

**Fairview Community Council**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Hybrid - Fairview Community Center and Zoom**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Roll Call:**

The meeting began with roll call, and the following members were present: Allen Kemplen, Sharon C, Denise R, James T, Loren H, Luis O, Cathleen McLaughlin, Lyndsey Hyduke, Ron Allieva, Christopher Constance, Daniel Volland, Karen, John P, Austin M, Gabby M, Grace C, Laura ODG, Keelin B, Suzi P., Cliff G., Suzie A., and Dave Rittenberg. Quorum was established with individuals via Zoom.

**Agenda:**

Sharon moved to approve the agenda, and Karen seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with a change to school board rep.

**Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

Loren Hill motioned to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes, and James T seconded the motion.

**Elected Officials:**

*Senator Löki Tobin and Representative Zach Fields were not present.*

**Representative Cliff Groh**

Rep. Groh reported that the legislature is about to enter its last month, with a very active budget on the floor. Amendments have been offered for school funding, seniors, and libraries. The budget has been delayed, and the fiscal situation has declined. They had to dip into savings and cut budgets substantially. Rep. Groh thinks there are better options, such as co-sponsored high earner tax (> \$200k) revenue needed for roads and schools. There is also a bill to make Juneteenth a state holiday. No comments or questions were asked.

**Anchorage Assembly members:**

**Christopher Constant**

- Assembly Update - Meeting called to order for the Certification meeting of the 25th for the final budget. It was noted that there are five new members of the assembly, providing an opportunity to educate them on solutions for the homeless crisis. The City Clerk announced their retirement.
- Fairview Rec Center - A report was given on Fairview Rec video, wifi and bond funding. It was mentioned that bond funding is still a ways out and the CFO is majorly short staffed. They are looking to fund contractors, and it will likely be next year because the process is slow. The parks director was also briefed. It was reported that the video

camera has been awarded and will be available next spring, and wifi should be available this fall.

There were no comments or questions.

### **Dan Volland**

- Permanent Low Barrier Shelter - The assembly discussed the location, criteria, and funding for a low barrier shelter to address the homeless crisis in Anchorage. A draft timeline for public engagement was presented.
- Sullivan Demobilization - The assembly reviewed the progress made on the emergency winter shelter at Sullivan and affirmed that the shelter will close no later than April 30. Concerns were raised about the fate of the most vulnerable people at the shelter, including those with mobility issues. The assembly requested the mayor to put out a request for information for non-congregate shelters and prioritized code changes for pallet shelters, tiny homes, and alternative structures.
- Workforce Development - The assembly discussed a proposal to build a Native charter school and increase outreach to communities that face joblessness.
- Public Task Forces - Two public task forces were proposed to explore sanctioned camps and mental health and substance use disorders.
- Alcohol Tax Awards - Multiple good organizations were recognized for their contributions towards alcohol tax.
- Upcoming Items - The assembly discussed upcoming items, including downtown code updates, site access and design standards in the urban core, and inviting Tom Davis for a presentation.
- Q1 Budget Amendments - The assembly reviewed Daniel's proposal to fund two new FF paramedic positions, revive the graffiti busters program, and establish a Providence crisis center.
- Facial Recognition Technology - The assembly discussed a proposal to prohibit acquiring and using facial recognition technology unless the policies are brought forward to the assembly for approval. Concerns were raised about potential errors, specifically with POC.

### *Comments/Questions*

Request to refer extending the Sullivan to the homelessness committee. Discussion on whether or not we are dumping people on the street. Concerns about keeping the Sullivan open being a slippery slope.

### **Anchorage School Board Kelly Lessons** - Carl Jacobs covering for Kelly

Two school board members were re-elected, and there may be a new representative elected during the reorganization. Two bills, SB52 and HB65, are currently in finance committee. Recent events discussed include the transition of FPCS to a different structure. There was also discussion on utilizing Abbott Loop school for a charter for a maximum of five years after its closure and proposed changes to school start times which will be up for a vote.

## **Presentations**

### **APD community Action Policing Team**

James T expressed appreciation for the support received from APD but pointed out that shoplifting around Carrs is out of control. An APD officer explained that they are doing as well as they can with allocating resources, but they are missing a full shift worth of officers. They have a team looking for hot spots, and there is a special detail on the Sullivan. Calls have gone up, which might be positive, indicating that the community feels calling is worthwhile. On average, 28-30 officers cover the entire city. As technology advanced, substations closed down as they were no longer necessary, and officers now have computers in their cars. APD encourages officers to do their paperwork where they work to maintain a police presence.

To tackle the problem of shoplifting, the suggestion was made to partner with businesses for a retail blitz every quarter. All units would come together and make a plan. Undercover officers with loss prevention would coordinate to make arrests of shoplifters, and the key need is for loss prevention officers to be present. Carrs could be covered with fewer officers as it is part of a large corporation and has uniformed guards.

