

## FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

**Attending:** Kelly Ittenbach, James Thornton, Suzi Alexander, Taylor Keegan ( Parks and Rec), Bryan Hawkins, Sharon Chamard, Karen Gonne-Harrell, Suzie Alexander, Barbara Piotrowski, Tiffany Boitnott, Robert (Bob) & Debbie Glassmaker, Zach Manzella Pastor, Central Luthern Church), Mikea Fulton, Kaleb Cabrera, Julie Greene-Graham & Michael Graham (Central Lutheran Church & In Our Backyard), Rene Kennicott, Allen Kemplen, Chris & Maria Crawford, Melissa Ruelas, SJ Klein; **Zoom:** Janel Walton, Sandra Millhouse ( Canna Get Happy/Hashy), Margo Bellamy (ASB), Dana Gilleam (Hypothermia), Eric (Canna Get Happy/Hashy), Dan Volland, David Rittenberg (CSS), Scott/Roger ( Raven Bar), Jim Akers, Melinda Gant

Sj moved to approve tonight's agenda; Karen seconded.

Mikea moved to approve July minutes:Karen seconded

### **Elected Officials:**

Margo Bellamy: I'm your representative for this year. Tuesday was first school board meeting of the year. Primary topic: revisions to budget based on one time funding from last year: Security staff needs (not SRO's) and ELL program hiring (2 positions). Looking at another budget deficit. New military colonel (Hanson) to give gift cards to students with A's and B's for military students. At end of last June board meeting, a proposed resolution introduced to adjust how/when we report to community councils. Quarterly as opposed to monthly reports to be voted on. Please email me as to how/when we should report to community councils.

Dan Volland: Assembly supporting administration in transition: many positions filled (Farina Brown - special assistant to mayor on homelessness being on of them) with competent folks. Assembly reorganized all their committees: staying on AMAPS and co-chairing transportation committee.

Prioritizing work on Fairview corridor work. ARPA money being used to demolish blighted properties.

Allen: Heard anything from mayor if she will reorganize administration?

Dan: Not yet. Focused on filling key positions. Hired special assistant (Graham Downy) to focus on housing and transportation.

Janel: Dan, please come to Sept 5th Reconnecting Fairview Committee. Any word on A Street camp?

Dan: Lindsey Hajduk presented to transportation committee update of Fairview Reconnecting Committee. A Street camp is too close to Central Middle School and Central Lutheran Church. On administration's radar, but encouraged by recent abatement efforts. New model that worked in Elderberry Park: outreach teams come in first, then abated directly into housing/shelter. When we move people, where is there a place for them to go? Need to provide a place. Need enough shelter so we can abate to shelter, and not just move folks.

Bob Glasshouse: I see A Street camp in my front yard: I hear gunshots at least 1-2 times/week.

Consistent over the past month. Before camp showed up, maybe a couple of shots per year.

**Presentations:** Radhika Krishna (executive director, Downtown Partnership) presenting for Clare Boerma. Working with city re: snow cleaning plan. Project Anchorage Proposal to create 3% sales tax, 2% to offset property tax bill. Other 1% for quality-of-life projects to attract workers, make city a desirable place to live for all. Assembly will review next week and see whether goes to April ballot. Chance for community councils to submit projects. Assembly will have final say on what projects to be placed on ballot, then voters will have final say on ballot as to what projects get passed. Right now, no coordination with CIP list, since we are a group of business owners, not the municipality.

SJ: Moved to give Taylor until 8:15 pm to present, otherwise we'll let folks talk about issues. No opposition.

### **Committees Reports (Ad-Hoc):**

Fun committee: Bryan talked about the block party and video created which is being edited and will be posted on council site.

Public Safety/Homelessness: Still looking for chair.

Transportation: Allen: attended Merrill Field advisory commission meeting; Earl Malpass is new airport manager. Federation of Community Councils put out new fiscal policy. After review, don't think AARP or National Parks Foundation grants can go through. In next AMATS policy meeting; ID 5th and 6th as dangerous for pedestrians - Gambell and Ingra omitted. AMATS soliciting comments on update of ANC Trails Plan. Would encourage folks to go to website.

Sharon: We can explore other fiscal sponsorship. Can help facilitate that.

### **Standing Reports:**

Presidents Report: Back to School Health & Safety fair tomorrow. FCC asking for help designing new website. Will look at new MOA/fiscal policy as a board. Executive board signed letter of non-opposition to In Our Backyard's housing for homeless project.

