

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting Agenda
November 14, 2024-6:30-8:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

Attending: Bob Bauer, Bryan Hawkins, Sharon Chamard, Mikea Fulton, Kaleb Cabrera, Roger Briley, Rene Kennicott, Allen Kemplen, Kelly Ittenbach, Karen Gonne-Harrell, Lindsey Hajduk, Maria & Chris Crawford, Beth Bennett, Zach Manzella (Pastor, Central Luthern Church), Nicolette Dent(Park Planner), Mary Vittone, Farina Brown, Brian Fuchs (APD), Mark Eisenman, SJ Klein, Loki Tobin, Donovan Camp & Anna Boson (DOT), Chris Campbell, Amanda Andros.

Zoom: Suzi Alexander, Dana (Hypothermia), Mark (Fire Cpt Station #1), Morgan Callender, Janel Walton

November 14, 2024 Agenda approved by: Allen Kemplen; Lindsey seconded.

Zach moved to amend agenda by adding topic of "Good Neighbor Policy" for In Our Backyard into Old Business; Bryan moved to approve new agenda; Kelly seconded.

October 10, 2024 Minutes approved by: Allen Kemplen; Karen seconded.

~AFD: Mark talked about budget submission to mayor's office. Adding 2 new ambulances. Mobile Crisis Team online now. Wildfire Program has over \$5 million - new program manager preparing for next spring. 5 fire fatalities recently - no working fire detectors. Reminder to have working detectors in your homes.

~APD: Brian Fuchs: Some initiatives we are working on: Mobile Intervention Team deployed when mental health crisis call is placed - has been impactful. HOPE Team: another co-response team, whose mission is to conduct outreach for the city and connect people to services. Over last 2-1/2 months, housed 43 people. 6-7 people into treatment. In conjunction with Farina; about 64 officers short in the city right now. Doing our job and best we can do.

Farina Brown: Administration created strategy on how the city is going to attack homelessness. We now have a tangible document that tracks what the administration is committed to doing. In the past, large encampments were not dispersed due to federal regulations. This summer, more dispersed camps and more camping in cars. Many first time homeless due to COVID; become victims to scammers, thieves. Ongoing cost for shelter services in yearly general operating budget not just in the winter. Good return on investment; in negotiations to have 100 plus beds online soon. Real push for linkage to services. Goal is to move most vulnerable off street. Engaging people in hotel rooms so that they don't just cycle through the system.

Allen: Congrats on implementing HOPE Team and their proactive approach. Kudos.

Mary: Re:certain house on Karluk issues: Thanks for doing what you're doing.

Brian Fuchs: Will get photos of potential drug activity from public. There is no drug task force. Our HIDTA team intercepts drugs - most come through the mail. Only 2 agents. We want to take time and want information, to dispatch patrol to do active investigations. Challenge with staffing, but drug investigations are extremely labor intensive. Takes a long time. Increase patrols so they know we are there to slow this action down. Will push for extra patrol for that particular residence. 3 total shifts - 10 hour shifts total with 2 hour overlap. Will try to get extra presence there to develop more leads.

Bob: Police have said "Make a report."

Brian: Call 3-1-1. or 9-11 for emergencies. We prioritize calls for service. Felony assaults, burglaries, domestic assaults have higher priority. Not that we don't want to come, but sometimes online report will help to build a case. Get good information on paper.

Kaleb: Noticed activity across the street - illegal night gambling? Corner lot most problematic. Bloodied people being drug out to alley. Used needles in our lot. What can we do?

Brian: Injured person is 9-1-1 call, otherwise it's a 3-1-1 call. We'll take a look at it.

Mark?: Is there plan for level 5 and 4 calls for police to come faster? Has mayor engaged with AEDC (Project Anchorage) to look at potential sales tax dollars to solve homelessness?

Brian: Response time depends on what other calls we have. Aggressive recruiting system but national crisis. No one wants to be a cop anymore. Trying to utilize specific technology Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to offset shortages. Denied DOJ grant; trying to find other funding.

Farina: The tax dollars are looking at expanding affordable housing. Encourage public comment.

Janel: My neighbor's car was stolen by wrapping it in chains and dragging it out; have you seen this before? Who do we go to when vehicles are blocking roadway?

Brian: Never heard of that ever in my 18 years here. Call us if vehicle impeding traffic to where it is a safety issue, then we can remove it.