The APD has a good relationship with the prosecutor, and they are working hard, but there is frustration over those arrested not being prosecuted and released the next day. Non-owners can report crimes on unoccupied or undeveloped private properties, and the APD can help notify owners and get a response. Fencing and cleanups can be done to make these properties less attractive as targets. The number of calls needed before AMC 880 is enacted differs for residence or business, and warnings are given to property owners before they get billed.

Dave R. wanted to know how to help advocate for more police presence. The APD received \$400k in funding for traffic, but that is not the issue in Fairview or what the money was intended for. The CPED certification was recently done, and they would like to present options for Fairview, such as changing the design to deter crime. The goal is to work with APD to identify the problems and find solutions to get positive results for the neighborhood. Dave R emphasized that the funding should be spent on the right things, such as persistent misdemeanors and low-level crime. A special detail of funding like the \$400k is the only way to get boots on the ground, but the APD cannot promise that. They have to distribute people regularly. A special team has been set up, and five arrests have been made, with lots of contacts. The officer used to live in Fairview and has connections to the community, so they are happy to work with them. Overall, the CAP team presented a comprehensive overview of the situation and the steps being taken to address it.

## **Standing Reports:**

### **Allen Kemplen - President**

There may be changes to the neighborhood boundaries, including outlying areas.

### **Sharon Chamard - Treasurer**

- Regular monthly report
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## **New Business**

**Good Neighbor Agreement** - The draft for the Good Neighbor Agreement has been referred to the Executive Board for review.

**Neighborhood Clean-up** - May is clean up month, and there will be a community cleanup event on May 13th. Volunteers are encouraged to come and help out. More information will be posted on Friends of Fairview Facebook.

**Capital Improvement Priorities** - OMB (Office of Management and Budget) has put out a call for capital improvement priorities for 2024. Copies of the call are available on the table and will be referred to the Executive Board for discussion at next month's meeting.

## **Old Business**

**Civic Heros** - no update

**Push back the dark** - not enough participation - rolling over the \$\$\$ to next year

**Homelessness Workshop** - reported that the Homeless Workshop held last month was well attended, including the Mayor. James T requested recognition for the folks from the Sullivan. Cathleen also addressed the committee, requesting a review of current emergency shelters and expressing interest in attending the committee meeting on the 18th. She reported that there have been concerning incidents happening on the hill behind the Sullivan, and Fairview has been victimized by the folks at the Sullivan. John, the project manager for Henning, expressed sympathy for the situation, but acknowledged that they do not have the authority of the police.

## **Report and Updates**

**Merrill Field Airport** - Rich Sewell, Airport Manager discussed the need to be proactive this summer and be a good neighbor. He also mentioned the issue of flights after 10pm from flight schools and the need to find a way to limit them to a few days.

**Seward to Glenn PEL Study Project** - The Department of Transportation (DOT) has a new project manager for the Seward to Glenn PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkage) Study Project. The goal is to improve communication and work towards a better outcome.

## **Environmental Justice – EPA EJ Grant, challenge grant:**

There is a challenge grant from the EPA for Environmental Justice in the Eastchester Park area. Some nice materials and swag were available at the meeting, and a workshop is scheduled for the 29th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Reconnecting Community** - The committee met with the museum and discussed focusing on the Gambell-Ingra corridor to help reconnect the community. There may be a story in the Daily News to watch out for.

**Ad-Hoc Homeless Committee Community** - As discussed earlier, the Ad-Hoc Homeless Committee Community section was skipped. A meeting is scheduled for the 17th.

**Fairview Community Gardens** - The spending for the community garden project is currently on hold due to the grant process. However, there are volunteers and donations available to start the project, but they need money from the grants to buy materials. Karen proposed to use up to \$300 from the beautification fund to purchase manure, topsoil, and other materials to plant flowers on 14th street. The motion was seconded by James, and after a brief discussion, it was decided that \$300 would be enough to get started. The motion passed, and James expressed his intention to donate \$1000 to the community garden project.

**Committee Community Website updated** - Laura has volunteered to take the lead on this project and has invited others to assist if they are interested.

### **Community Comments**

Ron raised concerns about the Memorandum of Agreement and licensing for shelters, stating that there are no consequences and that they are currently empty and just lip service. He compared the licensing process to that of a liquor license and suggested that the shelters need to be held accountable. Ron proposed that the North Campus of the power company could be used more effectively.

Keelin shared updates about the library, informing the group that a crow will be coming to the library on April 25th, and a porcupine from the zoo is scheduled to arrive on April 28th.

*Motion to adjourn by Karen seconded by Denise*