Annual Report Federation of Community Councils, Inc. Report Year: 2024

- 1. List and briefly describe major activities and major services provided by the FCC during the year including the following functions within the scope of services (attach additional pages if necessary).
 - a. Minutes and attendance records for each Grantee Board of Delegates meeting.

Minutes: <u>https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/51.html</u> Attendance: Appendix A

- b. An update on the following technical services provided to the councils and public:
 - i. Continued development and maintenance of website for ease of use and access.

The Federation was able to use undesignated funds from gaps in staffing and funds from the 2023 budget to fund a full website update. Starting in July, staff worked with a vendor to create a new logo. Staff also ran an improvement survey that received 92 responses. The survey included questions about public usage, features, and visuals; as well as a section for Council Officers who upload information and wish to add in their experience.

In October, with the new brand guidelines and website feedback, staff worked with the website manager to create a new look and flow to the website. At the time of this report, the vendor is working on creating the new website and migrating information/documentation. It is expected that by February 2025, the website will be ready for launch – which will also include multiple training resources for Councils who wish to manage their own webpage.

ii. Printing services for the council(s) and public on information about the involvement of citizens in the governmental process at the neighborhood levels.

2024 included standard printing operations for Councils. Upon request, staff print out agendas, newsletters, minutes, and more. Staff were also able to use undesignated funds to purchase a new printer, which is set to arrive in January 2025.

As part of the Training Grant, additional printings regarding training and outreach were completed. This is outlined in Section 5 below.

iii. Mailing services (as budget allows) on council newsletters.

Mailers were sent on behalf of Spenard Community Council, North Star Community Council, Bear Valley Community Council, and South Addition Community Council.

iv. Other technical assistance as required to help councils produce documents.

Federation staff continued supporting virtual meetings through management of multiple Zoom accounts.

In 2023, two OWL conferencing equipment were purchased. These OWLs are a combination camera and microphone, with built in computer to easily connect to Zoom. OWLs help large meetings have better visibility through a 360 camera and microphone. The FCC began to use them in FCC Board meetings and assist Councils in borrowing the equipment. At the end of 2024, 3 more OWLs were purchased and will be implemented into the borrowing program in 2025. Additionally, recording and A/V equipment was purchased to assist in future training recordings.

- v. On-going training for council members and officers. See Appendix B for full breakdown of the use of the Training Grant.
- 2. Provide a current list of the Grantee Board of Delegates and location on website where information is available to the public.

List of Board of Delegates:

https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/fcc_delegates_.html

3. Provide a current list of community council contacts and location on website where information is available to the public.

Community Council Contacts: <u>https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/1552.html</u>

 Number of notifications (and sample notifications) distributed to councils and the public of public hearings and meetings through Grantee's email distribution lists. Staff sent 632 notifications to approx. 7500 email addresses in 2024. See Appendix C for sample notifications.

See Appendix D for a comparison of 2023 and 2024 in subscribers and open-rate.

- 5. Any updates to files of each community council's activities (Note: Grantee will request this information but is not responsible for a failure of any council to provide the same):
 - a. Request minutes of each council's meetings and other relevant records relating to council's activities, including current officers, history, bylaws, policies, resolutions, correspondence, etc.
 - b. Maintain paper files in a systematic manner.
 - c. Provide the location where this information is located on the Grantee's website.

See website <u>www.communitycouncils.org</u> to find all available agendas, minutes, and documentation that was sent to the FCC.

6. Information on reasonable office hours to answer questions and provide information on community councils at an established office.

The Community Councils Center has maintained its hours. Office staff are available via phone & email Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. It is open for walk-ins Monday through Thursday, 12:00pm to 5:00pm, and outside those hours by appointment. The office is also closed on Municipal Holidays.

7. Miscellaneous provisions: Any additional activities performed at the request of the Grantee Board of Delegates or Executive Committee.

A committee of the Board created and hired the Executive Director. An audit of the 2023 budget was completed, funded by undesignated funds remaining in the 2023 budget. See Appendix E for results from the audit. Federation Board meetings are now recorded.

The Facebook for the Federation was re-activated, and additional social media was added including YouTube and Instagram.

Staff assisted the Board in the creation and implementation of the Fiscal Sponsorship Policy, Digital Outreach Policy, and Privacy Policy. See website link for updated policy and procedures:

https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/policies procedures.html The Executive Director met with a mentor to facilitate her first six months of leadership. She also graduated from Foraker Group's Non-Profit Management certificate.

