

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

September 18, 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 (26)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Daniel George
Airport Heights – Amanda Moser	North Star – Penny Gage
Basher – Don Crafts	Northeast – Monica Schwingendorf
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Portage Valley – <i>Not Present</i>
Birchwood – Carol Perkins	Rabbit Creek – John Riley
Campbell Park - Kevin Fimon	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Chugiak – Darryl Parks	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Barbara Roberts	Sand Lake – <i>Not Present</i>
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Scenic Foothills – <i>Not Present</i>
Eagle River Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	South Fork – <i>Not Present</i>
Fairview – James Thornton	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 – Jody Sola	Turnagain - Cathy Gleason
Hillside – <i>Not Present</i>	Turnagain Arm – <i>Not Present</i>
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Al Milspaugh
Midtown – Kris Stoeher	

Others in attendance:

Community Councils Center Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director
Community Councils Center Ali Rambo, Office Assistant
Karen Pletnikoff, Board Member for Turnagain CC
Steve Callaghan, Board President for University CC
Silvia Villamides, Board President for Downtown CC
Rachel Ries, Board President for Huffman / O’Malley CC
Marie Husa, Representative of the Mayor’s Office
Assembly – Christopher Constant, Chair
Andy Holleman, President of the Anchorage School Board
Erin Day – Anchorage Housing Club

2. Approval of Agenda – September 2024

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

3. Approval of Minutes – August 2024

Motion to approve made by Kris Stoeher and Mike Edgington, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Executive Committee & Staff Reports

a. Chair Report – Chair Moser

- i. Chair Moser reinforces the importance of Ad-Hoc Committees & encouraged sign ups
- b. Treasurer Report – Mike Edgington**
 - i. The budget through the end of August is on track for the year.
 - ii. The audit conducted over the summer was successful, requiring only one small point of non-material point of clarification. Mike Edgington made a motion to adopt the order, Cathy Gleason seconded the motion. Rep from Downtown asked for clarification on the insurance policy. Motion made to accept the Audit passes with unanimous consent. Cathy Gleason makes a move to adopt the Treasurer’s Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual January through August 2024. This was seconded by Marilyn Pillifant. The Adoption passes with unanimous consent
 - iii. Treasurer Mike Edgington offers up the Financial Committee as his final point, to update the FCC Financial Policies.
- c. Executive Director Report – Arianna Bellizzi**
 - i. Director Bellizzi’s speaks about the positive experience from the Training presented by the Foraker Group. Hopefully a second session will be happening in November / December 2024. Director Bellizzi hopes to have a strategic Planning & Training weekend sometime in the New Year – the goal for this is to attain more funding through Alaska Community Foundations Grant for Strategic Planning.
 - ii. Director Bellizzi announces that the FCC is working on rolling out access to a online folder with important Delegates information.
 - iii. Director Bellizzi reminds everyone about the Townhall Series Training that is starting on September 23, the Facebook Ads are proving to be successful, vs Eventbrite which was less so. The events will be available on the FCC YouTube, & Director Bellizzi hopes this is the first of many to come.
 - iv. Director Bellizzi also talks about the upcoming Anchorage Parks & Trails Recreation Fair, the FCC will be there presenting information about Community Councils, & a mock Resolution passing in hopes of showing the public how council meetings work.
 - v. There is also a new Google Calendar for Community Councils to reference in the event reschedules need to happen, or special meetings arise, it can help prevent overlap on Zoom accounts.

5. Old Business

a. Board Training Report

- i. Director Bellizzi speaks on the Foraker Training that happened earlier in the week - Trainings going forward will hopefully be online. Delegates were invited to speak on the training, & those who went spoke to the usefulness of the information / Clarification of role provided.
- ii. A rep asks if FCC oversees the writing of grants for Community Councils – It is explained that the Community Council in question writes the grant, & the FCC sponsors it with their 501c3 status.

6. New Business

a. New Chair Election

- i. Mike Edgington is nominated by Daniel George, James Thorton seconds. Mike Edgington is elected as Chair unanimously. The Treasurers position is open & will be voted on in the October Delegates meeting.

b. 2025 Budget

- i. Treasurer Mike Edgington shows the current year budget, vs 2025’s budget. The major difference between the two being a requested increase to staff from 1.5 to 2 full time employees. Slight adjustments to contractual services & training as well. Additional funding is being investigated outside of the Municipality.
- ii. Daniel George makes a motion to move the budget, seconded by Silvia Villamides. After discussion, the budget was put to a vote – 25 yes, 1 no.

7. Comment Period

Part II – FCC Community Council Collaboration Meeting

8. Meeting Opener – Chair Moser

a. Ad-Hoc Collaboration Committees

9. Government Reports

- a. **Mayor’s office – Marie Husa** – Marie will be attending meetings for the year as the Mayor’s representative, & invited Community Councils to reach out for her to attend their meetings. Mayor has 3 priorities: Good Government, Building our Future, Safe Streets & Trails. HOPE program created to connect unhoused people to support to secure housing. There is snow removal machine maintenance & updates happening to prepare before the snow flies. New wildland Fire coordinator at AFD – John Glover. A representative asked if the Mayor’s office is dealing with pedestrian deaths, & they are actively working on a solution to make the streets safer.
- b. **Assembly – Christopher Constant, Chair** – Budget is coming up for consideration, the budget will be received in the next two weeks & will be contemplated on until November.
- c. **School Board – Andy Holleman, President** – With the shift of 6th graders in with the 7th, there’s been an increase in traffic, bus routes are still being adjusted. Districts in the lower 48 have had an increase in threats of violence, ASD is treating all threats seriously & responding accordingly. Elementary School consolidation is in the works to attempt to relieve strain on ASD resources.

10. Council Updates

- a. **Huffman/O’malley** – All things ASD A to Z meeting, all are welcome to join.
- b. **Fairview** – Some members attended the Alaska State Roadways Behavior Symposium – had great information about pedestrian safety.
- c. **Downtown** – Chief of police Sean Case came & spoke about police enforcing no camping in Town Square. It was also mentioned that there are Community Patrols for safety in neighborhoods.
- d. **Mountain View** – Upcoming Meeting is going to talk about the Boys & Girls Club cutting morning program, eliminating child transportation to/from schools, & charging students a membership fee.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. **Presentation on Land Use Plan & Transit Supportive Development – Anchorage Housing Club** – Erin Baldwin-Day presented on the 2040 Land-Use Plan to begin a dialogue on what transit supportive housing would look like in Anchorage.

13. Comment Period – None

14. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo



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