

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2021 — 7:00 - 9:00 PM
ON ZOOM

Call to Order - 7:00 pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
 - SJ moved, James Seconded
 - Change to meeting minutes - EPA Environmental EJ grant not Pell Grant. Progress on PEL project.
- Approval of October General Membership Meeting Minutes
 - James moved, Karen seconded

Elected Official

Senator Tom Begich

Email: sen.Tom.begich@akleg.gov

- Filed letter of intent for re-election for next year.
- Reapportionment adopted two districts to placing half of Eagle River into Downtown and South Muldoon.
- Federal Government passed an infrastructure bill after five years.
- Working with the department of transportation on the Fairview PEL regarding changes regarding the Anchorage Port.
 - FVCC and Third Avenue will need to find representatives for this process.
- State budget to be released based on subjective oil prices.
- Toured James's business (The Secret Garden) and was very impressed on safety of customers and quality of product.

Questions and Comments

- Allen - Regarding the PEL, important vision on the corridor that everyone supports.
 - Sen. B - Yes, Allen, Chris C and I will be working on this together with the contractor that is hired on.
- James - Did the PEL funding go from \$5M to \$1M
 - Sen. B - I don't believe that this is true but there will be other funding coming in. Also supporting C. Constant on this.

Representative Zack Fields

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

- Out of session currently.
- Redistricting issues - gerrymandering is suspected in some areas (Muldoon/Eagle River) and will most likely go to court.
- Infrastructure Bill - Passing with slim margins in the Senate and House.
 - Alaska benefits the most from this bill.
 - Ferry system (\$1B) and Schools will be supported by the federal government through this bill

Questions or comments?

- Allen - The legislature will need to be engaged in how the federal funds will be allocated within the State of Alaska.
 - Sen. B - We will withdraw support if we are not at the table. Working closely with the house and working together to stay strong.

Anchorage Assembly member Christopher Constant

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- PEL - working on funds issue with the addition of the Port.
- DOT - conversation regarding traffic in the area as well as its impacts on the community.
- Working to restore funds for Eastchester Park planning in the budget.

- Mobile Crisis Team to be with the fire department - away from the police department
- Discussion in the council regarding authority of hiring and how assembly operates.
- Working to close the mass shelter at the Sullivan Arena and discussions on not having all services in Fairview.
- Prop. 12 adding a 12 member into the assembly is now in full effect. Completed by Feb. 15, not six months.
 - The current district will grow by about 8K people.

Questions or comments?

- Sharon - There is a seat open for the Merrill Field committee for a resident that lives within two miles of the Airport. I applied for that seat after I was not reinstated.
- James - Could you give an update regarding COVID-19
 - C. Constant - The current mandate expires in December. The health department isn't able to provide data accurately. I do not see any future orders currently. Vaccinations are now available for children.

Anchorage School Board member Dora Wilson

Contact: Wilson_Dora@asdk12.org

- ASD is having vaccination clinics starting Nov. 3 - Dec. 1.
- ASD Flex is a new program starting next year - hybrid program for students in person and virtual.
- ASD is hiring for subs, TA's, nutrition department etc.
- Superintendent will be retiring - will keep communities updated on the hiring process.
- Inlet View elementary school discussion is happening now regarding funds for a new school.
- Behavioral health services pilot program is happening in select schools and is making a positive impact.

Questions or Comments?

- Janel Watson - Starting pay for TA's is \$14 an hour, this is probably why you are dealing with more than 70 openings due to the low pay, not being competitive. Please reevaluate the pay for TA's.

Standing Reports

President Allen Kemplen

- Co-signed an opinion piece in the ADN as president of the council
- Comments on the Downtown Plan is happening
- Community Garden continues to move forward with documents and agreements drafted.
- Moving forward with the Push Back the Darkness initiative - flyers will be posted online and in the neighborhood.

Questions or Comments

- none

Treasurer Sharon Chamard

- No update, same as last month and no change since May.
- Current balances: Total \$11,741
 - General: \$179
 - Community Development: \$1,013
 - Beautification: \$274
 - A Better Fairview: \$10,275

Presentations

- Two presenters in Agenda not present

Questions and Comments

- none

Unfinished Business

- none

Questions and Comments

- none

New Business

- Anchorage Park Foundation - Woodside/Eastchester Park Improvements
 - Have request in for special extension for next summer to not conflict with Chugach Electric.
 - Motion requested by Sharon for Allen to write a letter on behalf of FCC for Parks Bond Funds to be sent to C. Constant. James Thornton seconds - no objections - approved.

Report and Updates

Merrill Field Update

- Sharon's term expired from the commission but will reapply for seat.
- Mayor shared vision on a new Merrill Field runway to go East toward Northway Mall and West toward Lions Park. Reason: extend for private corporate jets to land.
 - Mayor would like to do a land swap so the city can require lands - FBO, or a terminal of sorts
 - This isn't in active planning yet, just good to know so we can keep an eye on it.
- Mr. Gibbs said that he will present an update to the council regarding updates.

Fairview Homeless Sub- Committee

- Draft resolution in the works
 - Reviewed the draft to FCC

Questions or comments?

- none

Holiday Party

- December Holiday get together instead of formal FVCC meeting.
 - Potluck style
 - option to have it outside as well
- Hybrid meeting test will be conducted at the Recreation center (if possible) so people can attend online and in person.

Community Comments/Concerns

- L. Tobin - the roads are not plowed yet and would like to remind people that there is a bicycle corridor through Fairview so please be bike aware when driving.
- K. Baughman - Library updates: there is a new mural at the L. Library. ACA enrollment is happening now and there are people to help. Library to be closed Thanksgiving holiday.
- J. Walton - Theater productions are happening now - please support them.
- D. Rittenburg - Looking for volunteers at Beans for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Adjourn Sharon motioned