

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.
Board of Delegates Meeting
In-Person at the FCC Office and via Zoom

May 15, 2024, Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Gretchen Stoddard, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Quorum attained.

Al Milspaugh read the guidelines for delegates joining via Zoom. Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”. There is no expectation of privacy.

FCC Delegates in attendance (23)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell
Airport Heights – Amanda Moser
Basher – *Not Present*
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule
Bear Valley – *Not Present*
Birchwood – Carol Perkins
Campbell Park - Kevin Fimon
Chugiak – Darryl Parks
Downtown – Silvia Villamedes
Eagle River – Cliff Cook
Eagle River Valley – Alex Jorgensen
Eklutna Valley – *Not Present*
Fairview – James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS) – Mike Edgington
Glen Alps – *Not Present*
Government Hill - *Not Present*
Hillside - *Not Present*
Huffman/O’Malley – Gretchen Stoddard
Midtown – Kris Stoehner
Mountain View – Daniel George
North Star – Penny Gage
Northeast - Pamela Raygor
Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Portage Valley – *Not Present*
Rabbit Creek - Mike Kenny
Rogers Park – Marilyn Pilifant
Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake – Evan Leaf
Scenic Foothills – *Not Present*
South Addition – *Not Present*

South Fork – *Not Present*
Spenard – *Not Present*
Taku-Campbell – *Not Present*
Tudor – *Not Present*
Turnagain - Cathy Gleason
Turnagain Arm – *Not Present*
University Area – Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Anchorage Assembly Christopher Constant (Chair)
AAHLT Jason Bockenstedt
Bike Lane Study Zak Hartman
Community Councils Center Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director
Community Councils Center Jean Sauget, Office Assistant

Government Updates

a. Anchorage Assembly – Christopher Constant, Chair

Election closed on May 14th. Still awaiting final count. Elections team says ballots need to be “cured” by May 28th. No reports of bad actors or issues with the tally.

Cliff Cook asked if the CIP deadline will be extended. Chris says the Assembly is working to change the process. Chris advises that at this time nothing is being changed at this time but, look for a change in the future.

Evan Leaf asks about the Abatement Bill. Chris references link:

<https://meetings.muni.org/AgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=5597&doctype=1>

****Motion made by Kevin Fimon to discuss June meeting. Seconded by Amanda Moser.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve made by Amanda Moser and Cathy Gleason, approved by acclimation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve made by Amanda Moser and Kevin Fimon, approved by acclimation.

4. Government Updates

a. Anchorage School Board (ASD) – Gretchen Stoddard

School Board is making adjustments to their policies on attending Community Council meetings. Information of that is coming or has come.

Cathy Gleason says Turnagain appreciates the board coming to their meetings but understands the commitment.

Marilyn Pilifant seconds what Cathy says.

Daryl Park requests that an email or some sort of report from the school board.

Gretchen reminds Daryl to submit official comments directly to the school board.

5. Anchorage Protected Bike Lane Pilot Study – Zak Hartman, Municipality of Anchorage Traffic Engineering Department.

[Pilot Protected Bike Lane Project](#)

6. Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust – Jason Bockenstedt, Executive Director

7. FCC Officer Reports

Nominations from the April meeting.

President – Amanda Moser

Vice President – Daniel George

Treasurer – Mike Edgington

Secretary – Evan Leaf

Quorum was present.

Cathy Gleason moved to close the plate in entirety. Seconded by unknown.

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Board 2024-2025, taking office July 2024.

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8. FCC Officer Reports

FCC Financial Report – Kevin Fimon

[May 2024 FCC Financial Report](#)

Kevin Fimon reports on the success of the FCC additional funding.

Amanda Moser adds that the Clerk’s office agreed to allow the FCC to keep the remaining money from the 2023 grant for specific purposes such as an audit and the website update. Also, some money will be kept in reserves for future needs.

Amanda and Kevin discuss an audit of the finances to establish a fresh start to move forward.

Kathleen Plunkett mentions having the city perform the audit.

Daniel George disagrees and says having the city perform the audit is potentially not a impartial party, and they could only assist with the muni-funded aspects of our independent 501c3 organization. But he does support having an audit performed by an independent entity, with opportunities for recommendations.

