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WELCOME AFN 2006!

**DIVERSITY
IS OUR
STRENGTH**

"Anchorage has an excellent opportunity next month to extend our warm hospitality to Alaskans and businesses of Fairview from across our state and show we cherish the rich cultural diversity that Alaska's Native people contribute", Anchorage's Mayor Mark Begich recently stated.

The Mayor's remarks were occasioned by the 41st Annual Alaska Federation of Natives scheduled for October 23-28 at the Egan Convention Center.

As a Neighborhood rich in

Cultural Diversity, and view have a great opportunity to show AFN Members how much we appreciate and celebrate the Diversity of our Neighborhood, and our Community.

The city is working with numerous groups to roll out the red carpet for AFN. The MOA is seeking at least 100 volunteers to welcome delegates at the airport, serve as convention center greeters and much more.

To sign up, complete a volunteer form on the city's website at: www.muni.org/mayor/afnvolunteers or call Clare Charlie at 343-4664.

Three nights of Native dancing and performances are scheduled for the evenings of October 25-27. The best Native arts and crafts in Alaska will also be available. Visit the AFN's website for details: www.nativefederation.org.

Let's show our visitors the kind of hospitality that Anchorage, and Fairview are renowned for!

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Tentative Agenda Items :

October Membership Meeting

- Introduction of final Draft of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan
- Introduction & 1st Reading of a Resolution transmitting the Fairview Neighborhood Plan to the MOA-Planning & Zoning Department
- Community Comments & Concerns
- Community & Committee Reports

"Nothing is less worthy of a cultured nation than to allow it to be 'governed' without protest by a clique of rulers who are dependent on irresponsible and dark drives."

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FINAL DRAFT

During the September 14th Fairview Community Council Meeting, FVCC Neighborhood Plan Committee Chair Allen Kemplen announced that the Final Draft of the Fairview Neighborhood Plan will be publicly released during the Council's October 12th Meeting.



A Resolution transmitting the Plan to the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Department will be introduced and have it's first reading at the same meeting.

An informational flyer was mailed to all postal addressed in Fairview, on Friday, (Cont. on page 3)

Opening line from an anti-Nazi flyer distributed by the White Rose Resistance Group in 1942. The group took its name from writings by the nineteenth-century romantic Clemens Brentano, who composed songs of freedom against Napoleon. The White Rose symbolized freedom of thought & expression. Most of the group was executed by the Nazis in 1943.

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Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:05 pm.

President’s Report, Darrel Hess:

Darrel was asked to apply for a seat on the Anchorage Diversity Advisory Commission.

The Neighborhood Plan Committee will be having meetings soon with people from the Municipality regarding the status of these projects: 16th Avenue Terrace, 13th and Gambell, 9th Avenue, and the Fairview Parkway.

1244 Hyder Street, a long-term nuisance property, has been demolished.

Regarding 402 E. 11th Avenue, adjacent property owner Patti Greene contacted the Fairview Community Council to advise that she and other neighbors have made efforts over the past couple of years, such as calling the police, to deal with this problem property.

Secretary’s Report, Sharon Chamard:

It was moved by Allen Kemplen and seconded by Noel Rea to accept the August General Membership Meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

07/17/06 Balance forward \$9,425.77

Deposits

08/10 First National Bank (Block Party) 500.00

Total Deposits \$500.00

Balance \$9,925.77

Expenses

07/18 Rohan Stevens (Block Party DJ) 500.00

07/21 Alaskan Memories (Block Party) 294.12

07/25 ACS (Patrol hotline) 19.32

07/28 AK Best Water 31.00

07/31 Linda Sahara (Block Party Clown) 500.00

08/01 Darrel Hess (Block Party) 144.44

08/09 Alaska Waste (Spring Clean Up) 592.84

Total Expenses \$2,081.72

08/14/06 Balance forward \$7,844.05

Guests and Presentations:

Sergeant Cindi Stanton, Anchorage Police Department

Sgt. Stanton thanked people for their support getting the Community Liaison position reestablished. Despite being on patrol this summer, she was able to spend a lot of time in Fairview.

