

**Fairview Community Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Hybrid Format  
Fairview CRC Multi-Purpose Room + Zoom  
January 12, 2023**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm  
President asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Gained quorum of 15 members minimum  
(9 in-person members + 7 Zoom members = 16 members)

Acceptance of Agenda (Moved and Approved)  
Approval of Minutes from December, 2022 (Moved and Approved)

Standing reports:

- Senator Elect Loki Tobin: beginning term as State Senator and associated training and education. Begin discussions about the 2023 Fairview Block Party. Excited to begin term and continue to advocate for the neighborhood. Tom B. wanted to be here to give a farewell report but wasn't able to make it. Allen suggested that Tom sing at the 2023 Fairview Block Party.
- Zach Fields not present
- Chris Constant: Assembly Member.
  - Monday MLK Day, Shiloh Baptist Church doing some outreach at Mountain View "place".
  - New CFO brought on for the Muni.
  - Special meeting on January 23 to address bonds and ballot measures.
  - Parks Bond amendment for 500k for rec center
  - Other parks projects around Fairview
  - Overrode veto for mayors' ability to settle lawsuits lacking Assembly approval
  - Passed ADU ordinance, against opposition from more suburban neighborhood
  - Approved Johnny Ellis improvements @ 15<sup>th</sup> and A Street.
  - Municipal manager allegations coming to light. Stay tuned.
  - Fairview update on appropriations:
  - Lost momentum on appropriations due to change in leadership
  - New movement in a document released today on neighborhood assistance relative to negative impacts within the neighborhood due to Sullivan Arena use as mass homeless facility begin next Tuesday.
  - APD 250k: Officers on foot patrol, and motorized. Highlighted specific. 9am-1pm, 5pm-9pm, 10pm-2am. APD will not be selectively enforcing laws, what goes for one, goes for all
  - Additional 150k to parks and rec: Healthy spaces will engage with the parks systems to clean up area surrounding Sullivan

Questions from General Membership to Chris about:

- details of appropriations, timelines, etc. Chris says funding should begin next Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Snow removal picking up this week, questions about additional snow removal needed, playing catch up.
- Next Assembly meeting on housing and homelessness next Wed. 1/18/23
- Revive snow cistern project and funding: snow fighters concept needs more discussion.
- Anchorage Rec center internet funding in process. MOA Information Services Division taking the lead.
- Kelly Lessens ASD Update

- Recent snow days and catching up, using normal days off for catch up days +30 minutes per day from January 30-March 9<sup>th</sup> to make up
- \$48 million deficit and challenges of balancing the budget this year. Changes to virtual programming, funding
- Shifting to 6-8 for all middle schools or some feeder schools over a period of time if passed
- Using unexpected saving from staffing vacancies for budgetary needs
- Increasing the Pupil to Teacher ratio, more kids per classroom
- Budget presented Feb 7, moved on the second meeting, then to the Assembly for approval
- Revisit school start changes? Board approval needed
- New web page to explore changing start times
- New AI platform CHAT GPT, edits, summarizes, creates using academic honesty foundation
- \$860 request for Base Student Allocation from State funding source, directed to Loki
- Board winter retreat coming up
- Board meeting January 23, field trip to Juneau in February

Questions from General Membership to Kelly about:

Janel questions the rationale behind the increase of the pupil to teacher ratio (PTR). Board needed to cut budget somehow, they had options to choose from, they chose one school to increase the PTR for now. Janel said it seems like the PTR increase was based on money and not best practices.

