

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022 — 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Call to Order - 7:02 pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of August Agenda -
- Approval of June 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes
- Approval of July 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Elected Officials

- Senator Tom Begich
 - Successful budget Negotiation
 - Full report on the department of education for the Reads Act and long-term change to educational outcomes.
 - Any ideas for legislation - please let my office know for the next person in this role.

Questions/Comments

- none

- Representative Zack Fields
 - Not Present
- Anchorage Assembly members Christopher Constant & Daniel Volland
 - Daniel
 - ARPA funds a package of 60 projects the community proposed - centered around housing, homeless, childcare, and economic development.
 - Big ticket items are funds to Rasmuson Foundation for supportive housing for low-income. Multiple hotel suggestions to purchase. Downtown and Fairview are being impacted due to these issues. We are looking for a cold weather response plan.
 - Chris
 - Reflective on Daniel's report
 - Working on the current budget with the Muni.
 - Funds appropriated on property cleanup - \$500K

Questions/Comments

- Janel - What is happening with the Library and health dept director? Dan - many reports are coming out about the health dept director not being qualified for the position, and the assembly discussed better vetting processes. Assembly doesn't have an HR department that vets new applicants for these positions—looking at the muni code on this.
- Allen - Unfortunate that these things happen, and it's essential to have good people in these positions.
- Janel - The Sullivan is still causing massive light pollution - who is paying for the lights and improvements?
 - Daniel - I asked who is paying \$2.5M ARPA funds and will look into lighting.

- Mayor's Representative
 - Not Present
- Anchorage School Board member Kelly Lessens
 - not present but sent Allen highlights
 - the first day of school is August 18
 - not enough drivers for buses - 75 bus drivers short. Hire-on bonuses are in effect.
 - Student nutrition personnel shortages
 - Advisory committee - looking for participation from parents across Anchorage.
 - Budget cycle \$64M deficit. Looking to address this.
 - September 14 is the next finance meeting
 - Dr. Davis elementary school signage is up in Fairview.

Questions/Comments

- n/a

Standing Reports

- President Allen Kemplen
 - USDOT has opened a notice of funding grant - high probability for Fairview to apply for grants by October.

Questions/Comments

- none

- Treasurer Sharon Chamard
 - Donations for block party received: \$650
 - \$947 on t-shirt and beer sales
 - \$97 in additional sales
 - General Sub Acct - \$522
 - Community Dev. Acct \$1013
 - Beautification Fund \$574
 - Block Party \$630
 - Better Fairview \$10,374
 - =Total 13,034

Questions/Comments

- James would like to match the Gen Fund \$1,000

Presentations

- Spotlight on 3rd and Gamble - *Larry Michael, 3rd Avenue Radicals*
 - spotlight on 3rd and Gambell event, Sept. 29, 5-7pm at a 15-acre parcel area
 - Old ANMC site - sponsored by 3rd Ave. Radicals, ADP, Seeds of Change, and Hospitality Retailers.
 - looking for volunteers for the ambassador meeting, contact Larry Michael at 907-317-3151
 - looking for Fairview Rep to participate
- Proposed Parking Reduction Ordinance - *Tom Davis, Planner with the Municipal Planning Department*
 - Title 21 zoning - changes on housing and economic development fronts and neighborhood improvements
 - met with FVCC multiple times in past years, as well as design competitions for parking and developments
 - would like to present a follow-up presentation to the council to review amendments
 - discussion on sidewalks and alley parking
 - snow removal
 - sidewalk improvements

Questions/Comments

- Karen, Sharon, Laura, Michael, SJ, James, Loren, and Allen are interested in more conversation on changes. He requested a follow-up meeting with Tom.

Old Business

- Seward to Glenn Connection
 - 2nd public meeting and the Rec Center in June - performance measures and draft review
 - No update on place in the process
 - working on challenges with getting the message across
- Nominations for Civic Hero
 - Nominations open until October.
- In-Person Council Meetings
 - A hybrid approach is an option
 - inclusive for all those who can't join

Questions/Comments

- James and Laura - working together to make sure Hybrid can happen smoothly
- Keelin - agree to have Hybrid
- Tafilisunoa - Owl works great for Hybrid

- Janel Walton - My internet has dropped many times at home since the meeting started. It would be good to have in person as well since new funding doesn't make home internet better
- Lindsey - I prefer zoom for meetings and more in-person fun events
- Sandra - great for people who only live in Fairview part-time
- Karen - having someone assigned to tech helps

New Business

- Fairview Winter Block Party Event
 - interest in getting Hyder street involved in this and reconnecting East and West Fairview
Questions/Comments
 - Karen - show how to use it as a connection to the bike trails - skis and ice sculptures, etc
 - Dana - An ice rink sounds like a great idea
 - James - Ice sculpture contest?
 - D. Volland - it would be good to look into piloting walking street projects in Anchorage.
 - Dana - would love to be involved in this and host
 - Janel - many of the activities happen in Fairview but are not advertised that way - maybe need to capitalize on what is already happening in the area. Such as running of the reindeer etc.
 - SJ - Thank you, Daniel, for coming - note that Tom and Daniel showed up - thank you for coming.

Report and Updates

- Fairview Block Party - Awesome event, thanks to Löki, James, and volunteers. Next meeting full report.
- EJ Grant Status - Linsey Hajduk
 - 20 air monitors distributed around Fairview, still a few left
 - Fairness for Fairview website hub review, air monitoring, action team, and storytelling.
- Ingra Community Garden(s) Committee - Karen
 - water tanks - anyone knowing more about this - contact Karen
 - Comment - Michael - Greater Friendship Baptist Church would like to be involved
 - Stacey - Flowers or food? Karen - both.
 - Sandra - millhouse farms and gardens would like to donate, order plants in December and have access to gardening supplies. Ordering peonies for next year
- Merrill Field Committee
 - Chris C - I heard there were issues with the departure of the last manager. Apologies, I was late to the meeting.
 - Karen - how do we respond to these types of actions? Chris - constitution of the state, appointed serves at the pleasure of the mayor.
 - Sharon - expressed regret that they left in meeting and requested the relationship to continue with the new manager. Chris - suggest a resolution to Ralph for listening
 - So introduce a resolution for appreciation of Ralph for next month - Allen and Sharon
- Homelessness Committee.
 - not much to update
 - parties aware of meeting requests
 - Comments - Janel - there have been improvements, but still hotspots in the area. Visible presence helps detour illegal presence.
 - CC - next Wednesday is the next homeless meeting with the assembly, and it is open to the public at Loussac Library, Wednesday 11am

Motion to extend 10 minutes - James and Laura seconds

Community Comments/Concerns

- Karin - Back to school night - invite council members Wednesday from 5:30 to 7pm. Ribbon cutting for School name change. A few students will be crossing roads due to a shortage of buses. We need crosswalk guards.
- Keelin – Update on events happening at the Library.

- Tafiliaunoa - Concerned about homelessness and would like more neighborhoods to see what is happening in other neighborhoods.
- Dana- Would like to organize a cold weather donation drive - please let me know if you would like to participate.
- Michael - monthly newsletter mailed? Allen - we do not have a newsletter, but the community councils send out emails anyone can sign up for.

Adjourn Sharon move to adjourn and Karen seconds at 9:25 pm