8. When was employee evaluation(s) completed?

The Executive Director evaluation was completed in October 2024. Staff evaluations were completed in December 2024.

Appendix A FCC Delegates Meeting Attendance Log 2024

Council	Delegate Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Abbott Loop	Lizzie Newell	Х			Х	Х	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Abbott Loop ALT	Patti Higgins												
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		Р	Р		0	
Airport Heights ALT	Chelsea Ward-Waller												
Basher	Donald Craft								0	0		0	
Basher	Hilary Morgan												
Basher ALT	David Mathys												
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Р	Р		
Bayshore/Klatt ALT	Marie Laule												
Bear Valley	Kaitlyn Jackson	Х	Х	Х			0			0		0	0
Bear Valley ALT													
Birchwood	Carol Perkins	Х	Х	Х		Х	Р			Р	Р		
Birchwood ALT													
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		Р	Р	Р	Ρ	
Campbell Park ALT	TJ Andrews											NVP	
Chugiak	Darryl Parks	Х			Х	Х				0		0	
Chugiak ALT													
Downtown	Barbara Roberts					Х			-	0			
Downtown ALT	Silvia Villamedes									NVP			
Eagle River	Cliff Cook		Х	Х	Х	Х	0		0		0	0	0
Eagle River ALT	Jamie Lytton	Х			Х								
Eagle River Valley	Alex Jorgensen					Х					0	0	
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman		Х	Х									
Eagle River Valley ALT	Joy Webb				Х								0
Eklutna Valley									-	-	I	-	-
Eklutna Valley ALT													
Fairview	James Thornton				Х	Х			Р	Ρ	0		
Fairview ALT	Allen Kemplen	Х					0					0	
FCC	Ali Rambo						NVP		NVP	NVP	NVP	NVP	NVP
FCC	Jean Sauget	NVP	NVP		NVP								
FCC	Arianna Bellizzi				NVP	NVP	NVP		NVP	NVP	NVP	NVP	NVP
Girdwood BOS	Mike Edgington		Х	Х	Х	Х	0		Р	Р		Р	Р

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Council	Delegate Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Girdwood BOS ALT	Brianna Sullivan												
Glen Alps	Rob Brown								-	-	-	-	-
Glen Alps ALT													
Government Hill	Bob French		Х	Х	Х				0		0	0	0
Government Hill ALT	Jody Sola									0			
Hillside	Carmela Warfield	Х			Х								
Hillside ALT	Dr. Helena Wisniewski												
Hillside ALT	Bruce Vergason						Р					Р	0
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х							
Huffman/O'Malley	Jason Norris								Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ	
Huffman/O'Malley ALT	Rachel Ries									NVP			
Midtown	Kris Stoehner	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	0			0		0	
Midtown ALT													
Mountain View	Daniel George	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mountain View ALT	Jasmin Smith												
North Star	Penny Gage	Х	Х	Х		Х			0	0		0	0
North Star ALT													
Northeast	Monica Schwingendorf	Х								0	0	0	0
Northeast ALT	Pamela Raygor	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	0						
Northeast ALT	Ron Meehan												
Old Seward/Oceanview	Gary Meaders	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			0			0	0
Old Seward/Oceanview ALT													
Portage Valley									-	-	-	-	-
Portage Valley													
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	NVP		0		0	0	
Rabbit Creek ALT	John Riley						Р			0			
Rabbit Creek ALT	Ann Rappoport						Р			0		NVP	
Rogers Park	Marilyn Pillifant					Х	Р		0	Р	0		
Rogers Park (Past)	Linda Chase	Х	Х	Х	Х		NVP						
Rogers Park ALT (Past)	Julie Bleier												
Rogers Park ALT	Jill Klein											0	
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р