Reconnecting Fairview Committee: Janel: updated where project stands. Developing RFP for planner to help plan project. Next committee meeting is September 4th in Fairview Rec. Center Annex room. Galen (DOT) to have new community comment event in October.

### **Old Business:**

Karen moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09; Allen seconded.

SJ: moved to amend "summer 2024". Kelly 2nd. no opposition.

Sharon: made further amendment suggestions to last "Be It Further Resolved" section.

Amended resolution adopted with no opposition.

### **New Business:**

Allen: Does the council want to support "Push Back the Dark" effort? Motion for council to appropriate \$500 prize money for contest.

James to donate \$500; Raven Bar to match donation.

Allen: motion to form ad hoc committee; Karen 2nd; Rene and Karen to co-chair lighting ad hoc committee. No opposition.

Eric Montoya and Sandra from Canna Get Hashy/Happy: adding manufacturing to retail; new revised MOU with revised quarterly meeting attendance.

SJ moved to approve MOU; Maria seconded.

SJ: no problem with MOU as read. No opposition to approval of MOU.

Allen made motion to lay on the table Resolution 2024-10 amending the CIP list.

### **Presentations Cont'd:**

Taylor Keegan: (superintendent of Parks and Rec): A Street and Lions abatements are starting to be drafted. Farina Brown is new special assistant to mayor for homelessness.

Zach (Pastor of Central Lutheran): don't condone illegal behavior, but want to serve the homeless. Call police if see illegal behavior. HOPE team doing outreach to camp. Come to the church and see me to talk about issues. Vehicles are bringing in bad elements.

Rene: Needs to be abated. No means to take care of problem; APD has laminated sign that allows anyone to call APD if don't own the property.

SJ: Travesty for so much parks department money goes to this issue; are there things we can be doing to make your job easier?

Taylor: Have human contact with people; call APD with negative behavior; understand we're working with "next step initiative"- "Hannah's code". Different types of abatement that assembly passed. We have 11 staff that are removing "things" funded through alcohol tax. CAP team posts abatements.

Rhadika: ask for meeting with police chief; will email new contact list to James.

Zach: Church has phone for folks to call with problems.

Julie: In Our Backyard will have posted contact numbers to call with problems as well.

Bob Glasshouse: What is plan for Parks and Rec re: calling about problems after hours?

Taylor: Muni has a team decides what gets posted and order of abatement. Parks is at the tail end of the process. Just cleaning spaces after abatement. Ways to report online on muni page. Hopeful for departments rebuilding.

SJ: How much in staffing resources is being diverted to this issue?

Taylor: prior to "healthy spaces" and alcohol tax, it was a crew of 10 and now it is its own designated crew; nothing is being diverted. Funds from alcohol tax, not muni.

Debra Glasshouse: We see so many awful things. Want to see camp gone.

Chris Crawford: We need affordable housing. We should be talking to folks who approve permits for 1/2 million dollar homes; Lets reach out to parts of muni that permit and approve massive projects that only rich folks can afford.

Karen: We have met with muni; criminal element needs to be dealt with, but housing and support really helps folks.

SJ moved to extend meeting 20 minutes; Sharon seconded.

Rene: Working with group to create affordable housing for the homeless. We have 40 million so far. Started buying properties already.

Taylor: Lions Park rotting edge got fixed. As for Fairview Rec. Center, bids opened up for gym update, signage, refreshing lobby. Hope to get started in September. Reduced hours: had loss in staff recently; have hired more seasonals. Request for button to lock doors and badges to flag problem folks and improve data. Folks won't need badges. Working on Eastchester Park Master Plan. Working to restore natural flow of Eastchester Creek. Aiming for draft end of September. RFP to include Fairview Rec. Center gym bleachers, sound panels, and signage pattern that mimics what is inside.

Karen: Hillstrand Pond is gorgeous. Community Gardens: Parks and Recreation cleaned up two lots.

Grant funds: Is it reasonable to plan on next year for gardens?

Taylor: yes.

SJ: Moved to extend meeting five more minutes: Sharon seconded.

### **Community Comments:**

Maria: Food pantry: Delivered 15 pre-packed totes to 10 households.

Melinda Gant: update for RV resort; applying for federal grant for EV charging grant - asking for input as to where EV stations should go.

Allen: Assembly sponsoring Nerd Night. Allen was accepted. Will be August 29th.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm.