

Fairview Council Membership Meeting 08/14/08

The Fairview Community Council General Membership held its regular monthly meeting at the Fairview Community Recreation Center on Thursday, August 14, 2008. The meeting started at 7:04 pm.

President's Report – Sharon Chamard

- The Fairview Neighborhood Block Party of July 19th was a success and 'Thank-you' to donors will be sent out soon.
- A follow-up to the Chronic Public Inebriate workshops will be held October 21st, at 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Fairview Elementary. Legislators and other policymakers will be invited to hear representatives from the community and social service providers present recommendations for policy.

Secretary's Report – Paul Benson

- Celeste Benson moved (Maria Carter seconded) to accept the minutes as presented, the motion passed without discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Harry Deuber

Beg. Balance \$4934
Deposits \$ 0
Total Debits \$ 508
End Balance \$4426

At this point the President presented the Fairview Beautification Award to New Northwest Broadcasters for renovating the building at 9th and Gambell. Jeff Glaser, the General Manager of New Northwest received the award and offered their assistance in getting the word out for community events.

Assembly Report – Patrick Flynn

- New power plant joint project. MLP and Chugach electric will build a new plant burning natural gas using new technology. The project will be in the vicinity of Minnesota and International.
- Talked about recent ordinances passed by the Assembly.
- AMATS amendment to allocate more transportation money to amenities passed.
- Mr. Flynn took questions from the membership.

Michael Howard – Scoping phase presentation.

- Michael gave a presentation on the scoping process and the importance of council members to weigh in. He provided comment sheets for members to take advantage of.

John McPherson – HDR

- Mr. McPherson gave the membership an update on the H2H scoping process, mentioned August 31st to be the deadline for public comment on materials presented at the outreach meetings held over the summer. Revisions are expected at the end of October.
- John took questions from the membership.

Beautification- Harry Deuber

- No report

Education – Dan Loring

- Next meeting Monday, August 25th at 6 pm.

Membership Development Committee – Paul Benson

- Paul gave the mission statement and meeting times of the committee.

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee – Sharon Chamard

- Sharon talked a little about the committee's general interests.

Public Safety Committee – Sharon Chamard

- On a hiatus will meet again on the 3rd Thursday in September.

Community Comments and Concerns

- Darrel Hess – Wanted to recognize and thank Dan Loring and Harry Deuber who were instrumental in getting the Challenge Grant that allowed for the new fencing at Fairbanks Park.
- Dan Loring announced that he and Michael Howard are arranging a party and get together for the park.
- Sharon Chamard noted the streetscape elements have been refurbished and rehabbed.
- Dan Loring wanted to remind members about how important public education is to the social and economic well being of our community and implored members to become more involved in efforts to improve our system of public education. He thanked Les Gara for his past efforts.
- Celeste Benson reinforced Dan's comments and used the example of Charles Benson's involvement as a volunteer at Fairview Elementary as one way to make a difference.
- Regina Manteufel – The area in Fairview around the VA housing facility needs cleaning and weeding. She suggested that the residents from that facility could do more to care for the area.

Old Business

- The Clean Elections resolution was tabled at the Executive committee until the drafter or mover could meet with the Committee about language in the resolution.
- The Chronic Public Inebriate report was circulated and will be introduced in September or October by the council as official policy recommendation.
- The first reading of the resolution to include land use impacts in the purpose and need statement of the EIS of the Glenn Highway to Seward Highway Connection Project. The resolution was moved by Michael Howard. The resolution was referred to The Neighborhood Revitalization Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm for a debate between Les Gara and Christopher Constant, both candidates for the Democratic Party in the primary election for State House for District 23.

Minutes submitted by Paul Benson – Secretary.