

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting Agenda

Feb. 10, 2022 — 7:00 - 9:00 PM

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84049110076> (see more details below)

Please note: General Membership meetings are recorded and may be live-streamed on social media by entities unaffiliated with the Fairview Community Council

Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions
- Meeting etiquette and [Community Council Guidelines](#)
 - *To respect everyone's time, elected officials and standing reports are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes and 5 minutes for questions/comments*
- Approval of February Agenda - Motion and Seconded - Karen and James
 - moving Old Business 2022-01 to March agenda
- Approval of January 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes - Motion and seconded - Laura and Karen

Elected Officials

AK Senator Tom Begich presented by Luki Tobin

- Senator Ellis passed away this week. Senator Begich has asked Capitol flags to be flown at half-mast on 2/15 in honor of Senator Ellis (during Key Campaign).
- Several bills in motion SB10 hearing this week and continuing through. Bill to provide free or reduced tuition (ARPA funds) for frontline workers and those impacted by it.
- SB184 Bill - companion bill. If you receive a settlement from Alaska Native trust, it protects you from losing benefits.
- Op-Ed Regarding universal Pre-K in Alaska <https://www.adn.com/opinions/2022/02/10/learning-to-read-is-a-human-right/>

Questions/Comments

NONE

Alaska State Representative Zack Fields

- The boardwalk that connects Fairview to Chester Creek trail was submitted. Projects are in.
- Regional projects updated
- Updated guidance for safety
- TIP - complete streets for all districts that align with the downtown plan
- Able Act moving through - may pass next week
- Priorities - funding for schools, BSA statutory update to reflect inflation.
 - Funding Pre-K and school bond reimbursement
- Investments in the Port of Alaska.
- Benefits to public safety employees
- Published a few Op-Eds recently
 - [OPINION: We need to step up for Alaska's schools \(adn.com\)](#)

Questions/Comments

NONE

Anchorage Assembly Member Christopher Constant christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov

- working on reapportionment process - The ordinance process may be delayed
 - three town halls and public meetings for the public to view maps
- The conversation regarding Merrill field management structure to muni structure.
- April 5 election coming up
- March 4 at noon - Rec Center opening of the indoor play center!
- Johnny Ellis - flags have been ordered down

Questions/Comments

- Luki - what would happen to tie-down costs at Merrill and Birchwood?
 - Chris C - Just beginning the process on this discussion. It is early in this discussion
- James T - what is the timeline for the Sullivan Arena move and update?
 - Chris C - tentative agreement in securing housing in hotels, and there isn't a path forward to building a shelter quickly and working hard to make July 30. Working with APD with concerns of safety around the arena and concerns about the staff have been raised. Security was cut in the past.
- Allen - The FVCC and business association, this issue is a higher priority, and we can assist.
 - Chris C - the current plan puts a 300-bed facility in another neighborhood, which takes it out of Fairview to another neighborhood which is a moral dilemma.

Anchorage School Board Member *Dora Wilson*

- tentative agreement with Anchorage association
- Recruiting for a new superintendent and looking for public feedback
 - deadline closing February 21
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: 2/17 & 2/17/ Online Scheduler–
<https://apps.asdk12.org/ConferenceScheduling/StudentScheduleStartExt.aspx>
- ASD Spring Lottery Opened closes March 17 -- <https://www.asdk12.org/lottery>
- Charter and alternative school fair coming up February 17, noon to 4 pm
- Presidents Day - no school
- Black History month - Every school has different activities
- Each school can test for students, their families, and staff
- April 5 ballot - ASD school bond \$111M two-year bond - benefits 25 schools across district, security and restoration improvements, inlet school, etc.

