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## JULY 4th REFLECTIONS ON AN AMERICAN HERO

As Chappie James American Legion Post #34 prepares to relocate in Fairview, the week of July 4th seems a particularly fitting time to remember General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. USAF: A True American Hero!



General James was born in 1920, in Pensacola, Florida. From September 1937 to March 1942, he attended Tuskegee Institute, where he received a bachelor of science degree in physical education and completed civilian pilot training under the government-sponsored Civilian Pilot Training Program.

He remained at Tuskegee as a civilian instructor pilot in the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program until January 1943, when he entered the program as a cadet and received his commission as a second lieutenant in July 1943. He next completed fighter pilot combat training at Selfridge Field, Mich., and was assigned to various units in the United States for the next six years.

In September 1949, General James went to the Philippines as a squadron pilot for the 12th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 18th Fighter Wing, at Clark Field. In July 1950 he left for Korea, where he flew 101 combat missions in F-51 and F-80 aircraft.

General James returned to the United States and in July 1951 went to Otis Air Force Base, Mass., as an all-weather jet fighter pilot with the 58th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and later became operations officer. In April 1953 he became commander of the 437th FIS, and in August 1955 he assumed command of the 60th FIS. While stationed at Otis, he received the Massachusetts Junior Chamber of Commerce 1954 award of "Young Man of the Year" for his outstanding community relations efforts. He graduated from the Air Command and Staff College in June 1957.

General James next was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force as a staff officer in the Air Defense Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. In July 1960 he was transferred to the Royal Air Force Station at Bentwaters, England, where he

served successively as assistant director of operations and then director of operations, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing; commander, 9 2d Tactical Fighter Squadron; and deputy commander for operations for the 81st Wing. In September 1964 General James was transferred to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., where he was director of operations training and later deputy commander for operations for the 4453d Combat Crew Training Wing.

General James went to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, in December 1966, as deputy commander for operations, 8th TFW, and in June 1967 was named wing vice commander. He flew 78 combat missions into North Vietnam, many in the Hanoi/Haiphong area, and led a flight into the Bolo Mig sweep in which seven Communist Mig 21s were destroyed, the highest total kill of any mission during the Vietnam War.

He was named vice commander of the 33d TFW at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in December 1967. While stationed at Eglin, the Florida State Jaycees named General James as Florida's Outstanding American of the Year for 1969, and he received the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award. He was transferred to Wheelus Air Base in the Libyan Arab Re-

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### Tentative Agenda Topics

#### For the July Meeting

- An update on the July 16th Block Party
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Committee & Community Reports
- Anchorage Assembly Report by Allan Tesche

"There is no conflict between liberty and safety. We will have both or neither."

Ramsey Clark



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY, ESPECIALLY TO ALL OF THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES!



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S JUNE MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:10 pm.

**State Senate Report, Johnny Ellis:**

Some appropriations in the capital budget will benefit Fairview – \$70,000 for 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell pedestrian improvements, \$5,000 for Fairview Elementary, and funds for Beans Café and the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center. Also, \$21 million was approved for the next phase of the integrated science facility at UAA.

**APD Report, Sgt. Cindi Stanton:**

The nuisance call ordinance has been revised so that a civil fine can be levied on property owners, as opposed to a property lien as was previously the case. There is also a standard letter, written by the municipality's legal department, which is sent by certified mail. If a property has more than eight calls for police service in a calendar year, the ordinance may apply. If a property is a multi-family building, the calls-for-service are counted for individual apartments, not the building as a whole. Sgt. Stanton is currently checking on two properties mentioned to her by the Public Safety Committee, and can research others if people give her the addresses. She can be reached at 786-2668, or by e-mail at [cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us).

**Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:**

Sharon reported that Dale Myhill requested that one change be made to the minutes of the May 12 General Membership meeting: in the Education Committee report, it should be noted that the GED and CIT graduates are from a Nine Star program.