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Council	Delegate Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Russian Jack ALT													
Sand Lake	Evan Leaf				Х	Х			Ρ				Р
Sand Lake ALT													
Scenic Foothills	Patrick LeMay		Х	Х							Р	Р	Р
Scenic Foothills ALT	Daniel Clift				Х		0						
South Addition	Ruth Ann Jennings												
South Addition ALT	Harry Need												
South Additon ALT	Mackenzie Pope												
South Addition ALT	John Thurber		Х	Х	Х		Р			Р	Р	Р	Р
South Fork	Stephen Romanii								I	-	-	-	
South Fork ALT													
Spenard	Irene Persson-Gamble				Х								
Spenard ALT	Matt Duncan		Х	Х			Р						
Spenard ALT	Sarah Sackett										Р	Р	Р
Taku/Campbell	Connie Dougherty								-	-	-	-	
Taku/Campbell ALT	Sarah Alexander												
Tudor	Tod Butler								Ρ	Ρ			
Tudor ALT													
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		Ρ	Р	Ρ	Р	0
Turnagain ALT	Karen Pletnikoff	Х											
Turnagain Arm	Piper Machamer												
Turnagain Arm ALT	Michael Packard	Х	Х	Х		Х	Р					0	Р
University Area	Al Milspaugh	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Р		0	0	0	0	
University Area ALT	Steven Callaghn									NVP		NVP	0
P - In Person	In Person						14		11	14	11	11	9
O - Online	Online						7		8	11	8	16	10
NVP - Non Voting, In Person	Total	24	24	24	26	24	21		19	25	19	27	19
	Unseated Delegates								6	5	5	5	3

Appendix B Ombudsman Training Grant 2024 End of Year Report

After a successful year of implementing training programs for Community Councils, we sought to evaluate our achievements and identify areas for improvement. Our training initiatives reached a diverse audience, including FCC Delegates, Community Council Officers, and the general public. This report highlights our accomplishments, feedback received, and the allocation of grant funds.

Board Roles & Responsibilities

Our first training session, held on September 17th, focused on Board Roles & Responsibilities. Led by Laurie Wolf from Foraker Group, this session was attended by 11 participants. The training emphasized financial oversight and legal compliance responsibilities for non-profit boards.

Attendees provided positive feedback, stating:

"It was a real good refresher course"

"It was time well spent"

"There was quite a wide range of questions and they got answered pretty well" "I really enjoyed hearing about the number of hats we wear as Delegates"



The second training session, conducted on November 12th by Heather Harris from Foraker Group, was attended by 10 participants, including several returning attendees. The session delved into External Communications and Planning Responsibilities, preparing Delegates for the upcoming 2025 Strategic Planning Weekend, scheduled for early 2025 (pending approval of the ACF's Strengthening Organizations grant).

A total of \$2,136.22 was spent on room rentals, supplies, food, and facilitator fees for both training sessions.

One area for improvement is attendance. Due to a lack of quorum, the impact of the training was somewhat limited. Some Delegates did not perceive a significant benefit to their attendance.

To enhance future attendance, we will continue to utilize various communication channels, including digital platforms and one-on-one interactions. Our intention is to continue to work on board attendance both in and out of the board room. We will emphasize the importance of group dialogue and the collective impact of individual contributions. Our success for this training was that despite the small attendance, the group was quite affected by the content of the training. Anecdotally, they bring up what they learned in board meetings and group conversations. Delegates have a better understanding in the role of the FCC as a non-profit supporting Community Councils and the distinction between their roles as FCC board members and Community Council representatives. Board meetings have been more successful as we implement changes reflected from the training such as separating out the work into Board and Coalition sections, creating a consent agenda, and implementing quarterly progress reporting. This has led to more time for coalition and education work, where Delegates are given space to learn and ask questions as representatives for their Councils.

Townhall Series

Our second training series, the 2024 Townhall Series, was held at the Wilda Martson Theater from September to November. The three-part series featured three topics: Demystifying Community Councils, Navigating Community Councils, and Guiding Community Councils.

We had 8 speakers across the three events: Darrel Hess, Jasmin Smith, Evan Leaf, Harry

Need, John Weddleton, George Martinez, Lindsay Hajduk, and Ann Rappoport.

The first event, which could also be called Community Council 101, introduced the who, why, and how of Community Councils. There were over 60 participants between the in-person and online audiences, and as of December, 183 views to the YouTube recording. Some of the feedback we received in the follow-up survey included: "I did not know Community Councils were not part of the government," "That Community Councils are private non-profits", and "Community Councils are important to neighborhoods, local, and state government. A small group can have a significant impact."



The second event focused on how to participate in Community Councils and what the public will hear about at Council meetings. There were 14 in-person attendees and 56 online views to date. The first speaker gave a thorough overview of Robert's Rules and



also critiqued the helpfulness of those rules in creating conversation. The second speaker had a colorful presentation (including props) that illustrated the many purposes of Community Councils - for presentations, updates, community discussions, and more. Some of the comments from our survey included: "The First two Townhalls were excellent. The speakers were easily

understood" and "Bob's Rules are an option over Robert's Rules. Focus should be on engaging people. Great information about running meetings that I will also bring back to the PTA meetings I attend."

