

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

Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions - 27 in attendance
- Approval of March Agenda - Motion and Seconded - Paul Motion, Laura Second
 - Change old business - Not going over the requirement
 - Reports/Updates - Allen to report on the PEL
- Approval of February 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes - Laura Motion, Karen Second
 - Misspelling of names from last report.

Elected Officials

AK Senator Tom Begich and Löki Email: sen.Tom.begich@akleg.gov

- Update on Budget - March forecast will be \$1.8B higher than last year. Increases in oil prices result from transportation issues nationally and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
 - PFD lost money on the market but is still the largest producer in the State, surpassed briefly by oil.
- Update on Fiscal Plan - Working on a Revenue Bill that is a formula for reduction of tax credits—locking loophole with S corps with businesses that net \$5M or greater. It would save the State \$650M. Stat. spending cap proposed that allows of growth in the budget. Working to expand the budget and making it more robust.
- Update on Legislative - House to work on budget at the end of March. Identifying priorities. ARPA funds won't be used for tuition for front-line workers.
 - Education Bill in progress
 - Savings account - \$3B in saving account

Questions/Comments

- Karen - Great news on money but not on wars. Did you mention the Canadian Alaskan friendship?
 - Tom B - This is a friendship resolution to continue collaborating with Canada on land uses and joint development. This strengthens ties and is symbolic.

Alaska State Representative Zack Fields Call (907) 465-2647, rep.zack.fields@akleg.gov or tristan.walsh@akleg.gov

- Sign up for my newsletter for more information. Adding savings provides stability and adequacy to human services.
- Alaska Schools are falling behind in maintenance.
- Bills working on:
 - Able Act has passed out of Senate Health and Social Services. With Labor and Commerce.
 - Bill for online raffle sales working on getting on the floor.
- The priority this year is education - need to invest in Pre-K, school capital and maintenance, school bond debt funding, nursing funding at the university, refill / restate higher education fund that was defunded.

Questions/Comments

- Paul Benson - has there been any discussion to give more support to Eldercare?
 - Zack F - we did add funding to long-term care for Alzheimer's patients. Amendment for increasing salaries for longer-term care providers, write a letter to support Snyder's House Bill 292 that sets up guardrails for standards of care and cuts to elderly care.

- Tom Begich - This has also been a priority for us as well. Will be matching house side.
- Karen - does some of the funding of elder care go to the pioneer home?
 - Zack F - we did work on the budget and it is stable. Working to defer maintenance. Fairbanks will need to have a replacement. Need to look at major costs.
 - Tom B - we are looking at this as well on the state senate side.
- Chris C. - There was hearing on bill on transgender people in sports, the committee chairs have redacted the records - records were not provided and appears that there were major records violations.
 - Tom B - this Saturday at 10 am we will have a public hearing on that bill. Call in to testify. Shows 4 different constitutional violations on the bill. There will be testimony on this bill. There has been one incidence where one person in Alaska to participate in school sports. This has had zero impact on scholarships. this is a hate bill.
 - Chris C - I want to focus on the records issue, and make sure that people that testify are public and kept on record.

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

- Schools and funding - base allocation - there is a conversation of file suit against the State of Alaska. Anchorage is no longer to provide education cheaply. \$12M of educational funds not coming to students and rebasing.
- First-quarter budget and muni election. Ballots going out in a week. Sign up for the ballot tracks system. Know when the ballot leaves the mail house and when it is counted, a way to ensure their votes count.
- Traveling to DC to advocate for infrastructure in Anchorage. Applying for these grants for Anchorage. IN a month, rescue plan funding coming to Anchorage, \$51M. Inviting precious rescue plan recipients to talk about the benefits.
- Assembly taken position of taxpayer to pick up cost to residents not the school. School district was asked to pay by Muni mayor yet they have only limited funds. Having conversations on these.
- Reapportionment process happening soon, can view the maps online. Third public hearing on reapportioning. On the 23rd, there will be a special meeting to establish the next ten years' boundaries.
 - Working for 2nd representative in the downtown district.

Questions/Comments

None

Anchorage School Board Member Dora Wilson - Contact: Wilson_Dora@asdk12.org

- February 22 school board meeting - agreement accepted ASD and education association.
- ASDB approved budget - working on issues with program support
- ASD masking is optional
- Continuing on search for superintendent search
Deadline to apply to Senior ZTE program taught through UAF faculty. ASD academy - students can graduate with UAF endorsements.
- fine arts department art show will be displayed around Anchorage.
- ASD lottery closes March 15 and keep in mind there are programs for K - 12.
- Next ASD board meeting is March 15.

Comments/questions

- Sharon C - is the district looking at UAA for similar things? Why UAF?
 - Dora W. - talked to the director of ZTE and they are talking to UAA for options to expand.

- Sharon - those credits can also transfer to UAA

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

- Tuesday round table with Mayor March 15
- Women's girls and government March 17
- Fireside chat on March 23 at noon
- Elections April 5
- APD event - sledding with APD
- Tax help is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Loussac Library.

Standing Reports

President *Allen Kemplen*

- Rec Center update
 - March 30 meeting for the Rec Center
 - New gym opened for the kids
- Economic and climate screening tool released that will highlight special attention and prioritize federal resources of the Biden Administration. Fairview has an opportunity in this.
- Idea - Ice Parks and ice slides. Something to think about.