It was moved by Allen Kemplen and seconded by Lorne Bailey to accept the minutes from the May 12 general membership meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Harry Deuber:**

**5/13 Balance Forward: \$3,715.32**

Deposits:

5/19 Membership Fees	4.00
5/19 Adopt A Garden (Dan Frank)	75.00
Flower Patrol Plant Sale	<u>1,227.00</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1,306.00</b>
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$5,021.32</b>

Expenses:

6/6 Alaska Best Water	23.00
6/6 A.C.S.	19.31
6/6 Alaska Best Water	<u>33.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$75.31</b>

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$5,021.32</b>
Expenses	<u>-75.31</u>
<b>Ending Balance 6/8/05</b>	<b>\$4,946.01</b>

**Assembly Report, Allan Tesche:**

A new initiative to address gangs has led to the creation of a special unit, which will be active during the summer. Some police officers will be transferred from the Sexual Assault Unit to staff this new gang unit. It will be interesting to see the priorities of the new Assembly on public safety matters.

Some new Assembly members want to roll back the sign ordinance that was passed last year. This will be debated next week.

Some upcoming issues that may be discussed by the Assembly include the city laws on assisted living facilities, childcare regulations, the Hilltop Ski Area, an ethics code, a proposed 3% sales tax, and moving to a 2-year budget cycle.

Questions and comments from the membership concerned the types of items likely to be subject to the sales tax, the activities of the gang task force, the relationship between cutbacks to youth services and increases in gang activity, and the performance of public education.

**Guests and Presentations:**

**Beth Wallan, Anchorage Animal Control Center:**

In 2004, the AACC took in 8,410 animals. Half of these were strays, and half of these strays were brought in by members of the public. Dogs are required to have licenses and be restrained. Cats must have an ID tag and/or a microchip. The AACC has a volunteer program wherein people can walk dogs and play with the cats. To volunteer, someone must be over 12 (if they volunteer with an adult). A 16-17 year-old can volunteer with parental consent, and anyone over 18 can do as they wish. The AACC is also looking for people to adopt animals. The facility is located on Bragaw behind the police station.

**Steve Noble and Brad Doggett, DOWL Engineers, 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell HSIP update:**

The Highway Safety Improvement Project at this intersection is much needed because of the high number of vehicular accidents there – over 1 crash per 1,000,000 vehicles entries. More information on these crashes is available at <http://www.dowl.com/projects/hsip/b3.htm>. Most accidents involve southbound vehicles on Gambell turning right (west) on 13<sup>th</sup> and turning into the front Carrs parking lot. The plan is

to put in a median on 13<sup>th</sup> and increase the radius of the northwestern corner.

Dowl Engineers has passed on the sentiments of the community regarding this project to the state, and among the accommodations to the Fairview Community Council is a change of the planned radius of the NW corner. It will now be 30° instead of 45°, which requires not allowing trucks to turn at this corner.

Questions and comments from the membership followed. There was discussion about the bus stop on the NW corner, and how it will be affected by the redesign of the intersection.

Justina Meyer said that most of the people in the area of the bus stop are not legitimate users, so why not relocate or remove the stop? Darrel Hess said it would be possible for the council to get data on ridership from that particular stop. Regarding the idea to move the entrance to the front parking lot at Carrs to the south end of the lot, off 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Paul Kasha this would be a problem because sometimes the right-hand lane is closed when there are events at Sullivan Arena. He also pointed out that when the store is busy and many people are trying to turn into the back parking lot, traffic gets backed up along 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Other members inquired about the appearance of the median planned for 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., and whether there would be decorative fencing, or some other way to prevent people from driving over the median in the winter.

Steve Noble replied that there would be indicators at both ends of the median. He added that there are two reasons why there could not be a fence on the media: 1) there is not enough room on the median for the fence itself or for maintenance; and 2) because this is an HSIP, the Federal Highway Administration puts strict limits on what the money can be used for. It can only be used for safety improvements, and only after a cost-benefit analysis – does the cost of the improvements result in a sufficient number of reduced accidents? The presenters were strongly urged to take into account that this is an important intersection for the community, so the project should be slowed down until the council can get additional money for landscaping and such. Martha Plummer asked why there could not an entrance into the Carrs front parking lot from Gambell. Allan Tesche added that he was disappointed that this possibility has not been discussed more.

**Committee and Community Reports:**

**Beautification, Harry Deuber:**

This has been a very busy month. There was

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the Plant Sale at Carrs Gambell, and the five diverters were planted on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There are some diverters that need to be adopted by someone who will commit to regularly water and maintain them. So far Dan Loring and Dan Frank have each agreed to adopt a diverter. Carol Natrass said she would adopt a diverter as well. The committee will also be sending out letters of appreciation to people who have good-looking properties; if anyone knows of any such properties, they should give the address to Harry or Claris Syren.