The final event, Guiding Community Councils, was specifically targeted at Council board members and leaders. One of the goals assessed in the 2020 survey was officer training, including managing Council meetings. This event addressed that goal by bringing in three panelists in a Q&A style format to have a conversation on leadership. When putting together this session, it was felt that a dialogue with different viewpoints was more useful than speeches on topics. The panelists came from Councils across the Municipality and all had been Council officers at one point. There were 25 in-person attendees and 10 online attendees. After-event online views have been low due to sound quality. Some of

the comments from the survey included: "Councils should consider more ways of collaboration. There are new and planned resources for Councils" and "[I enjoyed the most] having a panel who've had different experiences with cc's."

A total of \$6,464.84 was spent on room rentals, supplies, food, and advertising for the Townhall series.



Our marketing strategy aimed to reach as many people as possible. We distributed flyers at Council meetings, public events, and community spaces. Additionally, the Executive Director promoted the series during her visits to various Councils and organizations.



We also utilized social media advertising on Facebook, Instagram, and Eventbrite. While Facebook and Instagram generated significant views and clicks, Eventbrite ads were less effective in driving attendance. Despite spending \$882.69 on ads through Meta, only 1,596 people clicked on the link for tickets, resulting in a total reach of 244,661 views across 3.84 impressions per person.

Finally, we partnered with Alaska Broadcasting Association (ABA) to run radio ads through their Community Voice program. ABA coordinated with local radio stations to air 2,600 30- and 60-second radio spots at a discounted rate of \$2,500. The total value of the airtime exceeded \$79,000 across 20 radio stations in Anchorage and surrounding areas.

Several key lessons emerged from this series:

- 1. Marketing Effectiveness: Social media ads were more effective as outreach tools than direct advertising. People may not be familiar with Community Councils, so targeting specific training events might not be the most effective approach.
- 2. Technical Challenges: Recording events in larger venues like the Wilda Marston Theater proved challenging. The second Townhall had the best audio and video

quality due to additional equipment and a dedicated videographer. Unfortunately, the third event suffered from poor audio quality.

- Venue Selection: While the Wilda Marston Theater added a level of professionalism, its size and lack of food options might not be ideal for future events. We will explore alternative venues that offer a more comfortable and accessible environment.
- 4. Survey Effectiveness: The low survey response rate limited our ability to gather valuable feedback. We will explore alternative methods to collect feedback from attendees in future events.

The Townhall series was a success simply by being held. Many attendees thanked staff for hosting these valuable resources for Councils. While the learning curve was steep, the series itself was well-received and helpful to attendees. It also provided a valuable learning opportunity for staff and offered guidelines for future success.

It's important to remember that while training is helpful, outreach is equally important. Educating the public about the purpose of Councils and encouraging attendance at meetings is crucial. FCC staff suggest that the 2025 budget include outreach as part of the \$10,000 grant to ensure resources are allocated effectively.

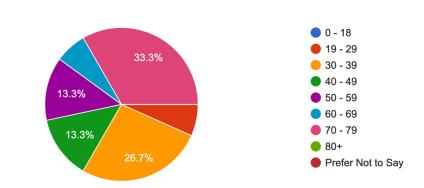
The 2024 Ombudsman Training Grant successfully delivered two training sessions focused on key aspects of Community Council governance. While attendance varied, the sessions were well-received by participants, who appreciated the valuable insights and knowledge gained. In 2025, the Federation looks forward to offering new support to Council officers, creating digital resources for existing trainings, and branch into new public outreach opportunities.



Appendix A

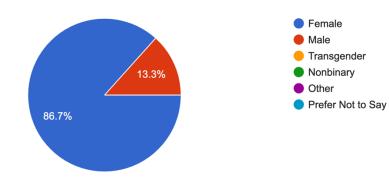
What is your age range?

15 responses

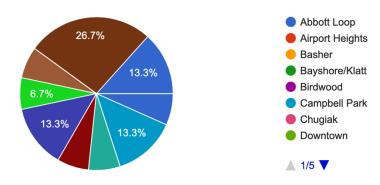


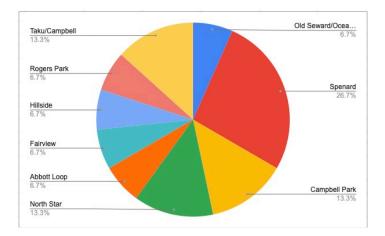
What is your gender identity?