Data on calls-for-service from the previous month were presented. In August, in Fairview, there were 144 traffic stops, 90 field interviews, 178 disturbances (including fights and noise complaints), 126 calls involving drunks and 29 drunk transports, 83 warrant services, and 63 welfare checks. Overall, there were 1,425 calls-for-service from Fairview in August.

Les Gara asked how this compares to other neighborhoods. Sgt. Stanton replied that in Midtown, there were 1,001 calls-for-service in August; Bear Valley had 10, and Rabbit Creek had about 400. Robert Lloyd asked about the worst problem encountered, and if it is drugs or alcohol-related. Sgt. Stanton said that drugs and alcohol and involved with lots of crime, but what is “worst” depends on each person. Allen Kemplen asked if there are plans to make community council-level calls-for-service available on the Internet. Sgt. Stanton said that there are currently hot spot maps on <http://neighborhood.muni.org/>, but calls-for-service by address are not made available to the public.

Allan Tesche, Anchorage Assembly

At the municipal level, there are four important things going on now:

- 1) Walmart rezoning in Boniface/Muldoon
- 2) The Ethics Code re-write – Ken Stout and others will soon be having a work session to devise a new code for municipal employees
- 3) Title 21 – a revised schedule was approved on September 12th. It will be released in pieces to the Assembly, not all at one time
- 4) Proposal to lower parking meter fines

from \$20 to \$10. This is opposed by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership because it will decrease parking meter turnover. Also, a \$10 fine may not be enough to deter people from parking all day at meters.

More specifically for Fairview, the Capital Projects list will soon be reviewed. Mark Begich will release the list next week, and the Assembly will approve it within two months. Mr. Tesche commented on the Neighborhood Plan, encouraging the Council to move quickly and get the plan in front of Planning and Zoning and the Assembly.

Les Gara, State House

The gas pipeline contract has not gone forward. It is estimated that the contract would give away \$13 billion in tax concessions. Mr. Gara said he doesn’t think the companies that control the North Slope should also control the pipeline, but that another company should do it. All proposals should be put on the table and the best one picked.

With respect to Fairview, Messrs. Gara and Ellis got state funding for local projects: safety upgrades at 13th and Gambell, Fairbanks Park, Fairview Elementary, the Fairview Community Patrol, and the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

Allen Kemplen asked what is happening with state pensions. Mr. Gara said that estimates of how much is needed depend on the markets. There can be a shortfall. But the state has no option but to pay it; they made a promise to employees. Clyde Burt asked about the wide discrepancy between estimates in the Anchorage School District budget for the pension shortfall. Mr. Gara said the new estimate was a result of a new actuary, and that there should be a third actuary hired to go over things. Compared to other states, Alaska’s state pension plan is well-funded.

Marc Robinson, Fairview Elementary School

This was a quick report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). A more detailed report was given at the General Membership Meeting in August. The school made AYP in 26 of 28 categories. The two

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missed categories are due to non-English-speaking students. Overall, proficiency is going up. The school will be putting together the Fairview School Improvement Plan; a meeting to discuss it will be held on September 19th.

Questions from the membership concerned the transiency rate and tutoring support. Dr. Robinson explained that the transiency rate is about 50%, but this is lower than last year. Students have to be in school at least 200 days to qualify for AYP testing. Missing two categories of AYP makes the school eligible for tutoring support in the form of extra tutoring by teachers, the 21st Century program, Saturday School, and private tutoring available free. But this free tutoring may pull students away from the 21st Century program and Saturday School because parents will be able to send their children to Sylvan for free. Les Gara commented that the transiency rate of 50% means the school is stuck trying to teach students they haven't taught before, and teaching students that will leave the school before they are tested.

Tim Rawson, Alaska Pacific University

Dr. Rawson, a history professor at APU, is working with BGES in an historical survey of Fairview. His job is to compose a written history of the neighborhood. The municipality is interested in the status of pre-Earthquake properties. Currently, field surveyors are going out, looking at maps, and taking pictures of older properties. Dr. Rawson is looking for help putting together the written history.

