

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2021 — 7:00-9:00 PM
On ZOOM

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda – approved no objections

Approval of June 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes - approved no objections

Approval of July 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes - approved no objections

Elected Officials

Senator Tom Begich

Email: sen.Tom.begich@akleg.gov

Luki Tobin speaking on behalf of Ton Begich

- Sen. Begich is taking time off. Zack Fields will provide an update.

Questions and Comments

- none

Representative Zack Fields

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

- power cost equalization fun is not sweepable, and requires 2/3 of account to pass. There is a lawsuit currently happening right now per this subject.
- Rep. Fields supports the Eastchester parks improvements

Questions and comments

- none

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant

Questions or comments? Christopher.Constant@anchorageak.gov

- Six confirmations were approved last Tuesday. Before that, five approved, and one person resigned. Three more approvals are to go on Aug. 24.
- Marijuana approval went through. James went through without issue
 - the new update to edibles from Amco
- Equity to be added to the priority document
- Chris C. is being accused of trespassing - seen in the news. Stands in the position that private property owners cannot take access to parks.
- Carrs Gamble Mural - reworking next week with Andrew mural artist update.
- COVID spikes happening in the community - concerns regarding muni response. There are no intentions of making mandates. Ensure that you take care of the ones you love.
- Shared free testing locations in Anchorage
- Prop 12 passed - 2 members for each assembly district
 - Chair to create sub-committee to lead this effort
 - Challenge is on maps, and when they are released - close to December, which may miss the election window - they won't have additional members until 2023.
- Chris shared that he is being harassed and spied on. There were cameras pointed at his door, and the police were notified.

Questions and comments

- Rep. Field: Supporting land access battle that Chris is facing.
 - Chris Constant - Friends of the Stewart trail are battling this. Honey Bear/Stewart Homestead trail.
- Allen: We have easements for the common good for the community - they serve a public interest.
- Janel: Confirmation of Bronson Exect members - regarding the Library head who isn't a librarian. The library may suffer because of this. Should we be sending emails to you?
 - Chris: I have yet to meet with Ms. Gram to take an opportunity to know who she is. I have been leading the confirmation. I am committed to a fair and open hearing. The assembly takes this very seriously. Please send me your thoughts. It will become part of the record.
- Sharon: the transition to face-to-face meetings on boards of commissions. COVID is concerned about meeting in person and may compromise community members to participate due to exposure to unnecessary risks. I was told this by the staff member of safety.
 - Portia: I will follow up on that for you. Portia.Noble@anchorageak.gov

Anchorage School Board Member Dora Wilson

Contact: Wilson_Dora@asdk12.org

- The School board met multiple times in July
 - Life, college and career-ready discussions "Goals and Guardrails"
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18195>
 - ASD Return to School Operational Guidelines <https://www.asdk12.org/schoolstart>
- Students will be required to wear masks while in school
- Fairview Elementary School Supply drive is ongoing - donation area is at the Northway mall

Questions and comments

- Maria: The Fairview Back to School Health & Safety Fair is this Friday from 2:30-6:30 and Saturday from 12-4 at the Fairview Community Recreation Center
 - Fairview Bikes & Books Slow Roll and raffling off bikes that were donated by Off The Chain

Standing Reports

President Allen Kemplen

- AWWU has made a request to attend the October General Meeting regarding the stormwater entity.
- Go to Fairview Park to see the new park improvements. New painting on the court floor. The grand reopening will be scheduled at a later time.
- Moving forward with an equity plan - a resilience plan being pushed for seeking federal funds.
- Division of forestry website is providing funding to remove choke cherry trees from peoples yards with a \$100 coupon to purchase a tree replacement
- Summer in the Park event on Jul. 28 down at Eastchester Park. Live music and food trucks were present. 75-100 people attended.
- Partnered with NeighborWorks Alaska on an environmental justice grant. Will know if we have the grant in September.

Questions and comments

- Sharon: Motion suggestion: Concert and parks association appreciation from FCC. Motion approved and letter to be drafted with positive feedback.
- Jen: What is a resiliency plan?
 - Allen: Something that is promoted to better prepare local communities to deal with catastrophic events.

