

Fairview Council Executive Board Minutes 09/04/08

The Fairview Community Council Executive Board held its regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the Fairview Community Rec. Center, Sept. 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Board members present; Sharon Chamard – Pres., Darrel Hess – Vice. Pres., Harry Deuber – Treas., Paul Benson – Sec., Maria Carter – at large, Dee Kennedy – at large, Michael Howard – at large, Allen Kemplen – at large, Benita White – at large. Other persons present; Wadeen Hepworth and John Tatham from the East Downtown Advocate Group.

Guest Speakers – John Tatham and Wadeen Hepworth

An ad-hoc committee of east downtown residents and business owners has formed to address concerns over the future of the old Native Hospital site. They are looking for a strategy that would ensure that future development on the site will not be a detriment to the community. The concern is that if the initiative is not taken by parties concerned for the well being of the neighborhood anything could happen to the site as it currently exists in a regulatory no-man's-land as it is not addressed in the Downtown Comprehensive Plan. They came to the council seeking input on their process.

Sharon Chamard –

Sharon had a 5th Avenue reconstruction update. It appears there is no option left for AK Sales and Holiday to get a cut through the proposed median.

There was a meeting with City Electric, neighborhood residents and a wide range of Municipal officials regarding noise and safety concerns raised by residents around the property owned by City Electric. The meeting was productive and produced a settlement that met most of the neighbor's complaints. Most of those present indicated their satisfaction with the outcome from the meeting. Initial reports confirm compliance with the terms agreed to.

The Fairbanks Park BBQ is scheduled for September 6th. Parks and Rec. printed flyers. The event marks the kickoff of the Anchorage Parks Report Card Project. The board approved the expenditure of \$60 for a tent.

Darrel Hess –

The Anchorage Parks Report Card Project is an opportunity for neighborhoods to rank the condition of their parks. He thinks every council member should take part in this because this will be instrumental in how Parks and Rec. decides which parks get what kind of maintenance and improvements done and which gets done first

Sharon reported that with regards to the upcoming Chronic Public Inebriate Workshop so far she has the Chief confirmed and the mayor is sending someone as he will be unavailable. Sen. Ellis can't make it so a substitute is needed. Allen suggested that someone from finance or Health and Social Services. So we are still in the early stages of lining up policy makers for the forum.

If anyone owes the council money for the recent garment order it is time to pay up. Sharon expressed concern over the council's cash flow situation. It may be time to do some fundraising. Benita suggested we start getting with the program and start selling t-shirts. She offered to move some herself. Seeing the shirts around the community being worn by our neighbors would be nice.

Sharon asked who is going to take charge of the newsletter; Michael Howard said his wife Myrna is looking for a way to help out. He will ask her.

Agenda items for the September General Membership Meeting include a presentation from Fur Rondy organizers about their proposed Grand Prix route, which will go through our Council area. Darrel will speak to us about the Parks Report Card. There will be the second reading of the Resolution regarding the

purpose and need statement. Consideration will be given to the adoption of the Chronic Public Inebriate report and to a letter to registered owners of aircraft that fly outside of the approved flight corridor. Dee wanted to add an announcement to the agenda about the action at Central Lutheran to change Denali Kid Care.

Allen inquired about the status of the RFP for the Rec. center. Sharon will contact Darrel and then Darrel will make an inquiry

13th and Gambell will not happen this year and Darrel says we will need to ask for more money now. Mike Abbott and Sharon will probably be able get together on this.

Allen suggested that Fairview should always be on the Capital improvements list, we should not have to be the ones to always drive projects done in our community.

Paul Benson asked to schedule this month's membership committee meeting for Monday the 22nd at 6 pm. Kaladi Bros at City Market 13th and I St.

Allen Kemplen – The Merrill Field Advisory Commission met and he brought up the issue of noise due to flights from touch and go landings and low flying planes on the Southern East West runway. Also the issue of liability insurance also came up. It seems many owners don't carry any liability. Perhaps this is an issue of concern not only for our community but for the city as well. It would be a good issue for our Assemblyman to look into. The city might want to have the risk assessor look into the situation as well. We will ask them both to come to our next E-board to hear us out.

Also he announced the revitalization committee may be meeting soon at the Nvision building.

Mike Howard says he is looking forward to going out to other bodies across the city to seek support for our resolution regarding the H2H project.

Maria announced the Gateway Center is planning another job fair, stay tuned. And Nine Star will be beefing up its presence with a job coach.

Harry Deuber –

- Beg. Balance July 16 \$4426.02
- Block Party Donations \$1500.00
- Memberships \$ 10.00
- Total Deposits \$1510.00
- Total Debits \$1669.36
- End. Balance August 14 \$4266.66

Darrel reported that he and Dianne De Santo represented the Mayor at a retirement party for Major Katrina Grundahl of the Salvation Army. Major Grundahl was a past member of the Fairview Community Council and was a Member-at-Large for a few years.

At "Pass-Out Park" near Central Lutheran church, someone went out and cut down a bunch of trees to make the area less hospitable to chronic public inebriates who had been drinking and camping there. Darrel made a few calls and organized a work party to finish the job.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Paul Benson - Secretary