Allen Kemplen, Fairview Neighborhood Plan

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 have been discussed in depth at previous General Membership Meetings. No one had any questions about those chapters, so the discussion proceeded to Chapters 4 and 5, "the meat" of the Plan. The Plan will be introduced formally at the October General Membership Meeting with a resolution supporting its passage. In November, it will be brought up for discussion, action, and passage. Allen began with Chapter 4, reading

through each of the goals and objectives with short comments about each.

Throughout this, he asked for feedback from the membership.

Dan Loring congratulated Allen and the rest of the Neighborhood Plan committee for the public outreach. He said that public opinion is accurately reflected in the Plan. He also thanked Allen for recognizing in the Plan that education is important, and calling for the need for a more comprehensive education plan. Darrel Hess said he likes the objectives concerning life-long education and increasing family locational stability. Les Gara pointed out that future Assemblies or Mayors are not bound by the principles in the Plan and urged that it be made more specific so that future elected officials cannot just disregard these principles. Allan Tesche supported this view, saying that it is important to be specific as a way of reminding people about the intentions of the neighborhood and the Assembly at the time. The Plan will be an official component of the Comprehensive Plan, as a tool to carry out Anchorage 2020, so make sure you include previous things written about the neighborhood's desires on the Fairview Parkway into the Neighborhood Plan. Noel Rea asked how people can contact Allen Kemplen. Allen replied that his phone number and e-mail address are in the Council newsletter and on the Council website, and there will also be a second Council-wide mailing going out soon to advise people that the Plan will be voted on in November. People have to attend at least one meeting prior to voting. There will be lots of time for people to review the plan and give comments.

Discussion continued on Chapter 5. Allen said the Northern Neighborhood Overlay Zone and Design Guidelines are two tools to make the neighborhood a place where people want to be. Allan Tesche said he thinks the public safety section is good, and that it would be useful to contact Angela Liston from AFACT, as this group is working with APD to amend its strategic plan to allow for community policing. Mr. Tesche thanked Allen and the

committee, saying that this is a great example of a neighborhood plan, and Fairview is far ahead of any other community in Anchorage. Darrel Hess encouraged people to read the Plan, pass it on to their friends and neighbors, and make comments. Dan Loring asked if someone wants to make recommendations to the change the draft, if they should do so at the October meeting, or come to the next Neighborhood Plan committee meeting. Allen Kemplen said it depends. Tweaking the draft would not be a problem, and could be done by coming to the committee meeting. But a major change would run into opposition because the Plan is a result of a lot of public input. Dan Loring said he likes the slogan at the bottom of each page – "Creating Winter City Neighborhoods of Choice." Darrel Hess commented that people are thanking the committee, but most of the work was done by Allen Kemplen, who has put in hundreds of hours.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Harry Deuber said that the Council bulletin board at the Rec. Ctr. needs to be updated. Dan Loring told the membership that the National Indian Educators Association will be meeting in Anchorage on October 19-22. Daretha Tolbert reported that the PTA meeting and open house will be on September 19th at 6 pm at Fairview Elementary.

Committee and Community Reports:

Education Committee, Dale Myhill-The Education Summit will be held on November 4th.

Public Safety Committee, Sharon Chamard Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services will be sending a team of nine people to a Community Leadership Institute in Houston. The CLI team will be implementing a project to establish a resident-run code enforcement program in a community in Anchorage, most likely Fairview or Spenard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.

AROUND FAIRVIEW!

Congratulations to FVCC Executive Board Member and Neighborhood Plan Committee Chair Allen Kemplen, on being nominated by Mayor Begich for another term on the Urban Design Commission, and the Municipal Airport Aviation Advisory Commission.

Congratulations are also in order for FVCC Secretary Sharon Chamard, on being nominated by Mayor Begich for a seat on the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

Celeste Benson: Due to her husband Charles' ill health, FVCC Board Member Celeste Benson tendered her resignation to the Board. The Board regretfully accepted Celeste's resignation. Lee Ross was selected by the Board to fill the seat until the March Election. On behalf of the Council Membership, the Board extends their sincere appreciation to Celeste for her many contributions to the Council, and the Neighborhood over the past three decades.

