

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Board of Delegates

**BY ZOOM**

## Minutes of February 15, 2023 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by FCC Vice-Chair Linda Chase.

### **FCC Delegates in attendance (24):**

Abbott Loop	-
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Kaitlyn Jackson
Birchwood	Carol Perkins
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon (FCC Treasurer)
Chugiak	-
Downtown	Silvia Villamedes
Eagle River	Sharon Gibbons
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	-
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	-
Hillside	-
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	Kris Stoechner
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	Matt Johnson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Gary Meaders
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	Linda Chase (FCC Vice-Chair)
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	Danny Clift
South Addition	John Thurber
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	Tod Butler

Turnagain  
Turnagain Arm  
University Area

Carolyn Hall  
Michael Packard  
Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Anchorage Assembly	Suzanne LaFrance, Chair
Anchorage School Board	Margo Bellamy
Municipal Long Range Planning	Tom Davis
Municipal Transportation Planning	Jon Cecil
Municipal Planning	Dave Whitfield
Municipal Planning	Ryan Yelle
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
Turnagain CC Member	Merle Akers

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”.

**A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Linda Chase, FCC Vice-Chair  
Quorum attained! Later in the meeting Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair) joined the meeting ,and ran the rest of the meeting.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Unanimously approved. Amanda Moser moved and Al Milspaugh seconded.

**C. Approval of January 2023 Minutes**

Amanda Moser moved and Al Milspaugh seconded. Unanimously approved.

**D. Presentations:**

**1. U-Med Destination Plan -**

John Cecil, Municipal Planner

This study is sponsored by AMATS. It is a demand management study. Has an interactive website.

**2. Title 21 Updates –**

Ryan Yelle, Municipal Planner

Main purpose is to eliminate clerical errors and to create a process that is easier for builders. Section I includes a timeline for community meetings. One change in the FINAL DRAFT is the modification process for alcohol permitting. The ordinance goes to the Anchorage Planning & Zoning Commission on April 10,

2023.

**3. Anchorage Parks Items on April 2023 Municipal Election Ballot -**

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director, Anchorage Parks Foundation

There is a Parks bond is on the ballot that includes projects all across the Municipality.

There is also a second parks related item on the ballot this April – a vote on whether or not to create a “Chugach State Park Service Area” that could (in the future) be used to fund improvements on Municipal lands that assist people in using Chugach State Park. There is not a bond this year for the proposed service area.

Requesting monies from the State government. It is especially important that we are able to get the “Match” funds for funds we acquire from other sources to pay for parks improvements.

**E. Government Updates (5 minutes each)**

**1. Office of the Mayor –**

No report.

**2. Assembly –** Susanne LaFrance, Vice-Chair

We have a very informational Assembly Newsletter that you can sign up to receive. Next regular meeting is Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be public hearings on ordinances about an “Open Checkbook” that shows all Municipal expenses and on proposed changes to Municipal holidays. Other topics include a ground lease for the Anchorage Police Department (APD) headquarters in downtown, and on temporary snow storage sites. A parental leave policy for 160 hours of leave is being introduced with the public hearing set for March 7<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that this will help attract more workers. Staffing is a big issue in the Municipality

The Municipal elections are scheduled for Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>! There are seven

Assembly seats up for election this time as well as two School Board seats. And a BUNCH of bonds and resolutions. Check the Municipal website for information on the election. Overseas ballots will be mailed out soon, with the rest of the ballots in the mail on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a vote-by-mail election. You can sign up for ballot tracking.

### **3. Anchorage School Board (ASD) –**

Margo Bellamy, Board President

Next meeting is Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Preliminary budget includes one-time funds from the State and Federal governments and from our savings account. Alaska Literacy Law. Snow day makeup. Working hard to advocate for the State Legislature increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) which gives us funds for each child enrolled in the District. The Spring Lottery is soon for those parents wishing to enroll their children in certain schools. The bond on the Municipal ballot this year is for \$37.8 million and is entirely for maintenance and upgrades to existing schools. The 2024 bond should include funds for Inlet View Elementary School.

