

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

August 21, 2024, Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Amanda Moser, Delegated Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Quorum attained.
Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”. There is no expectation of privacy.

FCC Delegates in attendance (19)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Daniel George
Airport Heights – Amanda Moser	North Star – Penny Gage
Basher – Don Crafts	Northeast - <i>Not Present</i>
Bayshore/Klatt – <i>Not Present</i>	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	Portage Valley – <i>Not Present</i>
Birchwood – <i>Not Present</i>	Rabbit Creek – Mike Kenny
Campbell Park - Kevin Fimon	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Chugiak – <i>Not Present</i>	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – <i>Not Present</i>	Sand Lake – Evan Leaf
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Scenic Foothills – <i>Not Present</i>
Eagle River Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	South Addition – <i>Not Present</i>
Eklutna Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	South Fork – <i>Not Present</i>
Fairview – James Thorton	Spenard – <i>Not Present</i>
Girdwood (GBOS) – Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – <i>Not Present</i>
Glen Alps – <i>Not Present</i>	Tudor – Tod Butler
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain - Cathy Gleason
Hillside – <i>Not Present</i>	Turnagain Arm – <i>Not Present</i>
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Al Milspaugh
Midtown – <i>Not Present</i>	

Others in attendance:

Community Councils Center Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director
Community Councils Center Ali Rambo, Office Assistant
Karen Pletnikoff, Board Member for Turnagain CC
Tom Davis, Senior Planner with the Planning Department
Barbara Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff with the LaFrance Administration
Andy Holleman, President of the Anchorage School Board

2. Approval of Agenda – August 2024

Motion to approve made by Cathy Gleason and Marilyn Pillifant, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 2024

Motion to approve made by Cathy Gleason and Mike Edgington, approved by unanimous vote.

5. Chair Report – Chair Moser

- a. After much deliberation, Chair Moser is stepping down. The Executive Committee is taking nominations for Board positions.
 - i. Elections for FCC Chair will be voted on at the September Meeting.
- b. FCC Board of Delegates training Tuesday, September 17, 5pm-8pm @ FCC office about “Board Role & Responsibilities”.

- i. Moser hopes that training will help FCC become more of a proactive organization, & not a reactive one. The organization is also planning to offer more training opportunities throughout the year.
- c. Chair Moser opened up committees, including Governance, Financial, Training, Outreach, and Communications. Secretary Evan Leaf is overseeing the Outreach committee and Treasurer Mike Edgington is overseeing the Financial Committee. The Board seeks additional members all the committees.

6. Update from Executive Director – Arianna Bellizzi

- a. 2023 audit should be available for the September meeting.
- b. Fiscal Sponsorship has resumed and staff sent out notices about bank accounts attached to FCC's EIN.
 - i. Executive Director Bellizzi will be holding training with the FCC Accountant & the FCC Treasurer Mike Edgington in early September. This should help answer the questions “What does the EIN change mean for your cc? What are your options?”
- c. Director Bellizzi acknowledges election season is happening at the moment within CC's. FCC is here to support the councils with whatever they need; I.e sending out notices, counting votes, or need sign up sheets.
- d. New FCC logo is revealed & explained – the color scheme was kept the same / similar. The logo acknowledges Eagle River / Girdwood as well as Anchorage. This is the first steps into the website redesign timeline. Director Bellizzi is hoping the new website will be live come the New Year.
- e. Staff is working on the three-part Townhall series to demystify community councils, navigate meetings, and guide board members. The training is being publicized in councils and publicly. The events are free and can be found on Eventbrite.
- f. Director Bellizzi discussed the challenges faced by community councils and the need to ensure their interests are prioritized. She also highlighted issues with the CIP survey and the need for improvements, particularly regarding technical issues. Also mentioned ongoing efforts to resolve these issues, including training and messaging outreach.

7. Treasurer Report, Mike Edgington

- a. Touched on the preparation of a budget for the future and the need for updates to existing policies.
- b. Would appreciate support on the Financial Committee from others
- c. The only major changes to the budget what where the website logo money was pulled from.

8. Digital Outreach Policy Ratification

- a. The Board discussed the digital outreach policy, which primarily focuses on communication from external organizations to the council. The policy was ratified with a majority vote, and the staff will create procedures for its implementation.
- b. Ratified by seventeen ayes, zero nays, & two abstains.