Questions/Comments

- Karen - is there a parameter of ideas for the screening tool?
 - Allen K - first, come up with the idea, then we start looking for the money
- James T - many things accomplished were thought as not possible, anything is possible, and there are challenges, but changes happen through work.

Treasurer *Sharon Chamard*

- Zoom Debit of \$119
- Current balances: Total \$11,590.94
 - General: \$29
 - Community Development: \$1,013
 - Beautification: \$274
 - A Better Fairview: \$10,275
- Auditors Report - Derrel Hess, the balance listed on the spread sheet doesn't match the bank statement. It makes it hard to verify the numbers, such as petty cash, to be separated out.

Questions/Comments

NONE

Presentations

Fairview Park Renaming Committee - *Taylor Keegan, Parks and Recreation Department*

- Darrel Hess is on the panel and James and Laura provided public comment prior to the meeting.
- Changed named due to confusion on the park and distinctions in name. Need to make the park more memorable.
- Raven was identified by the community for the park. A large Raven climber was created for the park.
- worked with local artist to design court paint design
- AR 2021-271 was passed by the assembly. Upper Delga park after upper Dena'ina word for raven.
- Looking for support from the council to get the name approved and sent to the Mayor.

Questions/comments

- Darrel - it's exciting to keep the sense of place and tradition of the neighborhood. Honors the Dena'ina people and keeps the name.
- Allen - if anyone knows someone with a drone, please take a photo of the court and send in.
- James T - where will the signs be placed?
 - Taylor Keegan - there are older ways such as wood engraved. if you are looking for new ways for signs, I would love to hear about it.

James motioned and Laura seconded for board letter of approval to the parks and rec.

Old Business

- **Executive Board election**
 - Polls were created for seats. Officers Seats open – 5 (highlighted names voted in)
 - Allen Kemplen for president
 - SJ Kline for VP
 - Laura Orenga de Gaffory for Secretary
 - Sharon Chamard for Treasurer

Karen Motions - Slate as presented for the Officers of the council is approved.

- Members at Large (highlighted names voted in)
 - Loren Hill
 - Dave Rittenberg
 - Denise Janson
 - James Thornton
 - Karen Gonne-Harrell
 - Jerome Lopes (was voted out)
- Bylaws state that you have to be a member to vote (resident or owner of property/business or rep of business and have attended at least one meeting in the last six months)

Laura Motions to extend the meeting to 9:10pm.

- **Push Back the Dark Fairview lighting contest**
 - Winner TIE 3a and 8 \$200 each
 - 6 gets \$100

Sharon motions and Laura seconds.

New Business

- **Resolution 2022-03 A Resolution Related to Merrill Field Operations and Being a Good Neighbor**
 - introduced to the board
- **Block Party - Löki**
 - Would like to extend invitation for members to participate in the Fairview Block Party
 - Need to identify a date
 - Music, dancing, booths, and even food trucks/beer garden

Allen announced an ad-hoc Fairview committee of fun

Report and Updates

Fairview EJ Grant

- Moving forward with environmental justice grant with the EPA. Possession of 20 sensors to measure particulates.
 - looking for more sites in West Fairview - just needs power source and connection to Wi-Fi

Merrill Field

- Will follow up with Ralph on Orca street and will have a report for next month.

Fairview Homeless Committee

- Officially nailed down two potential dates, March 28th/29th for the next meeting at 7 pm for constructive comments on the Sullivan situation.
 - the current plan has been sent to everyone in the committee
 - significant rise in transients in the neighborhood - loitering and crime

Sharon Motions to extend the meeting to 9:20 and James seconds.

Ingra Community Garden

- request submitted to Sen. Begich's office for \$50k in support of water access.
- Have a template of agreement with Parks and Rec and DOT (owner of lot)

In-Person/Hybrid Meetings

- Plan on a hybrid meeting in April. Eboard meeting trial run.

PEL

- Public comment period completed
- the second meeting this week, gave initial assessment. Two hundred three participants on the online open house. The overriding focus was non-motorized and the importance of improving infrastructure.

Community Comments/Concerns

- James - Josie Wilson in public outreach didn't get back to James. Additional fliers for the project were not budgeted. No other mailers and no response. Outreach was dropped on this.
- Keelin B - Youth Service Librarian Update Events at Mountain View Library. March 11 at 3 pm, Leap into Science: Balance. March 16 @ 2pm, Self-Guided Storytime Journey. March 24 @ 3 pm, Spring Craft Time. Seed Library is open for business, come on in and pick up free seeds; veggies, herbs, flowers, tons available. Feel free to call or email with any questions or the entire calendar. keelin.baughman@anchorageak.gov or 343-2904
- Lindsey H - Neighborworks representative. I have attended midtown meetings and there hasn't been much discussion on the homeless discussion. Fairview's lions park challenge grant - coming up with improvements. Heard the need for improvements as well as portapotties at this park.
- David R - regarding the homeless issue, there will be a vote on the funding for the programs - appropriation on the docket for sockeye center. May see some opposition from other communities. Contact me for more info @ drittenberg@cssalaska.org
- Cheri AhQuin - Fairview PTA President - Event April 21 family night and auction fundraiser. call for items to be auctioned off for student projects etc. Email akptafairview@gmail.com for more details.

Adjourn - *move to adjourn Sharon - 9:35 pm Laura Motions to adjourn and James seconds*