

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024-6:30-8:30 PM ***(Please note new meeting times)***

Hybrid Meeting

In Person: Fairview Community Recreation Center

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Sharon C.

~Attending: Kelly Ittenbach, Sharon Chamard, Lindsey Hajduk, Suzi Alexander, Mikea Fulton, Karen Gonne-Harrell, Melinda Gant (ACDA), Terri Russi, Mike Robbins, Hans Thompson (Noise Enforcement), Allen Kemplen, Caleb Jacobs, Anna Brawley, Johnathan Lang, Tammy & Nick Miller, Nathan (Alaska Buds).

Zoom: Chris Campbell, Chris & Maria Crawford, Denise Janson, Roger & Scot (Raven Bar), Sandra & Trout Millhouse, SJ Klein, Dave Rittenberg, Joe Joe, James Thornton.

~Approval of May 9, 2024 Agenda by Karen; Mikea seconded

~ Approval of April 11, 2024 Minutes by Mikea; Karen seconded.

Elected Officials

~Representative Zack Fields: Evan Anderson for Zack Fields: HB183: prohibits Trans girls from participating in sports. Many amendments on the floor - Zack does not support this bill. Budget items so far: \$200,000 for new elevators in PAC. \$98,000 for safety trail improvements in North Star area. Supports 4th Ave Mushing district in East Anchorage. Hope legislation passes that diagnostic mammograms will now be covered by insurance.

~Anchorage School Board Member: Carl Jacobs: National Teacher Appreciation Week. graduation ceremonies: dedicated website set up with times, locations of ceremonies. Support school times adjustments and academies of Anchorage. Correspondence program reimbursement funding has been stopped.

Presentations

~Hans Thompson: Gave noise enforcement presentation: In 2020, he and neighbors signed a petition to ramp up noise enforcement and sent to the assembly, APD, and the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman wrote a report: said need to define policy necessary for APD to enforce noise. One recommendation was to see traffic enforcement fee to increase to \$300, which Dan Volland introduced a citation change in winter 2023. More enforcement is happening. Fixable offense: bring in auto, retest and if it passes, then there is no fine.

~Fairview Rec. Center food bank: Maria Crawford talked about proposal submitted to Rec. center to partner with additional support at center for a mini food pantry. Supplemental help every 1st and 4th Thursday of the month. Started by James who had non perishable goods to give out. Any volunteers and food appreciated.

~Home Initiative: Anna Brawley talked about simplifying residential zoning code. In 2 weeks, May 20th, PZC has a continued hearing. Comments should go to PZC first. They will make recommendations to assembly. Would love to hear feedback on this idea.

Jonathan Lang: Trying to increase "buy right" opportunities. May see more single family houses turned into duplexes now with this initiative.

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc)

~Fun:Lindsey H: July 20 date scheduled. Facebook page updated about signing up for sponsoring booths, etc.

~Bylaws: Sj Klein chair: Anyone with ideas or wants to be a part of this committee, send email if have any ideas about changing bylaws.

~Public Safety/Homelessness: no one signed up yet

~Parks and Rec./Community Garden: Karen to chair: still awaiting community garden grant money. Allen: tree grant awarded money as well.

~Transportation/Merrill Field: Allen: went to Merrill Field meeting; looking at new airport manager; may be 4-6 weeks before have new manager. Grant put in to AARP to address issues with sidewalks and sidewalk obstructions in summer and winter. Funds were granted.

Standing Reports

~Reconnecting Fairview Committee: Lindsey: We will meet first Thursday of the month just before executive board meets. Will have meeting next week to put together planning effort in earnest. Received AARP grant for \$15,000 to engage more with local schools and the Senior Center for more outreach and workshops.

Old Business

~Move to approve Resolutions 2024-04: Allen moved to adopt resolution; Kelly seconded. Allen: put together after many community councils got together about frustration over municipality's implementing of city code. This resolution hopes for municipality to fulfill its responsibilities. No opposition; motion adopted unanimously.

2024-06: Allen moved to adopt; Karen seconded. Allen: This is an important list - gives municipality our list of priority projects. No opposition; motion adopted unanimously.

2024-07: Micah moved to adopt; SJ seconded.

SJ: This motion came to us from the 3rd Ave. Radicals and ACDA, which is interested in developing an RV park there. This resolution is in support of this concept. No opposition; motion adopted unanimously.

~May 11 is Fairview cleanup at Anchorage Masonic Lodge on 14th Ave. Meet at 9 AM to pick up large items around Fairview. After, will have a get together at Allen's house on Orca Street. Ramsey Co. offering having dumpsters. Solid Waste donating dump fees.

Allen: Made motion for the president to write a letter of appreciation to Ramsey and Sons for their contribution; seconded by Kelly.

Sharon amended motion to add Denise Janson for the president to write Thank You letter to Denise (Carrs Safeway) as well. Karen seconded. Both Motions carried unanimously.

New Business

Eric Montoya (Canna Get Hashy) business license renewal. Eric not here.

Sandra Millhouse: not asking for license approval for Canna Get Hashy; asking for Canna Get Happy.

SJ: Eric is out of compliance; how does council want to respond when licensees out of compliance with the NRPs? NRP states they will attend a meeting at least once every quarter. Does the council want to give notice to the businesses that are out of compliance with their NRPs?

Sandra: In 2022 we were active participants, but most of 2023, we weren't able to attend meetings due to health issues. We do volunteer in the community, but couldn't for a while.

SJ: Do we want to form a licensing committee or hash out these issues as they arise?

Karen: suggested having a committee to reach out to noncompliant businesses.

Kelly: Can businesses have a representative attend the meetings or does it have to be an owner?

SJ: Goal of NRPs is to keep communications open. Can have alternative representatives attend.

Allen: Made motion to extend meeting to 8:40 PM. Karen seconded.

Nathan (Alaska Buds): Have the cannabis businesses been a problem? Do we need the NRP? Many cannabis businesses participate in the community through other ways and donations. Another issue is that many community councils have their meetings the same nights.

Karen: Good point as to why only the cannabis business has NRP? Something the executive board needs to discuss.

Allen: Original intent based around the uncertainty of neighborhood impacts. Appropriate for council board to revisit the need. Sharon as acting chair accepted suggestion.

SJ: Recommend we state to assembly members that while they haven't attended meetings in compliance with their NRP, we do recommend that there are extenuating circumstances and that the council is reviewing the requirements of the NRP to decide if we want to make changes to them.

Sandra Millhouse: Need approval today so they they can renew the license for next month. Recommends that if you have a cannabis committee, that no cannabis business owners should be on the board.

Allen: Made a motion for the body to request that the president or vice president (added by Sharon) write the assembly about this business not being in compliance with their NRP; but that there are extenuating circumstances, and so the council does not reject the renewal, and that we are revisiting some of the requirements of the NRP. SJ seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Comments/Concerns:

Allen: Starting to see tents in Fairview. In order to abate, they need to be recorded so that the municipality can abate them.

Melinda (ACDA): Midtown Community District Plan meeting next week Wednesday.

Adjournment at 8:40 PM.