

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024-6:30-8:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 6:34 pm.

Attending: James Thornton, Kelly Ittenbach, Julie & Mike Graham, Karen Gonne-Harrell, Rene Kennicott, Sharon Chamard, Bryan Hawkins, Diane Holmes, Suzi Alexander, Dan Goldberg, Tran Smyth, Allen Kemplen, David Rittenberg, Earl Malpass, Roger Briley, Chris Constant, Dan Volland, Lindsey Hajduk **Zoom:** Roger & Scot(Raven Bar), Eric Montoya(Canna Get Happy/Hashy), Sandra & Trent Millhouse (Canna Get Happy/Hashy), Mark Bundy (AFD), Janel Walton, Kiki & Kris Goldberg, Mark Bundy (AFD)

September 12, 2024 Agenda approved by Rene; second by Dave
August 8, 2024 Minutes approved by Rene; second by Dave

AFD (Mark Bundy): Wildfire season closing. Clean heaters and around them that have sat all summer. Make sure nothing is around heaters. Call fire extinguisher companies to dispose of and refill them. Make sure you have smoke detectors and that they are working in every bedroom.

Assembly Members:

Chris Constant: drafting ordinance - transit supportive development core and transit route that runs from Campbell Lake to Downtown and up to Stewart Trail - should have access to public lands in their neighborhoods. Homeless strategy: next week will hear admin's approach to homelessness strategy. Starting budget process: Fairview Rec. Center to get high speed internet in the next weeks. 2024/2025 snow season meeting today with administration: authorized purchase of new large equipment, but long lead times. Mapping GPS program for snow fleet so we can see where plows are in real time. Can sign up for text notifications. Long term, we'll have data reporting. In order to help hiring, have dropped GED requirement for operators of small equipment.

Dan: Snow meeting today: Looking to staff up, School district to put together a bond to replace their fleet. Encouraging to have joint conversation early. Will take time to staff up and replace aging equipment. Conversation happening at changing driver requirements. Discussed snow removal on sidewalks and coordination with snow plows and changing contract data capture for future budgets.

Mike Graham concerned about sidewalk snow clearance.

Roger: Have about 25 campers in front of my property. Is there a place where they can go before the snow comes?

Chris: awaiting admin's proposal. Right now, strategically only abating problem camps. No where for them to go right now.

Dan: Chris and I support target abatements. We need a place for them to go. Not enough shelter. Homeless numbers are down by half this year. Have had recent successes with the Next Step Initiative. Many that have been abated went directly into housing. Reasons folks don't want to be sheltered or housed for whatever reason, but there needs to be a time when that 's no longer an issue.

Karen: On Medra and 17th, can we designate one side of the street as snow storage and not parking? Signage: No Parking?

Lindsey: AMATS policy committee: 5th Ave highway safety improvement project: Karluk to Concrete St. have median installed with safety fence like Minnesota Drive. Trying to have

pedestrians not cross street in non designated crosswalks. No public process for Minnesota project; don't want that to happen in Fairview.

Dan: AMATS will now require more specific description of projects.

Allen: Chris and Assembly, All your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Any reorganization of the municipality going on?

Chris: Planning on having focus on economic development.

Presentations

Light Up The Night (Rene): Have \$1,000 in budget. Canna Get Hashy/Happy just donated \$500. Will be driving around with Roger Briley to see if can see who needs lights (Will be LED) and light up spaces that are particularly dark; Henning offered manpower to help out. Instead of a prize, will tell folks that we will contribute to their electric bill via gift card or cash amount at the end. Maybe \$10/month? Will promote through Facebook page.

In Our Backyard (Julie): project update: Groundwork is almost done. Fence will go up soon, Shower trailer in Tacoma and ready to ship. Pallets to be placed next week in preparation for shelter buildings. Hoping Nov. 1 move in date.

Solar in Town Square (Diane Holmes): In 1987, an ordinance was passed that set height limits for buildings south of Town Square Park to preserve solar access. Last year, AO 2023-43, Amended, removed those limits to allow building heights to be 200 ft. Solar protection in the park will be limited with new limits. Want to return height limits as first proposed.

Allen: Thank you Diane, for your tireless work on this issue. Solar setbacks have been id'd as one of the core design characteristics for the park.