Individuals, Groups Honored with Diversity Awards: Anchorage businesses and individuals who are leaders in promoting diversity efforts have been recognized with a Mayor's Diversity Award. The 3rd Annual Mayor's Diversity Week culminated Friday night with the annual awards dinner. This year's business and non-profit awards went to Chugach Alaska Corp., Bridge Builders and Nine Star. Individuals recognized for their commitment to diversity were Alaska Federation of Natives President Julie Kitka, and Liz Posey, retention coordinator for

African American, Hispanic, Asian, International and Native American Student Programs at UAA



Congratulations to Rob Heun, who as of 5pm Friday, September 29th, officially became Chief of the Anchorage Police Department. The FVCC looks forward to working with Chief Heun.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Duane Wyatt reports that the case against Alexander's Body Shop, open since 1995, is now on the Municipal Prosecutor's desk. Once the Prosecutor's Office signs off, clean-up of the property will be put out to bid. Members of the FVCC Board met with Deputy Municipal Manager Mike Abbott, and Allan Tesche, expressing the Council's STRONG desire to see the property cleaned up.

Duane also reports that the owner of the property at 402 East 11th, is doing extensive remodeling and upgrades of the property, including new carpet, doors, floors, a heating system, and removing the dilapidated wooden fence in front of the building. Thanks again to Duane, other MOA Staff, the neighbors near the property, APD and the Fairview Community Patrol, for all of their efforts in getting this problem property turned around!

Medfra Street Closure: Fairview Residents have inquired concerning the closure of Medfra Street next to Alaska Sales &

Service. The closure is temporary while Alaska Sales & Service repairs their roof.

A written history of Fairview is included as part of the Historical Survey of Fairview being funded by the Housing And Neighborhood Development Commission. The history is being written by APU Historian Timothy M. Rawson, Ph.D. If you, or anyone you know, has knowledge of Historical Fairview, especially prior to the 1964 earthquake, or historical photos of Fairview, please contact Tim:

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We need your help to preserve Fairview's History for future generations!

UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Many thanks to Tesoro Alaska, which recently made a donation of gas cards to the Fairview Community Patrol. The company has a 36 year history of supporting community organizations that strengthen communities, protect the environment, and educate our youth.



NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FINAL DRAFT (Cont.)

September 29th.

A Neighborhood Work Shop for the Draft Plan will be held at the Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue, from 11am-1pm, on Saturday, October 28th.

The Resolution of transmission will have it's second reading and a vote at the Council's November 8th Meeting.

The Council's November Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, to allow for the Anchorage Equal

Rights Commission's 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Fairview Community Recreation Center on Thursday, November 9th.

For more information on the Council's Neighborhood Plan Process, including documentation, please visit the Fairview Community Council Home Page, on the Federation of Community Councils Web Site:

www.communitycouncils.org

For more information on upcoming

meetings, please contact FVCC Neighborhood Plan Committee Chair Allen Kemplen, Council Chair Darrel Hess, or Council Secretary Sharon Chamard. Their contact information is on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Please attend the upcoming meetings, and voice your thoughts and opinions on the Fairview Neighborhood Plan that will help shape Fairview for the next 30 years!



October 19th-22nd, the National Indian Education Association will be holding its 37th Annual National Convention in Anchorage.

Anchorage is privileged and proud, to have been selected by the NIEA, as the site of their 2006 National Convention!

The NIEA is the nation's premier Indian Education Group, whose primary mission is "Keeping the Commitment to American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawai-

ians." The organization's goals are ably stated in their motto: "Honoring Tradition-Creation Change."

Anchorage's, and Alaska's school administrators, school board members, teachers, students, residents, parents, elders, and Tribal leaders are invited to attend the Convention's multitude of events, which will be held at the Egan Convention Center, and the Alaska Center for the performing arts.

For a complete schedule of the Convention' events, and a history and overview of the National Indian Education Association, please visit the organization's website:

<http://www.niea.org/index.php>

The Fairview Community Council **WELCOMES** the Members of the National Indian Education Association to Anchorage, and encourages as many Anchorage residents as possible to attend the Convention..

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Fairview

Community Patrol

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