15 responses

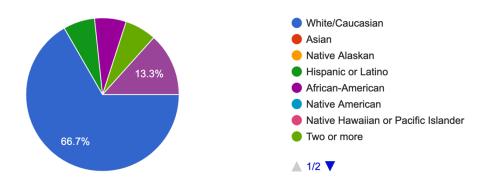


What community council do you live in? 15 responses

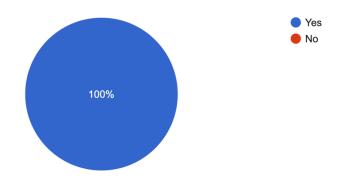




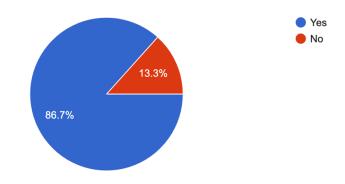
What is your ethnic background? 15 responses



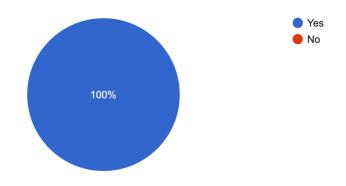
Did you know about community councils before the event? 15 responses



Did you attend a community council meeting before the event? 15 responses



Would you attend a community council meeting after learning more about councils? ^{15 responses}



Appendix B

	Station	City	#of Spots	\$ Value	Date	Format or Network
Ohana	KBBO	Anchorage	6	\$168.00	October	Adult Hits
	KBBO	Anchorage	150	\$4,200.00	November	Adult Hits
	KBYR	Anchorage	22	\$660.00	September	News/Talk
	KBYR	Anchorage	90	\$2,700.00	October	News/Talk
	KBYR	Anchorage	68	\$2,040.00	November	News/Talk
	KFAT	Anchorage	23	\$736.00		Rhythmic CHR
	KFAT	Anchorage	86	\$2,572.00	October	Rhythmic CHR
	KFAT	Anchorage	71	\$2,272.00		Rhythmic CHR
	КТМВ	Anchorage	25	\$600.00	September	,
	КТМВ	Anchorage	82	\$1,968.00	October	Oldies / Classic Hits
	KTMB	Anchorage	73	\$1,752.00	November	Oldies / Classic Hits
	KXLW	Anchorage	25	. ,		Traditional Country
	KXLW	Anchorage	87	\$2,088.00		Traditional Country
	KXLW	Anchorage	68	\$1,632.00	November	Traditional Country
	KMBQ	Wasilla	25	\$600.00	September	Hot Adult Contemporary
	KMBQ	Wasilla	89	\$2,136.00	October	Hot Adult Contemporary
	KMBQ	Wasilla	66	\$1,584.00	November	Hot Adult Contemporary
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Alpha Media	KBRJ	Anchorage	35	\$1,400.00	October	Country
•	KBRJ	Anchorage	45	\$1,800.00	November	Country
	KEAG	Anchorage	35	\$1,400.00	October	Classic Hits
	KEAG	Anchorage	45	\$1,800.00		Classic Hits
	KFQD	Anchorage	35	\$1,050.00	October	News / Talk
	KFQD	Anchorage	45	\$1,359.00		News / Talk
	KHAR	Anchorage	35	\$700.00	October	Hits from the 50's, 60's & beyond
	KHAR	Anchorage	45	\$900.00		Hits from the 50's, 60's & beyond
	KMXS	Anchorage	35	\$1,400.00	October	Adult Contemporary
	KMXS	Anchorage	45	\$1,800.00		Adult Contemporary
	KWHL	Anchorage	35	\$1,400.00		Rock
	KWHL	Anchorage	45	\$1,800.00		Rock
	KAYO	Wasilla	35	\$875.00	October	Classic Country
	KAYO	Wasilla	45	\$1,125.00		Classic Country
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HeartMedia	KASH	Anchorage	79	\$2,686.00	October	Country
	KASH	Anchorage	80	\$2,720.00		Country
	KBFX	Anchorage	80	\$2,560.00		Classic Rock
	KBFX	Anchorage	80	\$2,560.00		Classic Rock
	KENI	Anchorage	79	\$2,528.00	October	News/Talk
	KENI	Anchorage	80	\$2,560.00		News/Talk
	KGOT	Anchorage	80	\$2,800.00	October	CHR
	KGOT	Anchorage	80	\$2,800.00		CHR
	KTZN	Anchorage	80	\$800.00	October	Sports
	KTZN	Anchorage	80		November	Sports
	KYMG	Anchorage	80	\$2,800.00	October	Adult Contemporary
	KYMG	Anchorage	80	\$2,800.00		Adult Contemporary
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Koahnic Broadca	KNBA	Anchorage	10	\$300.00	September	Alaska's Native Voice
	KNBA	Anchorage	62	\$1,860.00	October	Alaska's Native Voice
	KNBA	Anchorage	46	\$1,380.00		Alaska's Native Voice



