

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

**November 20, 2024, Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Mike Edgington, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum attained.  
Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”. There is no expectation of privacy.

**FCC Delegates in attendance (27)**

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Daniel George
Airport Heights – Amanda Moser	North Star – Penny Gage
Basher – Don Crafts	Northeast – Monica Schwingendorf
Bayshore/Klatt – <i>Not Present</i>	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Portage Valley – <i>Not Present</i>
Birchwood – <i>Not Present</i>	Rabbit Creek – Mike Kenny
Campbell Park - Kevin Fimon	Rogers Park – Jill Klein
Chugiak – Darryl Parks	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – <i>Not Present</i>	Sand Lake – <i>Not Present</i>
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Scenic Foothills – Patrick LeMay
Eagle River Valley – Alex Jorgenson	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – <i>Not Present</i>	South Fork – <i>Not Present</i>
Fairview – Allen Kemplen	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Girdwood (GBOS) – Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – <i>Not Present</i>
Glen Alps – <i>Not Present</i>	Tudor – <i>Not Present</i>
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain - Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Bruce Vergason	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Al Milspaugh
Midtown – Kris Stoeher	

**Others in attendance:**

FCC Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director  
FCC Ali Rambo, Office Administrator  
Barbara Jones, Representative of the Mayor’s Office  
Chelsea Ward-Waller – CIP Coordinator, Municipality of Anchorage - Project Management & Engineering  
Taylor Keegan – Superintendent, Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation

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**1. Meeting Opener – Chair Edgington**

**a. 1.1 Call to order & introductions**

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. **2.1 Approval of Agenda**
- b. **2.2 Approval of Minutes**
- c. **2.3 Approval of Staff Report**
- d. **2.4 Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Motion to approve made by Bruce Vergason, seconded by Jason Norris, unanimously approved by consent.

- i. There was a question regarding the Treasurer’s Report & if it will be presented on a quarterly basis – Chair Edgington confirmed this.

### **3. Decision Topic – New Treasurer Election**

- a. Daniel George nominated Patrick LeMay from Scenic Foothills, seconded by Amanda Moser.
  - i. Patrick LeMay was elected Treasurer of the FCC board by unanimous consent.

### **4. Discussion Topic – Privacy Policy Introduction**

- a. The privacy policy was introduced to clarify the organization's handling of information and to ensure compliance with federal and state laws.
  - i. The Privacy Policy will be voted on at the next FCC Delegates Meeting – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **5. Discussion Topic – Resolution 2024-03 Introduction**

- a. A resolution was presented to thank the Assembly for their support through 2024.
  - i. The Resolution will be voted on at the next FCC Delegates Meeting – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **6. Comment Period**

- a. There was brief discussion from the board regarding the recent events & trainings the FCC has been putting on – a few members expressed their gratitude from the information they learned at these events.

## **Part II – FCC Community Council Collaboration Meeting**

### **7. Meeting Opener – Chair Edgington**

### **8. Education Topic**

- a. **Mayor's office – Barbara Jones**
  - i. Presented the 2025 budget, highlighting its focus on safe streets, homelessness, public safety, good government, and infrastructure investments. There were discussions about the attendance of representatives from the mayor's office at community council meetings – It was acknowledged that there is a challenge to attend all 37 community council meetings at this time, but promised to provide an update in January. There were also requests for more regular updates from the mayor's office, particularly on homelessness issues.
- b. **Assembly – Christopher Constant, Chair**
  - i. Not Present at this meeting
- c. **School Board – Andy Holleman, President**
  - i. Not Present at this meeting

### **9. Education Topic**

- a. **Council Updates – Abbott Loop Thru Fairview**
  - i. Abbott Loop – Pedestrian crossings and safety concerns in parks have been consistent topics at their meetings
  - ii. Airport Heights – No update at this time
  - iii. Basher – Focused on wildfire mitigation & the single – access to Basher. A Barrier swap will be coming up in spring, they've been discussing the boundary changes regularly as well
  - iv. Bear Valley – They've been focused on the discussion about the potential closure of Bear Valley Elementary School.
  - v. Campbell Park – Pedestrian Safety has been widely discussed at the last meeting, also talking about how important getting the sidewalks cleared now that the snow has fallen, as well as a need for speed limit enforcements.
  - vi. Chugiak – Guardrail areas need work, as well as discussion about the Boundary Changes with Tom Davis. Looking at voting on a new start time for their meetings.

- vii. Eagle River – Couple of resolutions on their radar – Pertaining to the Eklutna Casino, & some housing developments being built, a resolution was submitted concerning support from Parks & Rec. Looking at the CIP priorities, & alerting the community to that.
- viii. Eagle River Valley – Ram Valley Access Trail has been a consistent topic
- ix. Fairview – APD lieutenant presented at their last meeting about the mobile intervention team, as well as a presentation about the Eastchester Park Master Plan, & an updates on Reconnecting Fairview Grant, & Snowfighters Grant. Having a Holiday Party in December as well.
- x. Scenic Foothills – Is holding a Special Meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> for 2 reasons, the first is about the amount of school closures that are happening in their Community Council Boundaries – They’ve started a draft Resolution in response to this. The second is in response to fight Wildland Fires Suppression in support of Basher CC.
- xi. Rabbit Creek – Concerned about the tentative closure of Bear Valley Elementary.
- xii. Turnagain – There is concern about the proposal to decrease the area on the coast in Community Council boundaries. Turnagain would lose a fair amount of square footage along the coast – this raises concerns about the amount of weigh in councils could have in the future surrounding projects that happen in those areas. They are currently working on a resolution in response, & invite other coastal Community Councils to join the discussion.
- xiii. Midtown - reported on their district plan, & the addition of funds for a chalet at Cuddy Park thanks to the assistance of Assembly members helping them with the CIP process.

**10. Education Topic**

a. **CIP Training – Chelsea Ward-Waller, PM&E & Taylor Keegan Parks & Rec**

- i. The rest of the meeting discussed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process in the municipality, focusing on the roles of Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. The CIP process involves identifying needs, annual programs, and evaluating projects. The timeline for the CIP process was adjusted to better align with community councils' needs, with the survey launching in January. The meeting also addressed the challenges faced by community councils in understanding and participating in the CIP process.
- ii. The importance of community feedback and support for project success was emphasized. The conversation ended with a discussion on the project evaluation process and the need for different categories in the survey to facilitate better ranking and comparison of projects.

**11. Comment Period – None**

**12. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo

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