### **Education, Dale Myhill:**

The committee met the third Tuesday in May. There have been discussions with Fairview Elementary about the school-wide Title 1 plan, specifically about adding teachers to reduce class size. An idea proposing that people from the community go into the school to help out was rejected. Over the summer the committee plans to review test scores, get comments from the community on vendors offering tutoring under the provisions of No Child Left Behind, and continue planning for the Fall Education Summit. A graduation ceremony for the Nine Star GED and CIT graduates will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at Central Lutheran Church.

### **Recreation Center, Dave Brossard:**

The Rec. Ctr is currently closed because the floors are being redone. The ceiling contractors should be starting soon, so the center will remain closed through next week. There have been staffing shortages at the center, but soon we will get a fourth position and a new position for a programmer. We hope to get some grant money to hire instructors. There will be a group of about 100 youth here for one day in September. They may be able to paint the center and do some carpentry.

The new NW District Manager, Doe Anderson, has recently arrived. She is interested in the parks in Fairview and wants time on the agenda of the next board or general membership meeting to hear about the plans for the parks. She is also very interested in programming.

### **Federation of Community Councils, Justina Meyer:**

The Federation has moved to the Success by Six building in Mountain View. At the last Federation meeting, there was a presentation by Cindi Stanton and another regarding the Transportation Plan. The new bylaws were discussed and approved, article-by-article.

Darrel Hess mentioned that Michael Johnson had contacted him regarding an opening for a

resident on the Municipal Airports Commission, and the Executive Board submitted Allen Kemplen's name.

### **Neighborhood Plan, Allen Kemplen:**

This committee meets every second Saturday at 9 am at the midtown Café del Mundo to discuss the neighborhood plan and overlay zones. Allen went to a meeting in Mt. View regarding that community's development plan. Presenters included Mayor Begich, Mary Jane Michael, and Carma Reed. Mt. View's Neighborhood Plan will be the first in the city, and the administration has committed to do the Fairview plan next. We should continue our outreach into the neighborhood, with residents and businesses. Ordinarily, people don't pay attention to these sorts of things until the plan is before the Assembly or the Planning Board, so it important to get the word out now, in newsletters and such.

Also, a Neighborhood Improvement grant has been awarded by Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services for a project on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terrace from Orca to Medfra.

### **Public Safety, Sharon Chamard:**

Residents are encouraged to pick up a copy of the Fairview Community Survey from the back table and complete and mail it in. Also, the Justice Center at UAA has just released a sourcebook for the Anchorage Community Survey. Responses to most questions, many of which concern crime and justice issues, have been broken down into community council areas. The committee had a successful meeting with a new landlord after it became apparent that one of her apartments was housing people involved in drug activity. The landlord had already taken substantial steps on her own to evict the parties, and was advised on screening procedures to prevent a recurrence. Dan Loring is going to work with people at the Cordova Square condos in case there are any more problems with the multi-family property at 402 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. The committee is working actively to deal with a troublesome landlord who owns three properties in Fairview, each of which has at various times housed people involved in drug and prostitution activity. Claris Syren is attempting to make contact with a small church-affiliated group that is regularly handing out free food and attracting the homeless to the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell.

### **Zoning, Dan Loring:**

This committee will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the Rec. Ctr.

### **Community Comments and Concerns:**

**Dan Loring** – he cleaned up the property approximately at the NE corner of Juneau and E. 15<sup>th</sup> for a community garden. There will be 10' x 10' or 10' x 20' plots, and water and security.

**Regina Manteufel** – she has concerns about making sure there are more girls' sports, and wants to be a part of meetings with Doe Anderson.

**Dale Myhill** – thank you to the people who came to the the Parkview barbecue today. Also, Nine Star may get space at the Rec. Ctr to do case management, and will soon start a GED program at the Brother Francis Shelter.