Treasurer Sharon Chamard

- No Action and no bank fee
- Current balances: Total \$11,741
 - General: \$179
 - Community Development: \$1,013
 - Beautification: \$274
 - A Better Fairview: \$10,275

Questions and comments

- none

Presentations

Fairview Fabrication Lab Presented by Allen Kemplen

- Fabrication labs are getting attention because we are getting ready for the 3rd digital revolution.
 - creation of the lab would create many opportunities to innovate
- The lab would be an investment to the neighborhood and empowers people for the 21st-century jobs - self-sufficiency of goods production
- focuses on value-added components on international products, import substitution of goods, and innovation within Alaska-specific industries (i.e., aviation, fishing, etc.)
- \$100K - \$999K.

Questions and comments

- Laura: Where are we on this project? How do we get funding for this?
 - Allen: Legislation was passed for funding for new technology centers around the United States. WE can take advantage of this federal money. The first step is starting at the community council. Do we want to start this or not?
- Tristan: Rep Fields staff - looking into an additional \$500M in ARPA - we would love to help fight for this. There may be multiple opportunities for grant opportunities.
- Dora Wilson: I am in support of partnerships of businesses, which I can help facilitate through the school district. Any opportunity to improve career outcomes for our children, please let me know.

Unfinished Business

- Eastchester Park Improvements - review of Resolution
 - Motion to move Resolution regarding improvements to East Chester park. Motion Passed.

Comments:

Laura: Very excited to see this go ahead.

- Advancing the development of the Fairview innovation Fabrication Labs Resolution - review of Resolution
 - Motion to move Resolution. Sharon moved, and Karen seconded. Motion Passed

Comments:

Karen: Great Idea!

Loren: Can connect Allen with Loren's cousin who runs a CAD lab in the Lower-48

James: Love the innovative idea.

New Business

- Status of in-person/online/hybrid council meetings - feedback from the general membership
 - Jen: For having meetings on zoom and hybrid. These meetings are long, so it is good to enjoy them at home as well.
 - Chris: zoom option is good and hybrid. Looks like having zoom turnout is better. A quorum would be better with hybrid
 - Dana: until we figure out technological issues - zoom is good
 - Loki: Two points - the hybrid model is hard to hear and motion and to understand what is happening in the room and difficult to focus. If in a rec center, requiring masks to protect children that use the facility.
 - Roger: Hybrid is a good idea, but the community center doesn't have the technology we need. I will work with the FCC on this.
 - Laura: I can do both - understand issues, but it's doable.
 - Chris: It is good to think about the people that zoom eliminates, so it's good to have in person as well.
 - Allen: could you put in a request to add technology to the Rec Center?
 - Chris: please provide a scope of what is needed to make this happen to bring it forward.
 - Dave: In favor of a hybrid model to help people be comfortable
 - Janel: As a teacher, I have become an expert in this. It is tough doing a hybrid. Suggest doing it in person.
- South Edition resolution regarding Earl and Muriel King Park
 - Laura to introduce as consideration to the council
 - will refer to the executive board for further discussion

Report and Updates

- Sharon: We have been approached by our neighbor Rogers Park regarding Eastchester park. It would be good to visit that request.

Community Comments

- Joanna: I own a B&B in the neighborhood. A person who drives a city taxi disparages our neighborhood and tells people he drops off that the neighborhood that it is very dangerous. Can the FCC bring some defense to the neighborhood? How can we proceed, and what can be done?

- Chris Constant: There is nothing the FCC can do in a legal way. If he is a city/Lyft driver, people can collectively make reviews of this driver and talk down the neighborhood with defamatory remarks. Also, find a way to get positive info about the neighborhood. There is a bias in our neighborhoods.
- Rick: The transportation inspection office. Consumer Protection Act - look into that.
- Allen: follow up on Chris and Rick's comments and do some research.

Meeting Adjourned 9:06 pm Motioned by Laura, Seconded by Chris.