9. Next Meeting, June 18th – Kevin Fimon

Kevin Fimon speaks on 2023 and the cancellation of the meeting & July Picnic.

Amanda Moser speaks on Executive Board and Executive Director is working towards creating new policies and they are going to present that in the June Meeting.

Someone comments that June 19th is Juneteenth, a federal holiday.

Mike Kenny suggests the picnic is done after the mayoral election so that networking can be done at the picnic. Amanda clarifies that the picnic is in July and the meeting in June needs to be moved.

Kevin Fimon asks that the June meeting is set on a day when there isn't another meeting for a council.

Daniel George reminds the body that the June body will need a Quorum so that voting can be accomplished.

Gretchen Stoddard suggests June 26th and there will be follow up soon after this meeting.

10. Council Updates

Abbott Loop CC - Lizzie Newell

CIP list in. Moved Meeting to 5/16. Picnic is June 25th.

Airport Heights CC - Amanda Moser

Working on CIP. Passed a resolution to oppose all of Seward-Glenn. AHCC wanted to recognize if they didn't want it in their neighborhood, why should it be in any neighborhood.

Bayshore/Klatt CC - Bob Laule

Concern about the renovation of Chugiak power station.

Birchwood CC - Carol Perkins

Assembly approves contract to rebuild bridge. Also designated road as part of the MOA and taking care of it. Birchwood Elementary potentially being closed down, community supporting the school.

Campbell Park CC - Kevin Fimon

Recognizes Jean Sauget and her work at FCC.

Chugiak CC – Daryl Parks

Re-establishment of Eklutna River and potential removal of Dam. Trail access near Peter's Creek.

Eagle River CC – Cliff Cook

Pretty much the same thing as Chugiak. Became members of the Chamber of Commerce in ER.

Eagle River Valley CC – Alex Jorgenson

Successfully held and filled elections. Conversation about trail access. Trying to establish a community emergency response team this summer.

Fairview CC – James Thorton

Seward-Glenn Connection Update and focusing on reconnecting community grant. Successful cleanup, most amount of mattresses.

Girdwood CC – Mike Edgington

Alyeska Resort proposing new land use.

Mountain View CC – Daniel George

Impact of homeless camping. Camping was abated. Passed a resolution to help mitigate impacts. Clean up is next week. Planning and Zoning commission on HOME initiative.

***Move to extend the meeting ten minutes by Amanda Moser.**

Northstar CC - Penny Gage

Elected leadership for coming year. Taking a break for the summer. Discussed midtown district plan.

Northeast CC – Pamela Raygor

Completed elections and filled all seats. Down for the summer and then back in the fall. Will have a picnic.

Old Seward/Oceanview CC – Gary Meaders

Follow-up on AK Railroad right of way. Likely adopted a resolution against the access.

Rabbit Creek CC – Mike Kenny

Subsection 36 plan. Issue with HOME Initiative rezoning of Anchorage without sending notice to household.

Rogers Park CC – Marilyn Pilifant

Resolution against Seward-Glenn plan. CIP plans

Russian Jack CC – Kathleen Plunkett

Not voting in the summer. Successful cleanup.

Sand Lake – Evan Leaf

Report from airport. Fedex expansion and additional taxiway. 2 Subcommittees on traffic calming in council area. Snow deposit permit area. Mayors report survey.

Turnagain CC – Cathy Gleason

Comments on airport plan. HOME initiative updates. Cheese grater fencing on Benson & Minnesota. Signs for parks and indigenous sign proposal.

Turnagain Arm CC – Michael Packard

Work by transmission lines update. Update on Seward-Glenn update. Officer elections and picnic in July. No meetings for Summer.

University Area CC – Al Mispaugh

CIP finalized. Al is willing to help anyone who needs it. Parks & Rec is going to re-do trail. Boundary re-adjustment update: been delayed and more info is coming in the fall. Potentially next spring back to Assembly. Off till September.

Recognizes Jean for her work at the FCC.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Al Milspaugh, seconded by Gretchen Stoddard. The

meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Arianna Bellizzi

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