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **New Business:**

**Regina Manteufel** gave a presentation on her plan for a new low-cost public shuttle/loop van service to help both night workers with their commutes and victims of domestic violence escape dangerous situations. The main rationale for the proposal is that taxi fares are high and are going up. She requested that council members call Mayor Begich to tell him they support the loop van idea and asked Lee Ross to pass along the written plan to the Coalition of Community Patrols.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

***THE NEXT GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF  
THE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL WILL BE  
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005, AT  
7 PM AT THE FAIRVIEW  
RECREATION CENTER, 1121  
EAST 10th AVENUE. FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
DARREL HESS AT 258-3714***

# REFLECTIONS ON A HERO (cont)

Public in 1969 as Commander of the 7272d Fighter Training Wing.

General James became deputy assistant secretary of defense (public affairs) in March 1970 and was designated principal deputy assistant secretary of defense (public affairs) in April 1973. He assumed duty as vice commander of the Military Airlift Command, with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Sept. 1, 1974.

General James was promoted to four-star grade and assigned as commander in chief, NORAD ADCOM, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Sept. 1, 1975. In these dual capacities, he had operational command of all United States and Canadian strategic aerospace defense forces. He assumed the duty as special assistant to the chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, Dec. 6, 1977.

General James was widely known for his speeches on Americanism and patriotism for which he has been editorialized in numerous national and international publications. Excerpts from some of the speeches have been read into the Congressional Record. He was awarded the George Washington Freedom Foundation Medal in 1967 and again in 1968. He received the Arnold Air Society Eugene M. Zuckert Award in 1970 for outstanding contribu-

tions to Air Force professionalism. His citation read "... fighter pilot with a magnificent record, public speaker, and eloquent spokesman for the American Dream we so rarely achieve."

Other civilian awards that General James has received include the following: 1969 - Builders of a Greater Arizona Award; 1970 - Phoenix Urban League Man of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Achievement Award from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; 1971 - American Legion National Commander's Public Relations Award, Veteran of Foreign Wars Commander in Chief's Gold Medal Award and Citation; 1975 - Capital Press Club, Washington, D.C., Salute to Black Pioneers Award; 1976 - Air Force Association Jimmy Doolittle Chapter Man of the Year Award, Florida Association of Broadcasters' Gold Medal Award, American Veterans of World War II Silver Helmet Award, United Service Organization Liberty Bell Award, Blackbook Minority Business and Reference Guidance Par Excellence Award, American Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Award, United Negro College Fund's Distinguished Service Award, Horatio Alger Award, VFW Americanism Medal, Bishop Wright Air Industry Award, and the Kitty Hawk Award (Military). He was awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees from the Uni-

versity of West Florida in 1971, the University of Akron in 1973, Virginia State College in 1974, Delaware State College in 1975, and St. Louis University in 1976. He was also named honorary national commander, Arnold Air Society in 1971.

General James was a command pilot. He has received numerous military decorations and awards.

The years of hard work and stress eventually took their toll on Chappie James health. He suffered a heart attack, but after a brief recovery he resumed his relentless pace. There was so much to do, so many to help, and so many speeches to give. On Jan. 26, 1978 he retired from the Air Force. Just one month later, the great warrior was dead at the age of 58. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C.

General Daniel "Chappie" James fought to preserve and protect our nation, as well as end discrimination in the U.S. Armed Forces and in American Society. Fairview welcomes Chappie James American Legion Post #34 to our Community, and we are confident that their service to our Community will be worthy of General James!

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETS WITH APD LIAISON

Submitted by Sharon Chamard

Members of the Fairview Community Council Public Safety Committee met recently with Cindi Stanton, the Anchorage Police Department's Community Council Liaison Sergeant. Sgt. Stanton has served in this new position since early in the year, and regularly attends the Council's General Membership Meetings, but had not been invited to meet with the Public Safety Committee prior to this.

In the 2.5-hour meeting, several issues were discussed at length, including a small homeless camp in an alley off Hyder Street, public drinking in Fairbanks Park,

junk vehicles parked on public roadways in proximity to garages, and speeding on Cordova Street. Sgt. Stanton urged people to call the police to report incidents, as sometimes it takes a number of calls-for-service before something is recognized as a problem and resources allocated accordingly. She also encouraged the use of other city services (such as Zoning and Code Enforcement and Health and Human Services) to address some long-standing problems in the community.