Weekly Newsletter - November 11, 2024



Tuesday, Nov. 12 6pm-8pm Chugiak High School

Thursday, Nov. 14 6pm-8pm Dimond High School

Saturday, Nov. 16 12pm-2pm Barlett High School

Monday, Nov. 18 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm Zoom



Rightsizing ASD Community Conversations

Join ASD for an overview of <u>Rightsizing ASD</u> and how we got here. Participants will have the opportunity to attend sessions on balancing school boundaries and bussing, impacts to class sizes and plans to support all learners in a changing environment. Visit www.asdk12.org/rightsize to learn more on the process and the recommendations.

Visit Website



Trails Plan Public Workshops

Public Workshop Opportunity: Explore the Future of Trails in Anchorage, Eagle River, and Chugiak! Share YOUR ideas and discuss opportunities to improve trails over the next 10+ years at a workshop near you hosted by AMATS and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation. Workshops are open house style, stop by at any time!

CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER: Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Beach Lake Chalet,

17300 S Birchwood Loop Rd

ANCHORAGE:

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Spenard Rec Center, 2020 W 48th Ave

publicinput.com/rectrails



FCC Townhall Series

Our last Townhall this year, where we talk Guiding Community Councils: Leading Diverse Stakeholders with Vision on Monday, November 18.

Panelist for the evening include:

Lindsey Hajduk, Neighborworks Director of Community Engagement & External Affairs George Martinez, Assembly Member for District 5 Ann Rappoport, Co-Chair Rabbit Creek Community Council

Tickets are **free** for Wilda Marston Theater or you can watch the livestream on our Youtube.

Get Your Ticket Now

FCC Office Holiday Closure

In observance of **Veterans Day on November 11th**, the FCC Office will be closed. We will reopen November 12th.



This Week's Community Council Meetings

Monday, November 11

• Sand Lake, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 13

- Midtown, 12pm
- Taku/Campbell, 6pm
- Eagle River Valley, 6:30pm
- Old Seward/Oceanview, 6:30pm
- Russian Jack, 6:30pm
- Bear Valley, 7pm
- Birchwood, 7pm
- North Star, 7pm

Thursday, November 14

- Eagle River, 6:30pm
- **Fairview**, 6:30pm
- Basher, 7pm
- Rabbit Creek, 7pm
- Turnagain Arm, 7pm

Check Out Assembly Events Calendar

Contact Us info@communitycouncils.org 907-277-1977



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Rogers Park Community Council

Notice of Hybrid Meeting Monday, December 9, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

In-Person: Rogers Park Elementary School Library

Join via Zoom Meeting!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744236758

Meeting ID: 817 4423 6758

Meeting Documents:

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the agenda & additional meeting documents.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the minutes of the November meeting.

Agenda Highlights:

All Meetings are held at the Rogers Park Elementary School Library, September through May, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. In person or via Zoom.

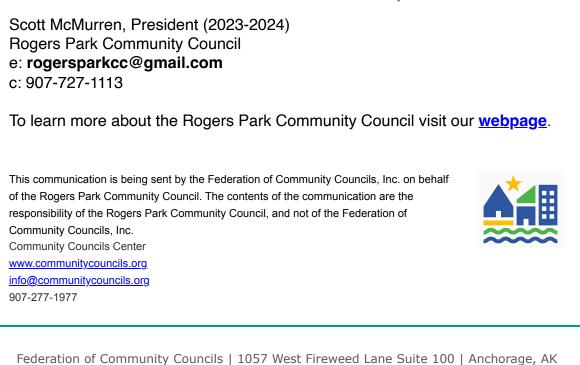
Meeting Dates for 2025 are as follows:

January 13, 2025, February 10, 2025, March 3, 2025, April 14, 2025, May 12, 2025

Please join us. This and all community council meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting: January 13, 2025

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Eagle River Community Council Informational Notice

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING PROJECT NO. 11-16

EAGLE RIVER TRAFFIC MITIGATION PHASE 1 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NO. 1

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eagle River Town Center, Community Room 170 12001 Business Blvd., Eagle River, AK 99577

The Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) Department, in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and Eagle River Street Maintenance, proposes to improve motorized and non-motorized connectivity within the Central Business District, and safety and traffic flow along Old Glenn Highway, between Eagle River Road and the Artillery Road Interchange.