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc)

Fun: Lindsey: Videos from the block party on Fairview Community Council Facebook page.

Parks and Rec/Community Gardens: Karen: Met with mayor yesterday and gave her our plan. Asked her to interfere and find out why we we're not getting our papers signed on the Igra lots between 13th and 14th. Anchor Gardens received \$10,000 grant, so between 12th and 13th on Karluk, we will have a community garden. Sunday at 1pm we will build a lasagna bed garden.

Allen: Saw Parks and Rec. bid documents, and there are good things happening. Building color and signage will pop.

Public Safety/Homelessness: James: Lions Park & A St & 15th camps abated. Area is clean now. Apple trees in Lions Park not flourishing. Looking into seeing what we can do. Farina Brown mentioned plan for congregate and non congregate shelter moving forward. Next Wednesday is next housing and houslessness meeting at 12:30 pm.

Tran: One common thread very urgent and being ignored: clean up camps before snow falls. Not being cleaned up now. Seems that should be priority in Fairview.

Transportation/Merrill Field: Allen: Awarded AARP national grant pilot project using volunteer snow fighters. Fairview Elementary principal noted that parents in south Fairview complex don't let their kids go to school when the sidewalks are filled with snow. Detriment to our youth. Earl: New airport manager. Know there are noise issues; operators don't like to hear complaints about noise; want to be good neighbors. Will be meeting with Flight schools to make sure they are educated on airport policies. Hard to catch all the bad things. Orca St corridor: big on economic development - trying to be creative. Looking at significant technical development: drones, blimps, electric aircraft, liquid hydrogen. In July we had hangar party to invite community. Will work with community to be more engaging. 2030 is centennial celebration of airport. Trying to get community involved in the event now.

Standing Reports

Presidents Report: Signed FCC MOU regarding fiscal sponsorship. Any FCC grants will be under this agreement. Want help with flyers for Gambell/Ingra Corridor project.

Treasurer's Report: Quarterly report: We have \$7 more than last quarter. Council doesn't have 501C3 status, so signing MOU with FCC will help with that. Asked Darrell Hess to audit our books. Findings accurate. If we want to fundraise ourselves, we could obtain 501C status and be more independent and not have FCC take their cut. \$600 to file.

Sharon laid resolution on the table to apply for 501C3 status. Karen seconded.

Lindsey: 501C3 status doable, but more pieces to it. Look into it more.

Reconnecting Fairview Committee: James: Lindsey & most of the E-Board met with Mayor to support Reconnecting Fairview project.

Lindsey: As a follow up, we invited mayor, assembly, and legislators to do a walking tour through Fairview. Workshops to try to get us through the process. RFP out. Just starting Central Middle School partnership working with youth to get their input and a landscape architect. Mirroring this at Fairview Elementary. Traffic safety for children important.

Collaborating with Alaska DOT and braiding our efforts so the State recognizes the neighborhood's vision . DOT cares about roads, we care about what it feels like. More meetings if you would like to join.

Old Business

Allen moved to approve Resolution 2024-10; Karen seconded. Will send to CIP coordinator. No Opposition to resolution.

New Business

Reconnecting Fairview Workshop: Allen: Design workshop to develop a response from the community to DOT. One issue is the notion of what a Main Street looks like. September 29 from 2-4 pm will be next workshop. B Street Gumbo will be there. Will be canvassing the neighborhood

Stan: Has digging under the street been talked about?

James: Cut & cover has been talked about; taking all comments and then will bring plan.

Allen Introduced 2 resolutions: Actions in Support of Fairview Prosperity, and Solar height limits in Town Square Park.

Sharon: Made motion to extend meeting until 8:40pm. Stan seconded.

Community Comments/Concerns

Dan Goldberg: live on Orca Place and someone drove a truck and chopped a bunch of trees at the end of the street. Concerned about 800 foot opening and homeless moving in. Would like to re-vegetate and re-tree.

Allen will reach out to Parks and Rec. and see what they/we can do.

Sandra: Canna Get Hashy/Happy to be a part of the block party, but couldn't be because of the nature of the business. Happy to pay extra insurance to be included.

Dave motioned to adjourn: Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.