Sgt. Stanton made it clear that she is a resource to the community that can be called upon for assistance dealing with

disorderly properties and the like. She requests that people take notes on what they see (license plate numbers, descriptions of individuals, times and dates, etc.) and relay this information to her. She can be reached at 786-2668 or by e-mail at [cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us). Other useful numbers include:

<b>Fairview Community Patrol</b>	<b>277-8818</b>
<b>Graffiti Busters</b>	<b>343-GONE</b>
<b>APD Non-Emergency Number</b>	<b>786-8900</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	<b>561-STOP</b>
<b>Community Service Patrol</b>	<b>227-5000</b>
<b>APD Drug Tip Line</b>	<b>786-8864</b>

# FAIRVIEW: THIS & THAT



**Congratulations to Allen Kempen** on his recent appointment to the Anchorage Municipal Airports Aviation Advisory Commission. Mayor Begich could not have made a better choice!

**Kudos to Harry Deuber, Claris Syren** and all the Members of the Fairview Flower Patrol, for the wonderful job they have done this season! Fairview is in full bloom, and looks beautiful!

**Many thanks to Central Lutheran Church** for allowing the FVCC to hold its June General Membership Meeting at the Church! Many thanks also for Central Lutheran's Annual Fairview Neighborhood BBQ, which took place the same evening. Pastor Mike and the gang dished up some great chow! FVCC Board Members Darrel Hess & Sharon Chamard, Senator Johnny Ellis, and Assemblyman Allan Teshce were among those enjoying the food and fellowship! Until next year!



**Hats off to everyone involved** with the June 9th Fairview Community Supper, held at Gateway Learning Center. Special thanks to Dale Myhill and Nine Star! Dale, a member of the FVCC Executive Board helped coordinate the event, and even helped steady a pony or two! The event was well attended, and the chow was tasty!

**Merrill Field General Aviation Airport** will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary on Saturday, July 16th, starting with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 am. Many activities are planned for the day, and the official 75th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony takes place from 11:00 am till 12 Noon at the Eleventh Air Force Memorial site. The event is open to the public.

**Congratulations to Greg & Lenora Niesen**, owners of Frontier Business Systems, at 15th & Ingra, on their selection as Alaska Small Business Persons of the Year! Thanks also for the wonderful job you do maintaining your property, and making it so attractive for the Neighborhood!

**Doe Anderson**, the new Northwest District Park Manager, is on the job, and already hard at work! Doe met with FVCC Board Members at the recent Park Founders Day event at Cuddy Family Park. The three toured all of Fairview's Parks on Monday, June 27th, discussing issues and opportunities. Doe immediately made arrangements for a group of youth volunteers to come in and spruce up Fairbanks Park. Doe has also booked Fairview Lions Park for Saturday, August 6th, so the Community and the MOA can organize a volunteer paint, weed and plant day at the park, followed by a celebratory BBQ. Doe will be attending the July 7th FVCC Executive Board Meeting, to discuss various ideas and strategies for revitalizing Fairview's Public Parks. Welcome Aboard Doe!

**Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services** is still looking for proposals for Summer Neighborhood Improvement Project Ideas! Successful applications could be eligible for grants of \$500-\$1,000. To submit a proposal, or for more information, contact Lisa Mills at ANHS: 677-8435, 250-0255, or [lmills@akanhs.org](mailto:lmills@akanhs.org).

**A BIG thanks to Lisa Mills, Hazel Black-**

**more and ANHS for the April 27th Neighborhood Leadership Circle: Conflict In Your Community.** The event, the first NLC in Fairview, was well attended, and professionally facilitated by Lisa and Hazel. Upcoming NLC include "Understanding Diversity" on September 29th, as part of Mayor's Diversity Week, and a Landlord Workshop sometime in October. Stay tuned for more details!



**FVCC Chair Darrel Hess** recently attended a NeighborWorks America Institute in Boston. Darrel took part in NWA's Community Building & Organizing Initiative Kick Off. NWA has recently made CB&O a full line of business for the organization. Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services is one of 24 NWA organizations that are part of the CB&O Initiative. ANHS considers CB&O such a priority that the organization recently formed a CB&O Board Committee.