Presidents Report:

Media interviews with Allen update – homelessness and Grady Ward, Op-Ed in ADN regarding snow fighters, neighborhood plan being amended, Minimum Offstreet parking reductions passed, will need a future presentation from Muni to explain impacts to Fairview. Short Plat near Lucky Wishbone (between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, east of Karluk Manor) to be developed into a car wash, gas station and convenience store. Merrill Field Airport Manager showing interest in improving communication with neighborhood

No Secretary Report

Presentations:

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH). Owen H. Director of External Relations

- ACEH: Meeting with folks on the street in conjunction with other agencies to help people in need.
- New program: Providing enhanced street outreach to increase/improve services, find folks on the street, in the woods where they are to help them. Modeled similar to lower 48 programs, more spread-out approach.
- ACEH.org/data to see data on the street outreach
- Nationwide increase in unsheltered homelessness, especially since COVID noted
- Supporting the Healthy Spaces Team, its hands on approach and year-round camp abatements
- First time ever for this program to be in place (hands on)
- Successfully housed person (HUD) = 2 years housed, lower probability of relapse

Questions from General Membership to Owen about:

- Health Management Information System (HMIS) and troublesome individuals brought up as major concern regarding offsite impacts.
- Healthy Spaces Team is relatively different from the Crisis Now Team.
- Issues brought up about HMIS facilitation due to staffing, training and maintenance
- Roger Branson: HMIS is a voluntary program not meant to criminalize
- Allen speaks more on troublesome individuals: We need to work together
- Project Access comment: Info and referrals. Top item is evictions and homelessness
- SJ asks who should be helping with the troublesome individuals, the Crisis Now Team is not adequate.
- Allen requests HMIS to be modified to allow for more detailed metrics, not just what Owen said that it is used for. “What gets measured gets managed” is the old saying. Need to quantify the characteristics of the “troublesome

homeless” sub-group. (i.e. total number, defining patterns, attributes). These individuals are the main generator of negative neighborhood impacts. Current social and housing support systems could be improved by collecting this data.

- Access Alaska: Suggests following up and tracking on the use, implementation and impacts of the 400k appropriations from the Muni Assembly to address immediate short term negative neighborhood impacts.
- Owen shares more positive metrics on housing successes and tracking through ACEH services

#### New Business

- Girdwood: Holton Hills project presentation: Dave Nyman
- Wants other communities support in opposition (Resolution) of the current land disposal through HLB and an RFP process which did not engage with the community fairly, CY investment one of the developers. Pricing is at 23k/acre should be 200k/acre for the area.
- Nyman says that the developer is taking advantage of the situation and the advisory commission reported that the proposal does not meet the community needs. Affordable housing for the community is needed, Girdwood is not anti-development. HLB is not communicating with GBOS when they ask questions related to their needs and the development of the land.

Meeting extended to 9:15 via motion from James

- Feb 7 Assembly meeting will take up the vote.
- James Thornton introduced GBOS resolution. Referred to FVCC Executive Board.

#### Committees

- Merrill Field update: Karen went to Advisory Commission and provided very brief update. Member expressed concern about the proposal to install an Instrument Landing Approach at Merrill Field. This will impact the neighborhood due to FAA standards for ILS approaches require larger safety areas. This could mean future takings of private property to comply with federal safety standards. Important issue for Fairview to follow.
- Lindsay H. gave a Neighborworks update on push back the darkness and Fairness for Fairview in conjunction with the Seward Glen highway project, Corridor revitalization and implementation of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan. Yard signs for Push back the darkness and Fairness for Fairview are available
- Homelessness Ad-hoc committee meeting update. James Thornton introduced resolution developed by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Homeless Issues. Referred to Executive Board.
- Fairview Business Association - no update
- Community Gardens: short update by Karen. Continuing to have discussions with partners about materials and supplies. Nailing down some final quotes on certain improvements. More to come in February.
- Seward Glen PEL Study update / AMATS community advisory committee meeting: update SJ
  - Project team put new, revised documents up on website this week including purpose and need etc. without letting the neighborhood or local stakeholders know of the new information. Still waiting to hear about how they will address specific neighborhood comments that were formally submitted.
  - Review documents at SEWARDGLENMOBILITY.COM
  - Report your comments to the community council
- Library Report: Keegan, Loussac reopening on Sundays (Secret)
- Loki – she looks forward to working with everyone on this coming summers Block Party
- Allen - “push back the dark” competition expected to run through February.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:15 pm.