

Fairview Community Council E-Board Meeting Minutes
2/6/25

Attending: Sharon Chamard, Allen Kemplen, Bradley Cooke and Otilia (OT) Rodriguez (Parks & Rec.)
Zoom: SJ Klein, James Thornton

Discussion with Bradley Cooke and Otilia (OT) Rodriguez from Parks and Rec. about Fairview Rec. Center improvements including Wi-Fi and need to sign onto MOA guest, receive password; only good for certain amount of time for security reasons. Many more improvements coming this summer: paint, bleachers, new scoreboard for gym, and outside improvements as well. Re: programming and staffing : staffing finally full so can build up programs, especially for kids from Fairview Elementary. 35-40 kids after school on average using facility - all for free. Much of these from Strategic Plan. Polynesian community also using facility more. Opportunity for STEAM program at Fairview Elementary. Parks and Rec. looking for more program ideas. Allen already talked to Earl Malpass at Merrill Field about starting an aviation program. They also discussed the establishment of an informal advisory board for the Community Recreation Center. Quarterly meeting dedicated to Rec. Center? No budget for kid's food for after-school programs; looking for food. Allen: send council a list of food items needed.

James Items: discussed sign up for FCC workshop; Federal Tree Grant on hold; Mayor's Office Attendance email; Allen suggested that mayor's office attend when CIP list comes out (April) and also September.

Touch base with ombudsman about doing another audit; Sharon already touched base with him. Alexander Rosales reached out to E-Board about giving school board presentation.

Iditarod email and impact to surrounding neighborhoods.

Elections in March: Janel not running again. Establish election committee? Appointed SJ to chair.

Lighting competition: one house on 15th SW of Carrs has really pretty lights.

Agenda Items:

James to reach out to Jason Norris (Housing Club) about giving an 8 minute presentation about transit corridors at the next meeting.

Allen to prepare a 10 minute presentation on subarctic urban design for the next meeting before Jason's presentation.

SJ to chair election committee and gather names for the upcoming board election. Add to new business for next meeting.

James to reach out to Rene and Karen about the lighting competition update.

Kelly to include the Anchorage Design Week one-pager when sending out agenda.

James to reach out to Tyler from Parks and Rec. for an update on the community garden agreement.

SJ to draft language for the Council Boundaries resolution and distribute it for review.

Add Earl Malpass from Merrill Field as new business agenda.

Old business: Vote on PEL resolution

Sharon will make motion to approve treasurer's report audit by Darrell Hess.

Other Items:

Allen: submitted paperwork for Bloomberg Grant for summer 2026.

Anchorage Design Week: invite Johnny to present with Lindsey? Should be part of Reconnecting Communities report per Sharon. Allen: Arup coming up for Design Week. Meet

and Greet Dinner Feb 16th here at Rec. Center, then on the 17th at 1:30 pm at Neighborworks, set up a work session with him to coordinate schedules, messaging, etc.

James: Should I reach out to public safety? Sharon: as a standing committee, should be on agenda every month. If they don't have a report, then that's okay. James: Want to make sure everyone gets heard. Eyak dumpster and the one at bottom next to the Sullivan are items we are focusing on right now. Next safety meeting: 11th at 5:30 pm at Rogers office. SJ: How are dumpsters a safety item? James: If they aren't being maintained, they are nuisances - want to deal with actionable items right now. Visual negativity and dereliction of owners are things want to report.

Allen: Kudos to ARBRA & Sylvia. They cleaned up where the fire was off 15th. Today I picked up the trash and burnt debris; took everything to James' dumpster. 2 truck loads.

Sharon: Heard from Darrell that the fire was caused by Samoan youth shaking them down for money or their tents would be burned.

Allen: Went to HAND commission meeting Wednesday. Farina pitched HUD moneys to be fully allocated to deal with homeless situation. I reminded members that we have a Homeless, Housing, and Development Committee and would like to speak to neighborhood development. Dave Rittenberg chair. He will introduce resolution at March supporting our reconnecting Fairview efforts.

Allen: MACK Commission: Merrill Field east/west runway reconstruction project will be 24-hour project. Be aware. Could result in more noise over neighborhood. Should be on agenda under new business. No objections.

Sharon: Could request that the approach be from south runway if conditions permit and not do noisy things at night if possible. No back-up beeps.

Allen: Has Taylor (Parks and Rec.) reached out to you about community gardens? State grant not enough. James: No. I will reach out to her. Opportunity for community council to go after some of this mayor's money.

James: AARP has opportunity for mayors to go after a grant called "Mayor's Institute on Pedestrian Safety." Sounds up our alley. We should do this.

James: Will run for president again and I'm doing my best. Support anyone who wants to engage civically.

Meeting adjourned.