

**Fairview Community Council  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2008**

The May 8, 2008 meeting of the Fairview Community Council General Membership was called to order in the Conference room of the Fairview Community Recreation Center at 7:05 pm. President Sharon Chamard presiding.

**President's Report –**

The president announced the upcoming neighborhood clean-up event and request folks pitch in and asked for a volunteer at the dumpster.

The Fairview Neighborhood Block Party is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fairview Lions Park at or about noon. The Mayor will attend at 1 pm the chair asked for volunteers to take part in an ad-hoc steering committee.

Sharon Chamard read the assembly report on behalf of Assemblyperson Patrick Flynn as he was out of town.

Announced the Anchorage Historic District Visioning Session for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> flyers were made available.

**Secretary's Report –**

Minutes were presented by Paul Benson for the May e-board meeting and the April Membership meeting. Minutes were approved without comment.

**Treasurer's Report –**

Harry Deuber reported;

Balance 3/15/08	\$3,845.74
Deposits	\$ 647.00
Debits	\$ 222.40
Ending 4/14/08	\$4,270.34

**Guests and Presentations –**

- HDR – John McPherson reported that they “would be able to commit” to meeting with the membership at these monthly meetings in addition to their other meetings with the neighborhood revitalization committee because of the fact that the currently proposed rout will bisect the community of Fairview creating impacts that are unique to anywhere else in the project. He summarized the project and their work to date in setting up project management and working out the public coordination plan and that as yet there is still much to do before a final alignment is decided upon. He stated that Fairview is critical to the success of the project. He announced the web site is up though it is still a work in progress. He announced John Tolley is the municipality representative on the management team. He talked about the formation of the executive oversight committee representing all three levels of government involved in the project. He talked about the proposed formation of a citizen advisory committee, HDR has been asked to make recommendations to those responsible for making appointments to that body and stated that “Fairview would be one of the leading seats on that committee” and they would recommend that Fairview have a seat on that committee. And would also be asking that Fairview take a seat with a group called neighborhood partnerships. The project office is going to be opened in the old Green Connection building hopefully by August.
  - Katherine Wood, Deputy Public Involvement Lead at HDR, spoke about the public involvement plan. They are conducting interviews asking people throughout Anchorage about how they would like to see the public involvement project move forward. She explained the rational for reaching out to a broad spectrum of users and stakeholders as it is a necessary component of the NEPA that is part of the FHA mandate .... She also spoke of the formation of a “core group that is reflected in that citizen’s advisory committee of even more committed to providing that advisory role through the life of the project. The neighborhood partnerships concept was “floated” to the membership. The idea is to group councils together that share issues of concern relative to the project.
- John Tolley – Representing the Municipality on the project starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stated he thinks the Mayor expects him to ensure the project has broad based support. And will be seeing more of us as time goes by.

The project team answered questions from the membership. Concerns regarding geotechnical issues and imminent domain were raised. The phasing of the project was brought up. There was some discussion of the alignment.

Dan Loring pointed to the way the community made a difference in the 15th Ave. project and called on the membership to stand up again and make a difference in this project. He insisted that the Hyder Street alternative is the best by far.

Allen Kemplen brought up the topic of Environmental Justice and the project team discussed their perception of what that means. Allen made the case that when the issue of Environmental Justice is raised that the Fairview Council should be considered an authoritative representative to speak to those issues in our community and that in preparing the coordination plan HDR seriously consider including the Fairview Community Council.

Katherine Wood – ask a series of questions for the council to consider.

- Who specifically are the community leaders?
- Where can we go physically to meet with people?
- How will we know when we have been successful in the public outreach process? How can we define success, measure success throughout the project, and evaluate success to know if we have not hit the mark?
- What specific tools do we need to reach the target population?

John McPherson stated that the process would kick in around September.

**Legislative Report** – Rep. Johnny Ellis passed out a hand out and announced the accomplishment in funding PERS, and forward funding education, and municipal assistance in revenue sharing. He talked a little about the high points of the session. Regina presented Johnny with a thank you card signed by the membership in appreciation for his efforts.

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### **Committee Reports**

Beautification – Harry Deuber

The committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the flower patrol, he talked about upcoming work on the diverters Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Johnny Ellis added that the ‘fishing pole’ elements on the A street overpass at 15<sup>th</sup> need painting.

Education – Dan Loring

People from the West High Neighborhood met with the committee. He stated that the discussion went from discussing the facility upgrades to a exciting conversation about curriculum. In light of the low graduation rates what can be done to produce results at West High. He reported that the committee would become part of their core group and recommended unanimous approval of the resolution they brought to the council last month.

Neighborhood Revitalization – Allen Kemplen

The committee is working on the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and specifically how to create tools to implement the strategy such as the Tax Increment Financing Plan recently passed by the council and presented to the Administration for analysis. Also working on developing our relationship with HDR and establishing our position with them during this public outreach process they are involved in as they move forward with the pre-scoping phase of the Highway to Highway Project. The intent of the committee is to combine our revitalization process with those scoping meetings. In order to let the project team be aware of the communities plans with regards to the land use on and around the ‘covers’ so that we get a result that provides a benefit to the community by enhancing the quality of life and fulfilling the vision we share of making Fairview a winter city community of choice.

The streetscape element refurbishments are going out to bid over the summer.

The committee discussed the variances referred to it, these discussions are still ongoing.

The CIP projects ranking list is out for comment.

The 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell project has passed the right of way acquisition phase. The result is an 8 foot median with fencing and landscape improvements. It is not everything we wished for but it was decided that it was better to move forward with something in the hopes that we could get started this summer.

Allen Kemplen moved and Lorne Bailey seconded that the CIP list be referred to the Executive Board; the motion passed without objection by the body.

Public Safety- Sharon Chamard

The committee did not meet last month. The committee will meet May 15<sup>th</sup> 7 pm in the FVCRC conference room. The APD CAP team will be invited to give a report. Sharon will also report on a meeting she will have earlier that day with Jerry Jenkins

the Executive Director of Anchorage Community Mental Health Services concerning some issues brought up at the inebriate workshop. Ron Alleva was invited to come and discuss his resolution concerning the Brother Francis Shelter.

### **Community Comments and Concerns**

Regina Manteufel had talked with Michelle Meyer from Alaskans for Clean Elections about showing a 25 minute presentation next month. It was agreed that Regina coordinate with the Rec. Center to arrange for an earlier to allow Michelle time next month just before the council meeting and thereby giving anyone who wishes to see her full presentation the opportunity to do so. And if requested, agenda time could be given for a shorter version.

### **Old Business**

The second reading of a resolution that encourages the continued support and funding of a plan to develop the West High Campus as a Center of community. The motion to accept the resolution was moved by Dan Loring and seconded by Allen Kemplen and Ron Alleva. After discussion the resolution was passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Maria Carter invited all to attend a Community Picnic sponsored by Alaska Housing at the Gateway Learning Center on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. Sharon offered to invite HDR to attend as well as part of their community outreach.

Dan Loring announced that Dr. James was elected the vice chair to the Minority Concerns Education Advisory committee.

Sharon Chamard announced a new principal was selected for Fairview Elementary. The now former Mt. View Principal Roger Leblanc will now be taking over from Dr. Marc Robinson.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Paul Benson, Secretary