Join us to learn more about the project, meet the project team, ask questions, and share your feedback. Meeting materials will be available on the project website starting October 29, 2024. You can submit comments at the meeting, online, or in writing.

Click here for the project website to learn more!

<u>Click here</u> to send in your questions / comments to the project team

Community Council Information

The next meeting of the council is November 14, 2024.

Chuck Homan, President Eagle River Community Council e: eaglercommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Get Involved!

Email from Federation of Community Councils

The Eagle River Community Council is recruiting members. Please attend the next meeting to learn more about this opportunity to be a leader in the Eagle River community.

President: Chuck Homan II; Vice-President: Cliff Cook; Secretary: Camilla Hussein-Scott; Treasurer: Pauline Tise Directors: Sean Murphy (2025), John Rathert (2025), Kyle Mielke (2026)

For more information about the Eagle River Community Council, <u>click here</u> to visit our web page.

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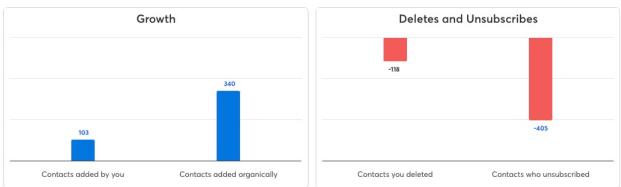
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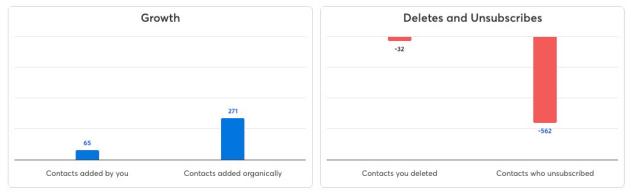
APPENDIX D CONTACT AND OPEN RATE COMPARISONS

Contact Summary Comparisons

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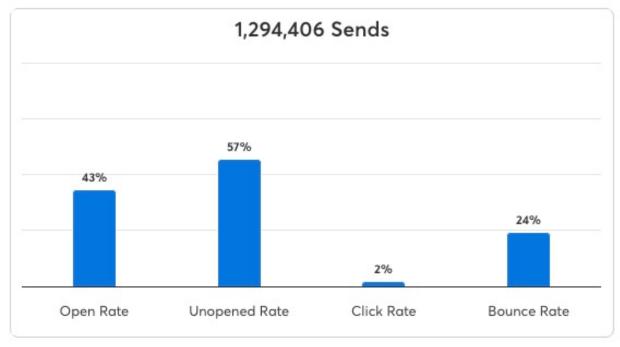


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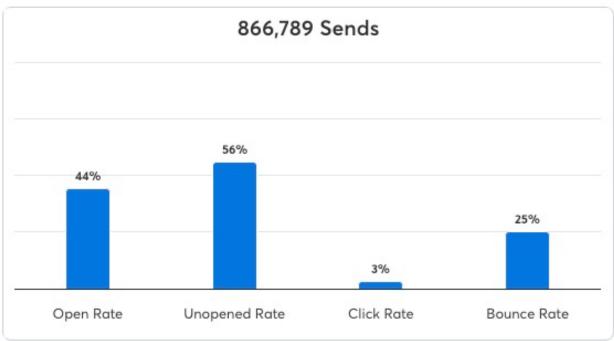


Open Rate Summary Comparisons











August 21, 2024

To the Board of Directors

Board of Directors Federation of Community Councils 1057 Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99503

We have audited the financial statements of Federation of Community Councils for the year ended December 31, 2023, and we will issue our report thereon dated August 21, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 21, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used Federation of Community Councils are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during FY23. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the accumulated depreciation is based on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accumulated depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

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Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 21, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use board of directors of Federation of Community Councils and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Foster and Company, LLC

Foster and Company, LLC Wasilla, Alaska