**This years Fairview Community Block Party** will be held Saturday, July 16th, at Fairview Lions Park. 8th and Karluk. Food service will begin at 11:00 am, and the party will end at 4 pm. Mayor Mark Begich will be officially proclaiming Fairview Community Pride & Diversity Day in Anchorage. The FVCC will be announcing the recipients of this years Citizenship and Beautifications Awards. There will be live entertainment, fun, food, conversation, a DJ and a Clown! We look forward to seeing all of our Fairview Friends & Neighbors!

**UNTIL NEXT MONTH**

## A PROFILE OF FAIRVIEW FROM THE ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Submitted by Sharon Chamard

The Justice Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage recently released preliminary results from the 2005 Anchorage Community Survey. The telephone survey of close to 2,500 Anchorage adults was conducted over a five-month period in late 2004 and early 2005. Participants were asked about social cohesion in their neighborhoods and satisfaction with municipal services, particularly the police. Responses to the survey questions are broken down into community council areas, and individual and household characteristics of respondents. A sourcebook containing these tables can be accessed at <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/research/2000/0508anchsurvey/0508sourcebook.html>.

Sixty-eight Fairview residents participated in the survey. With respect to municipal services, the majority of those from Fairview (and the rest of Anchorage) were satisfied with fire, emergency medical, and police service; garbage collection; snow removal; the condition of streets and roadways; and the People Mover bus system. Fairview residents were less satisfied than the average Anchorage resident with K-12 education and recreational services.

The survey also asked people some demographic questions, such as their income level, age, employment status, gender, and whether they lived in their current residence five years

ago. The last question measures *residential transience*, which is related to the overall stability of a community. Only 47.9% of Fairview residents said they had lived in their current home five years ago. This compares to 71.9% for Anchorage overall. Fairview also has a low level of home ownership – according to the 2000 U.S. Census, only 27% of Fairview residents owned their own homes, second only to Government Hill, where 21% of residents were homeowners. In Anchorage as a whole, close to 70% of people lived in their own homes. A high degree of residential transience, coupled with a high proportion of renters, may account for Fairview’s low level of “social capital,” as measured by the Anchorage Community Survey.

Social capital refers to a community’s ability to organize itself to either prevent negative or encourage positive influences. It has three main parts: social cohesion and trust, capacity for informal social control, and active participation in social institutions by residents. Participants in the survey were asked how much they agreed or disagreed with statements such as “People in your neighborhood are willing to help their neighbors,” “Yours is a close-knit neighborhood,” “One or more of your neighbors could be counted on to intervene if children were spray-painting on a local building,” and “One or more of your neighbors could be counted on to intervene if children were skipping school and hanging out on a local neighborhood street corner.” Questions were

also asked about participation in religious or political organizations, community groups, and ethnic or nationality clubs. Of all the community council areas in Anchorage, Fairview scored the lowest on measures of social cohesion and trust and capacity for informal social control. Fairview was about average for resident involvement in social institutions (such as churches and community groups).

Why does this matter for Fairview? A community where many residents do not know or trust their neighbors is one that may have problems organizing to face challenges. A community where people do not confront children and others when they are misbehaving is a neighborhood where disorder and crime threaten to destroy the quality of life. A community where most do not get involved in neighborhood organizations is a place where only a few people get to set the agenda and make decisions about things that affect all of us who live here. Fairview is a good neighborhood with great potential and plenty of folks working hard to make positive changes. But more involvement in community life by all people here, whether they are owners or renters, long-term residents or just here for a short time, would do a lot to make Fairview even better. So get out and meet your neighbors, chat with the kids on your street, or get involved with a group like the Community Council. Do what you can to improve Fairview –

*Where People Make the Difference.*

## KIDS KITCHEN’S ELGIN JONES HONORED

Congratulations to Fairview Kids Kitchen founder Elgin Jones, who was recently honored with the Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Churches Charles Rush Award. The Rush Award is presented to minority people working toward

worthwhile social and personal goals. Kids Kitchen has served over 500,000 meals since its inception! At Kids Kitchen, No Child Goes Hungry!

You can help support Kids Kitchen by donating

gift certificates from Carrs, COSTCO, etc, or fresh or canned vegetables and canned or fresh fruit, or fresh meat.

To make a donation, or deliver food goods, contact Elgin at 274-8522. HELP OUR KIDS!

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