Elected Officials

~Anchorage School Board Member Carl Jacobs (for Margo Bellamy): List of elementary schools set to be closed. Find list and townhall meeting info on ASDK12.org/rightsize. More meetings on this issue. Board meeting Nov.19 if you want to provide testimony. Academy of Anchorage program: December 17th decision point. Board reviewing next phase; want to hear feedback. Latest results from AK Star test out. Recent policy change: overhauls tobacco policy to put additional education requirements for students who are caught using. Goal to bring substance misuse awareness education. Thought is when students know better, they make better choices.

~Senator Loki Tobin: Per Chris Constant, proposal for sales tax dollars to be used for homelessness. In midst of counting votes still. Deadline is Dec. 15. It takes a while, but certain seats are secured. We'll be in Juneau in January; we'll probably have 9 Democrats and 8 Republicans who will build coalition. Chairing Senate Education again; many ideas to elevate education issues, including funding. McKenzie Pope will be around if council has capital community projects to add. Planning to introduce community cleanup plan; Will be talking about road issues, and will look at funding for Covenant House for pilot project. Please provide public comment! Right now, several opportunities open for public comment: recommendations for governor's task force on child care. Regulatory reform proposal for refugees uncomfortable having childcare from someone not from their culture. State Board of Education proposal to change how they accept student school board member. Fun committee: Signup for block party and 3 community cleanups.

Sharon: Also want to mention annual holiday potluck party at our December general meeting.

~Representative Cliff Groh and/or Zack Fields - did not attend

~Mayor's Office- did not attend

~Anchorage Assembly Members Christopher Constant and/or Daniel Volland- did not attend

Presentations

~Nicolette Dent (Parks and Rec.): Here to introduce Eastchester Park Master Plan: Provides a high level concept for what park improvements look like for the next 10-20 years. 4 focal areas of park: Woodside playground improvements, improving the parking lot, adding amenities like a community garden and fitness area, and single track trails. Two big picture exciting projects: 1. chest bed, a paved trail connection north connecting Chester Creek Trail from Maplewood to Sitka Street Park. Also,

channelization of Eastchester Creek bad for creek and environment - plan to return it into it's more meandering state. There's a link on handout about draft in back for comment and check our website.

Allen: Can you come to Parks and Rec. committee meeting to talk more about plan?

Nicolette: Yes; brought copies of draft resolution in support of proposed master plan for Eastchester Park (2024-16). Allen to introduce during new business.

Anna & Donovan(DOT): Vision Zero Anchorage video link online. Pedestrian safety presentation included working to implement Safe Systems approach - make system of users and infrastructure work for the community. Focus on safe speeds and safe roadways. We know just changing signs and speed limits won't affectively change speeds. Focus on 2 corridors first and learn from these. Corridors to reduce speed first 10 miles per hour on Tudor and Muldoon Roads first. How to reduce operational and posted speeds there first and see what works. Taking in land use and design in the process so we don't have to re-do work already in progress or planned. Posting speed feedback signs one effort. Added ladder bars on crosswalks. Looking at reducing lanes on some roads. Suggested Ingra and Gambell as some of these to reduce lanes. Reimagine the space. Right now, using sidewalks for snow storage - perhaps use closed lane instead? Increase enforcement: red light running cameras? Fatal pedestrian crash data in 2024: Almost 40% of drivers were impaired; 38% had tinted windows; 30% were speeding more than 10% over posted speed limit. Use link: <https://dot.alaska.gov/besafe/> to report safety concerns.

Donovan: Neighborhood Greenway Program: Looking at neighborhood streets to designate preferred routes for folks to connect with trails. Lowering speeds from 25-20 MPH; way finding signage; "sharrow" street markings in streets. Potential for traffic calming: asking folks to give feedback on routes, etc.

Roger: Over half of these deaths are in Fairview or Muldoon.

SJ: AMATS Safety Plan already ID's this as a higher priority area; being dealt with in Seward/Glenn PEL plan.

Anna: Waiting for Chugach Electric to get electric poles out of the way on Gambell - reason Gambell not on priority list. Would like to see Ingra at 30 MPH.

Loki: No diverters are plowed and I walk/bike everywhere. How do we get this done? Yet there is a Million dollar study for Knik Arm Tunnel. Very frustrating!

Donovan: links to get plows out to those locations. City getting new maintenance machines. DOT couplet winter plowing done by the city.

Lindsey: Current grant project (Fairview Greenway) . Can we have a presentation focused on Fairview safety?

Roger: How many involved in the deaths have been charged?