### **4. Office of the Alaska Governor -**

No report.

## **F. Standing Committee Reports:**

### **1. FCC Chair – Gretchen Stoddard**

Nominations for FCC officer positions will be open in April with the election at the May FCC meeting. Kevin is termed out as FCC Treasurer and can not run for that office. You are encouraged to run for one of the four FCC officer positions.

### **2. FCC Vice Chair – Linda Chase**

No report.

### **3. FCC Treasurer – Kevin Fimon**

Showed a spread sheet of recent FCC expenditures. Hope to have our contract with the Municipality in place in the near future.

### **4. FCC Outreach – Al Milspaugh**

Have worked with councils on their Zooms.

**5. FCC Training – Lindsey Hajduk**

No report.

**6. Community Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler**

**Zoom Meeting “Authentication” Process**

Please check that your Zoom set-up is working BEFORE your meeting! I have received numerous calls at 6:55 p.m. by council officers. PLEASE, PLEASE try it DURING the day, so that we can help you get set up and avoid a last minute rush. Thanks.

**Process for Changing Your Council Bylaws**

If you wish to change your council bylaws, you must follow the ordinance that we have posted under the “Governing Documents” portion of the FCC page of the website. After your council votes on any changes, you must email it to the Ombudsman for his review. If he finds that it does not follow the ordinance, he will email it back to you with the areas of concern. If he finds that it does follow the ordinance, he will submit it to the Assembly for their approval. Your revised bylaws do not take effect until the Assembly has approved the revision. We will post the Approved bylaw revisions after the Assembly has approved them. We will post DRAFT revisions if you would like, but we will show that they are DRAFT.

**Open Meetings**

ALL community council meetings, including committee and executive meetings are open to the public. Encourage people to participate!

**Unfilled Chair and Vice-Chair Positions**

There should be a item on the agenda requesting nominations to fill these positions. If someone is nominated, then the election could be noticed for the next meeting.

**7. FCC AMATS Committee Representative – Bob French**

No report.

**G. Old Business:**

None.

**H. New Business:**

None.

**I. Council Sharing (brief points):**

**Airport Heights CC** – Single track trails in Russian Jack Park.

**Bayshore Klatt CC** – Officer elections at the next meeting.

**Birchwood CC** – Full funding for Starner Bridge. Looking for location for council meeting that has Wifi service.

**Campbell Park CC** – Bylaws, elected officials, resolutions upcoming

**Downtown CC** – Memorandum of Understanding of Understanding with the “Guest House” housing facility. Downtown bus stops being moved during the reconstruction of former Bus Service Center. Block 41.

**Fairview CC** – Hybrid meetings, elections, resolution on mass sheltering at the Sullivan Arena, EPA, Community Gardens, quality of life in Fairview, “fairness for Fairview” campaign.

**Huffman O’Malley CC** – Meeting tomorrow, transportation issues.

Midtown CC – Candidates for School Board, With Assembly candidates scheduled for the March meeting, Mental Health Trust scheduled for the April meeting

**North Star CC** – Fireweed Lane safety improvements

**Northeast CC** – Zoom hybrid meeting, Yes For Kids!, Centennial Park, JBER Muldoon Road, National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) for street safety ideas

**Old Seward Oceanview CC** – Need to reduce turning crashes

**Rogers Park CC** – Resolutions asking for complete funding of our school system and on the ADU issue

**Russian Jack CC** – CIP approved, Legislative report

**South Addition CC** – Protected bike lanes in South Addition

**Tudor Area CC** - Had discussion of Holtan Hills subdivision proposed for Girdwood. Heritage Land Bank folks could not attend.

**Turnagain Arm CC** – Presentation on Verizon Cell Tower, Assembly candidates, police report

**University Area CC** – Certificates of Appreciation issued, University Lake Park Improvements, elections

**K. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting) –**

Turnagain CC member Merle Akers mentioned that there should be good contact information for officers of councils,

**L. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Butler, Community Councils Center Manager.