Comments/questions

- Chris C - Charter amendment proposed for budget regarding Marijuana revenues putting towards pre-k. Something to follow up on.
- Laura - Do we have an estimate for the taxes for this bond?
 - Dora - \$13 for every \$100K, may be lowered

Mayor's Office *Junior Aumavae - Chief Equity Officer for the Municipality of Anchorage*

- Mayor's mentorship program
- Job Fair working directly with Rec center - annually done for Fairview community
- Mayor is in Juneau for port discussions
- Working on fixing WiFi at the Rec Center - will connect with Chris on this.
- Tonga relief efforts, port of Alaska to tonga shipment leaving Sunday - free of cost. Those wanting to join the Blessing ceremony will occur tomorrow at 11:00 Friday 2/11, at 2501 maple wood street LDS Church. Thank you for having me!

Standing Reports

President *Allen Kemplen*

- job fair on February 25 at the Rec Center. Looking to hire or for work is an excellent opportunity
- re-applying for a challenge grant. had issues with last year due to COVID and other items
- if you are interested in getting to know the APD officers in the area - send Allen a link
- want to know more about JBER, they can come to talk to us about their activities
- Equal Rights Commission made a request to present

Questions/Comments

NONE

Treasurer *Sharon Chamard*

- Current balances: Total \$11,741
 - General: \$179

- Community Development: \$1,013
 - Beautification: \$274
 - A Better Fairview: \$10,275
- Need of audit by March. Derril Hess has done the audit in the past. Move to ask Derril Hess to be the auditor of the treasurer's books, seconded by Laura

Questions/Comments

NONE

Presentations

36th Avenue Interchange Project update - *Steve Noble, Public Involvement Specialist - DOWL*
snoble@dowl.com

- www.36thinterchange.com
- Hearing scheduled for March 14 - info in the link
- The next significant activity is the public and zoning hearing for mid-April.

Questions/comments

- Allen - is the old Golden Lion Hotel going to be purchased for the interchange?
 - Steve N - I can't say for certain - there is an option that preserves the golden lion.
- Lindsey Hajduk - can you share the plan for pedestrian and bicycle access across 36th?
 - Steve N - there will be improved pathways - replace the lights and reduce lanes.

Seward Glenn Mobility Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study - *Kelly Summers, John McPherson, and Josie Wilson* *sewardglennmobility.com*

- Project that is looking at problems in Airport heights, Glen Highway, Merrill Field, Gamble/Ingra, down to Chester Creek
- Pick up off Highway to Highway that was ended in 2010
- Open comment period until February 28
- review of website - online open house and reviewing what a PEL is. Currently, at the very beginning, in the problem step
 - looking for existing conditions and future desires - looking for community comments
 - comment maps
 - questionnaire
 - contact info
- Click on Public Outreach to see what has already been done
- Agency, Tribe, community, technical and executive committees are engaged

Questions/Comments

- Chris C - could you please provide a muni list to me?
 - Josie W - Yes, please let me know if I could do better interfacing with the groups.
- Chris C - Probably a good idea to add on the mailer that information is available in many other languages at a URL.
- James T - Are you planning on sending more mailers to the Fairview neighborhood?
 - Josie W - public meetings will have postcards, newsletters were mailed to everyone for the first one, and others will be on the existing list. Sign up if you want to be on the list.
- James T - Are they in other languages?
 - Josie W - yes and no, but we provide info in different languages on how to access it in another language.
- James T - It would be good to make a better design, so people don't throw it away. It may be good not only to track cell phones since not everyone uses cells. We want to see the pedestrian traffic.
 - Josie W - Please place that as a comment via email to formalize. John M - Regarding the cell data, I believe there may be data available based on the speed and location.
- Mackenzi - How specific are you looking for regarding problems? What level is most helpful?
 - Josie W - we will take anything you want to tell us. The more specific you can be, the better.
- Jim T - In the last virtual meeting, there was another meeting that went on the website. There was no date or access information.

- Josie W - There are no public meetings before the deadline. Do you need another public meeting?
- Linsey - I noticed some of the comments on the map include people's names, though I thought it was anonymous once posted (though you could see the submitter on the back end). Is that an error, or am I wrong?
 - Josie W - I will check on that. Info should not be shown. Personal info should not be displayed.
- Allen - I notice that the study is promoted as a transportation study. Very broad, but as you went through, the tech studies were about vehicles. Is there a reason why there is no analysis on pedestrians, bicycles, and other modes and appears to only focus on vehicles?
 - Josie M - the next report will be about pedestrians and bikes. In the past, it came from the metro transportation plan - problems related to congestion of vehicles and safety.