Anna: No enforcement; lower priority for 4 officers patrolling. People can cross legally at side streets even if no crosswalk exists. Drivers need to have cues and reminders that this is a slow space.

Mark?: Are state troopers being used for enforcement? In Oct 16th meeting, muni attorney said she's not familiar with any ADA regulation that requires sidewalk clearing. Brady vs Sacramento in early 2000's would disagree with this.

Anna: No troopers used for enforcement.

SJ: What is Greenways Proposal timing?

Donovan: Some things are pretty quickly implemented. Two extra summer positions opening up next year to implement more things.

Committee Reports (Ad-Hoc)

~Fun: Loki T: Loki hopes everyone will sign up for block party signup. Want to also have a community cleanup in conjunction with this.

~Parks and Rec./Community Gardens: Karen: Happy Eastchester plan moving along. Allen got email from Parks and Rec. and wheels are turning - ever so slowly.

~Public Safety/Homelessness: no chair

~Transportation/Merrill Field: Allen: State DOT is updating classification system. Virtual open house I attended leading to new resolution I will introduce in new business.

~Design/CIP: Allen: I would encourage when we introduce a functional class resolution, it can be referred to the design community integration. Two CIP processes: one is municipal process, which we go through in the springtime. Also, one at the state level, where there is a concept for a legislative CIP project for expanding snowfighters pilot project.

~Bylaws: SJ: nothing new. At next executive board meeting, promises to have amended version.

Standing Reports

~Presidents Report - nothing (James absent)

~Reconnecting Fairview Committee:Lindsey: Working to get consultant team on board. Upcoming meeting on December 10th - public open house for new alternatives for Fairview to consider. Design week coming up in February.

Allen: Reconnecting Community office in DC has approved our selection to receive technical support. Use us as a case example for nation.

Lindsey: Neighborworks America: long term vision for Fairview to see what long term vision looks like. Gives us "theory of change"- tool to help us tell our narrative. "Asphalt Art" project is part of this.

Old Business

Resolution 2024-14 (Pedestrian Safety): Allen moved to approve resolution Sj seconded.

Kelly made motion to amend to add " motorized" in third WHEREAS before "vehicle."; SJ seconded. No opposition to amendment. Lindsey moved second amendment to change to 14 deaths from 13. SJ seconded. No opposition to amendment.

Loki moved to recommend that we make sure that all resolutions that are approved have correct verbiage and are grammatically correct. No oppositions.

SJ: Moved to extend 10 minutes to meeting. Sharon seconded.

AARP Snowfighters: Allen: Have flyer that shows snowfighter areas. Big difference in snowfighter and no snowfighter sidewalk cleaning. Will make more formal presentation in January.

Zack Manzella: Re: Good Neighbor Policy: We provided memorandum of understanding at last meeting; wanted to bring that up again because it's all about communication. Point of contact still to be determined. Getting a business phone number still. Ribbon cutting next Saturday. Putting in electrical

right now. At this point, contact church directly unless emergency. No impact from next door camp. One tent on park area that might be in the way of digging electrical line, but working on it.

Allen: Made motion that good neighbor policy be referred to next executive board meeting for discussion.

New Business

Holiday Potluck: shorter meeting. SJ has confirmed Lucky Wishbone to donate chicken. Sharon to send food signup flyer via email to board and Loki.

Allen: Asphalt Art: working to change narrative on Hyder Street. Muni putting in nomination for \$100,000.

Allen introduced Resolution 2024-15 (Regarding Functional Classification of Fairview's Streets); SJ moved to waive reading, Bryan seconded.

Allen introduced resolution council boundary resolution (2024-17) as well as Master Plan for Eastchester Park (2024-16).

Community Comments/Concerns

Maria: Have learned some holiday meal events won't be provided for folks; several programs ran out of money - need food donations for Fairview pantry. This Saturday the Rec. Center hosting meal from 12-3 PM.

Loki: Wasn't there an agreement that the Nursery would give us plants for diverters that Fairview Council would plant? Last 10 years I haven't seen any planting in diverters.

Allen: We've tried to respond to the muni about streetscape enhancements. Is it Parks and Rec.? Muni? Mixed communications. It's been frustrating.

SJ: We had volunteers to went to the nursery and planted, but no volunteers now, so planting has stopped. Need new people who will do it.

Nicolette: Call me.

Loki: Rose bushes have taken over; I got an earful when I started to cut them back. Need Parks and Rec. to help us step in with some of those things.

Allen: This overgrown foliage affects our sidewalk cleaning.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 pm.