There are justifications added to the database, which takes a few hours.
 - On the 5th whereas the process can be improved, the council needs to get our priorities into the system. When looking for opportunities to put capital funds into an improvement, it has to be on the approved capital improvement program. This doesn't mean everything will get funded, but it is listed that it can be funded.
- Sharon: There are minor revisions to the first page; therefore, it is resolved that the wording needs to be swapped. Can we vote on the tracked changes version? Or move to amend the track changes.
 - o Chris Constant: Municipal has to vote on the tracked changes version.
- Loren Hill: How did priorities not set by the council get in the database in the first place?
 - o Priorities are added by all the departments; there isn't a clear delineation of ONBs list of priorities. It is a compilation of departments and community councils. Sometimes, the council's list of priorities doesn't make the final cut. Some priorities on the list are not even in the Fairview area; the process and the system need to be cleaned up. This 5th whereas shows that we are aware of these inconsistencies and hopefully be resolved by next year.
- Sharon: The last two comments should be reversed – the action of the whereas should be the, therefore. I move that as an amendment to reverse the order of the last two paragraphs. Seconded by Leslie
- Chris Constant: I would recommend going back to the "be it resolved" instead of the "to be resolved." Municipal side detail.
 - o Laura: I was reflecting on how I have done it in the past with AFN.

- Motion to approve 2022 Project priorities – no objection, approved.

New Business

none

Report and Updates

Spring Clean-Up Event

- Filled 2 ½ roll-off dumpsters
- Collected a lot of large items from ally-ways and vacant lots
- many junk vehicles overwintered in vacant lots.
- 5-6 refrigerators are out, can't be put in dumpsters due to their freon. Charges \$20 for disposal
 - o Leslie Kleinfeld: Fit for Health will also sponsor getting those fridges off the street if there is a way to get them picked up.
 - o Loren Hill: I would be happy to sponsor a fridge
- Thank you, Denise, Carrs' manager, for the picnic supplies
- Thank you to all volunteers

Comments

Chris Constant - idea that next year for each team to take a map to mark abandoned cars. Please send the list to my email. Suggest a strategy to document what you are looking for, like boarded-up homes. This data could use capital efforts.

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- Laura Orenga de Gaffory: Could we make an app as they did for the homeless camps but for abandoned cars?
- Loren Hill: We took photos and submitted them

Community Comments

PA Luke Waack: Announcements

- JBER is hiring for 150 jobs in Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) positions. NAF employees work in retail, child care, and recreation programs. Part-time and full-time positions with benefits are available. Job seekers who would like more information about NAF jobs at JBER can visit <https://jberlife.com/jobs> or call NAF Human Resources at (907) 552-456
- New JBER Pharmacy Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JBERPharmacy/>
- Exercise Northern Edge wraps up tomorrow; thank you for your patience with the increased air traffic and noise. Approximately 2,500 additional people were in the base.
- Post road gate is closed until Jul. 2, and the Boniface gate will be closed July 3 through mid-August.
- Airshow at Isleson July 31 and Aug. 1 featuring the Navy Blue Angels and the F16 aggressor squadron.
- Open house JBER on July 30-31
- 9th army band performing in Anchorage this month, check them out on Facebook @nintharmyband

Raven Bar - Roger & Scott: Announcements

- The Downtown Solstice Festival June 21, different events downtown at Town Square, Petrovich Park, G Street, and the mayor's parking lot. Noon-6pm.
- Downtown partnership and the 3rd avenue radicals - after-hours east downtown solstice party at 4th and Gamble. Meant to draw attention to the Fairview community. Highlight the history of the East side of DownTown.

Maria Crawford - Contact: iamafairviewer@gmail.com <https://forms.gle/Jb5hwDYFehNTKtfu7>

Fairview Books & Bikes Slow Roll Update

- distributed bikes last month
- continued bike safety underway
- starting the Fairview Bikes and Books Slow Roll
 - started in Detroit and helped people of all abilities to get outside
 - requested by Fairview Elementary teachers to encourage reading
 - Starts at the Fairview Rec Center - bike, rollerblade, walk, as a group to a local park to spread out and read
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Looking for extra yoga mats for use in the parks

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm Laura Orenga de Gaffory to motion adjourn