

Fairview Community Council  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2008  
Fairview Community Recreation Center

Meeting started at 7:08 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Darrel Hess (President), Sharon Chamard (Vice President), Dee Kennedy (Secretary), Harry Deuber (Treasurer), Paul Benson (At-Large), Allen Kemplen (At-Large), Lee Ross (At-Large)

**Other Persons Present:** Zack Kirk, Maria Rangel, Debbie Stojak, Claris Syren

Darrel Hess went through a packet of notices:

- letter from Land Use Enforcement Officer Daune Wyatt summarizing the division's activities in 2007 and introducing a new officer who will be working in the Fairview area—Allan Shayer.
- Notice of a Special Assembly meeting on February 8 to update the Assembly on the content and impact of the decision of the Superior Court on the Wal-Mart rezone.
- invitation to park supporters to participate in the 2008 Anchorage Park Summit on February 20 from 4-6 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room.
- community meeting on February 26 from 7-9 pm at the Spenard Recreation Center for persons looking for help preparing application for Park Foundation Challenge Grants.
- resolution from the Mountain View Community Council supporting the Hartman's request for a duplicate liquor license for Fantasies on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Darrel said Dr. Marc Robinson, the current principal at Fairview Elementary, will be accepting a position with UAA at their Mat-Su campus to train and mentor elementary school teachers. This is his last year at Fairview Elementary. Dr. Robinson has said he will work with Carol Comeau and Patricia McRae to find a good replacement. Allen Kemplen remarked that one of the reasons for the improvement in test scores at Fairview Elementary is that the neighborhood is getting better. Because there is more residential stability, it is easier to work with the kids as they are able to stay in one school for a whole year.

Allen presented the draft of the annual council-wide mailer, and said the date for the third public meeting on chronic inebriates is set as February 23, 2008, from 11 am- 2 pm. The location will likely be Fairview Elementary.

Sharon Chamard gave an update on the Community Action Policing (CAP) Team. She is also working with an MPA student at UAA who will be doing a qualitative study of the impact of the CAP Team. In particular, the student will be talking with people who gave testimony at the Council's September 2007 public meeting on chronic public inebriates. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is February 21, at 7 pm at the Fairview Community Recreation Center. The main agenda items are the discussion of a duplicate liquor license application for Imperial Palace on Sitka Street and consideration of how to spend the remaining Community Patrol grant money.

Dee Kennedy spoke about the efforts of AFACT to establish a free Campfire after-school program at Central Lutheran Church.

Lee Ross commented on the big impact of the CAP Team. There was general discussion about the sustainability of the strategy. Darrel said he wrote a letter to the Mayor complimenting the CAP Team. He said he spoke to Don Warden of the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery, who has noticed a big drop off in the number of inebriates hanging around the cemetery.

Harry Deuber reported that the Federation of Community Councils is hiring a new office manager—David Levy—and that the community patrol grant expenditures will soon be reimbursed. Harry was a non-voting member of the

Highway-to-Highway committee that was established to select the contractor for the pre-NEPA scoping and establishment of analysis process. HDR won the contract.

Harry Deuber gave the Treasurer's Report.

<b>Beginning Balance 12/14/07</b>		<b>\$4,952.38</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		
12/28/07	ML&P Donation	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
01/02/08 #1128	AK Best Water	\$32.50
01/03/08 #1129	ACS – Patrol hotline	\$19.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$51.79</b>
<b>01/15/08 Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$6,100.59</b>

Clariss Syren expressed concerns about the Fairview Community Recreation Center (FVRC). She thinks it is short staffed and not well supervised. Kid's Kitchen is a problem because they do not clean up properly and clear out of the room as they are supposed to by 6 pm. She said that if we are going to have these facilities and programs, we need to staff them. Darrel Hess suggested inviting Jeff Matthis, the new NW district parks manager, to an Executive Board meeting to discuss these matters with him. Dee Kennedy said the basis of the problem is a lack of staffing and low pay for staff. Allen Kemplen said the Council should request a status report from Parks and Recreation regarding how the funds we acquired for the FVRC have been spent. He said we need to be thinking about the next state operating budget and how we can build a strong case for FVRC funding. We can look at usage numbers, conduct a users' survey, and examine the unmet demand for the use of facility. It's underused; we're not getting the benefits from the facility. Building political support is also important. When we spoke to Johnny Ellis about getting money to rebuild the FVRC, he said first we needed a viable plan for operating and maintaining the facility. We could look at developing an incentive structure. For example, groups could trade space for volunteer hours. Allen suggested that the role of the Council should be to do some research and put together some concrete plans. It works if we identify a need and an option to meet that need. There was general discussion about the need for sustainable funding, and what other cities have done to fund their parks and recreation facilities.

Paul Benson reported that the Anchorage Handbook Rewrite Committee is meeting this coming Saturday at 2 pm at the Federation of Community Councils office. The Anchorage Seniors' Center is looking for volunteers. Paul thinks we need to reexamine the Council's standards regarding liquor license applications and renewals. He said these standards need to be codified so that decisions are not made based on the whims of people who happen to be on the committee at the time. There was general discussion on this matter, resulting in a consensus that this is not feasible. Lee Ross said that license renewals are rarely denied. There needs to be a record of violations, and as long as the establishment is operating legally, there's not much the Council can do. Sharon Chamard said the Public Safety Committee does in fact have standards, though they are not codified as policy. She said the Committee looks at applications on a case-by-case basis, and would generally oppose a new bar or package store, but not a restaurant. The Committee recognizes the difficulty in denying renewals, and for that reason, does not make such a recommendation unless there is clear evidence that the business in question is a frequent violator. Darrel Hess said it doesn't make sense to codify standards, because it would be a simple matter for these standards to be changed at any point in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Vice President