Old Business

Resolution 2022-01 Relating to Seward Glenn mobility project and transportation issues in the easter urban core

- moved by Sharon Chamard, seconded by Laura Orenga. Passes unanimously
- Discussion
 - Mackenzie Pope - No objections, but I just wanted to thank you as the resolution is comprehensive and compassionately put together to include everyone in our neighborhood. Thank you to the writers!

Push Back the Dark Fairview lighting contest

- Encouraging people to light up properties - want to give people in the neighborhood the opportunity to see examples of lights in the neighborhood. Nominate them for recognition. Will be put on agenda for March to announce winner of push back the dark.

Wobbly Moose, LLC - Stan Marshall on the corner of 4th and 1st, below Lucky Wishbone.

- provided copy of neighborhood responsibility plan for review
- positive difference in the community

Comments/questions

- Chris - thank you, the building looks beautiful.
 - Stan M - thank you, we moved 120 tonnes of garbage.
- Allen - you are good to go. Reminder to review the obligation of participation in the community. We are seeing evidence that some cannabis businesses are not adhering to the plan as well as they should be.

Laura motioned to extend 10 minutes, Sharon seconded.

New Business

Reinvestment Focus Areas

- SJ not present - moved to March

Report and Updates

Fairview EJ Grant

- Sharon - ongoing and continue to have weekly meetings with Neighborworks Alaska. Sent out flyers. encourage people to get involved and submit comments to the Seward Glenn mobility project. Looking for people to become involved in participation and training for planning/scenario planning.

Merrill Field

- Sharon - no update. Talk about birchwood airport acquisition

- CC - Native village of Eklutna was denied their casino again - there are other things to do out in Birchwood.

Fairview Homeless Committee

- have not had any meetings past the last resolution. If there are any issues or wants to be engaged in the committee, let Allen or James know.

Ingra Community Garden

- Rep Fields mentioned the capital request - FVCC put in a request for water funding.

In-Person/Hybrid Meetings

- set up and ready to go - need to set date
- Internet is terrible at the rec center, so I will use a cell phone
 - send Chris an email about internet issues
- Chris - it would be good to have this done on Facebook live to watch.
- Lindsey - I like zoom for the monthly meetings and getting together IRL for fun events, volunteering, etc. I think that's a better way to connect
- Keelin Baughman - I prefer Zoom simply for ease of attending, but I know internet access may be hard for some residents and is currently creating a barrier for attending meetings.

AARP Community Challenge Grant Nominations

- I will be applying to this

Community Comments/Concerns

- Laura - sidewalks and snow plowing issues - many sidewalks have snow, and people walk in the streets.
 - Chris C - Email Chris with specific streets and sidewalks to be plowed
- Cliff Groh - running for seat 23 - talked about his plans for office.
- Lindsey Hajduk - NeighborWorks Alaska is interested in exploring park improvements for Fairview Lions Park, just north of one of our properties. There is an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant open now. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please let me know! Or reach out to me at lhajduk@nwalaska.org
- Keelin Baughman - Youth services librarian. Provided the monthly events. Events at Mountain View Library: Valentines Craft Day on February 11 from 3-5 pm. Leap into Science on February 16 from 3-5 pm. Storytime every Tuesday at 6 pm. Winter Reading Challenge runs from Jan 24-Mar 7. Pick up a bingo sheet in person at any branch. Every completed row or column earns you an entry into the grand prize drawing. All APL branches will be closed on February 19. For more info, please call or email. keelin.baughman@anchorageak.gov or (907) 353-2904
- James Thornton - went through training to become a distributor of Narcan to battle the opioid pandemic. Lower the difficulty of getting these products out. Available at the secret garden.

Adjourn - move to adjourn Sharon - 9:22 pm