Community Council Collaboration Meeting

1. Notes from the Chair

- a. Ad-Hoc Collaboration Committees are now available. Councils interested in partnering with others on topics can work with staff to facilitate conversations. Interest in Housing & Homelessness Committee was expressed by a few delegates.
- b. Chair Moser would love to see other committees created / delegates partner with each other to make things happen for the city

2. Government Updates

- a. Mayor's Office – Barbara Jones - Barb Jones provided updates on the mayor's priorities and committed to monthly meetings with delegates. The importance of direct engagement between policymakers and affected community councils was highlighted.
 - b. Anchorage Assembly – N/A
 - c. Anchorage School Board – Andy Holleman - provided a brief update on the start of the school year, mentioning that traffic congestion around school drop-off points had increased. He also shared that the school board was revising its policy to ensure a board member is present at every community council meeting, although this change had not yet been implemented
- 3. Community Council Boundary Changes Presentation – Tom Davis, Planning Department**
- a. The Committee Council Boundaries project, is set to resume its public process in September. The project aims to review and potentially adjust committee council boundaries within the municipality every 10 years to reflect natural geographic neighborhood communities. Following an online survey and the formation of a Boundary Advisory Committee, the committee evaluated over 30 boundary study areas and made recommendations for changes in approximately 10 areas.
 - b. The proposed changes will be presented as a public hearing draft in late September, with a two-month review period for community feedback. The planning department, with the help of their GIS team, was tasked with developing new, more useful maps reflecting the recommended boundaries.
 - c. Community Councils were asked to review these materials starting in September, there will be a 2 month review period for feedback from all councils involved, before a set of public hearings in December to listen to the feedback, & a final public hearing to take action in the first Quarter of 2025
- 4. Council Updates**
- a. **Abbott Loop** – has been working with Native Charter School to pull Bird Cherry at Adkins park which has been overrun by the plant in some spaces. Adkins park is going to be adopted by Abbott Loop CC & Alaska Native Charter school, & they will need more help clearing out Bird Cherry. They have elections coming up in September as well.
 - b. **Airport Heights** – Nothing new to report.
 - c. **Basher** – Had a picnic in June, nothing new to report.
 - d. **Cambell Park** – Sen. Forest Dunbar & Council Member Rivera had good report – Proposed sales tax for Municipality came up. Talked of homelessness, procedure of camp abatements & what that entails.
 - e. **Fairview** – Hosted 3rd annual block party this year – amazing turn out & lots of fun events. They also discussed ongoing efforts to secure federal grant funds for neighborhood improvements, and the potential impact of a proposed sales tax. The Fairview Lions Park was abated, and the council expressed hope for collaboration with churches and other organizations.
 - f. **Girdwood** – Discussed various issues / problems – Policy of Chugach Electric which has a 2% income revenue going to underground power lines, and the contradiction that the power lines are outside the easement around the Town Center. They also discussed potential funding opportunities from the Federal government for waterline work. Community Members are interested in creating a historical district of Girdwood.
 - g. **Government Hill** - The Government Hill Community Council shared their efforts to secure grants for improvements around their health center, abating Bird Cherry, & improving signage.
 - h. **Huffman / O'Malley** –Just came off summer break, Project Anchorage presented at their last meeting, interested in a housing based AdHoc committee.
 - i. **Mountain View** – Had a boundary Street fair – Mountain view passed a Resolution regarding the ASD policy to support have continued attendance from an ASD Board member. The council also addressed the issue of the Boys and Girls Club not having enough funding for busing.
 - j. **Old Seward / Oceanview** – Nothing new, Next meeting is September 18th.
 - k. **Roger's Park** – Is hosting a Block Party on September 7th, extended the invite to everyone. Family friendly event.
 - l. **Russian Jack** – Off for the summer, next meeting is in September.

- m. **Sand Lake** – Kincaid Soccer field improvements, presentation from Parks & Rec on erosion prevention, Snow removal plot by Sand Lake road being used.
- n. **Tudor** – Golden Lion converted into a housing facility – there haven't been many complaints or problems. Seward Highway overpass 36 project is 8-10 years out, so it's not as much of a worry. Looking forward to Tudor joining University.
- o. **Turnagain** – Needs to look into the TCC bank account, discussed the destruction of landscape islands on West Northern Lights and the replacement of the Airport Control Tower.
- p. **University** – This summer the Parks & Rec Youth Core refurbished a trail within their boundary, the community has been loving the improvement.

5. **Public Comment** – None

6. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo

Date: _____

Date: _____

