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“Serving Fairview, Where People Make The Difference”



On May 2, 2009 (rain, snow, or shine) come join in Jane's Walk Anchorage! Stroll, bike, wheelchair, juggle, or skip, and come explore the midtown-downtown connection through Fairview. The route we will take is through a major transportation corridor, the heart of Fairview, and provides a living laboratory for exploring Jane Jacobs' ideas. We will gather in the Sullivan Arena parking lot for coffee and pastries, then embark through the Hyder corridor where Fairview community members will act as tour guides to discuss various points of interest. After exploring revitalization efforts underway in Fairview, we will end downtown in Town Square, across from City Hall. Remember, people make the difference! Volunteers are needed to

shuttle participants back to their vehicles afterward. To volunteer, or for more information, check out the Jane's Walk websites listed below or contact Michael Howard: 222-5424 (day), 222-1268 (eve), or michaelhowardak@gmail.com.

Time: 9:30 am Saturday May 2nd, 2009. Walk begins at 10:00 am.

Meeting Place: Sullivan Arena parking lot for coffee, pastries, and making friends!

Tour Ends: 11:15 at Town Square

Websites:

www.communitycouncils.org (click on Fairview, Jane's Walk Anchorage, and view the Google map of the route with points of interest)



Fresh Website!!!

Darrel Hess has been hard at work over the past few weeks updating the content on the FVCC web site. He has uploaded minutes from Executive Board and General Membership meetings going back to 2006. If you are an amateur archivist who stores things, we are looking for older minutes!! Other updated content on the site includes material on the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and from the various workshops and forums the FVCC hosted on the topic of chronic public inebriates. There is also a link to the Fairview Historic Building Survey that was conducted in late 2007. This is a fascinating report that includes a history of the growth and development of Fairview. We are also looking for

historic photos to put up on the web site. If you have old minutes (or other FVCC documents, like meeting agendas or newsletters) or old photos of the neighborhood, contact Darrel Hess at 258-3714 or gmpeon@alaska.net. Go to the FVCC web site at www.communitycouncils.org, and then click on "Fairview" on the right of the page. **By the end of March, the FVCC web site will have a new feature**—a question-of-the-week that people will be able to reply to. The best or most interesting answers will be published in this newsletter! We hope this will encourage people to visit the site again and again; new material is always being added.

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Results of Annual Election of officers

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the FVCC Executive Board:

President – Sharon Chamard

Vice-President – Allen Kemplen

Secretary – Michael Howard

Treasurer – Ron Alleva

Members-at-Large: Paul Benson, Maria Carter, Dee Kennedy, Debbie Stojak, and Benita White.

Two long-term members of the Executive Board, Harry Deuber and Darrel Hess, decided not to seek re-election to the Executive Board. Their service is much appreciated; each has done a tremendous amount to improve the quality of our community. Both Harry and Darrel remain committed to making a difference in Fairview. Harry is continuing as Chair of the Beautification Committee, and Darrel will stay on as the webmaster of the FVCC web site.

"Responsibility does not only lie with the leaders of our countries or with those who have been appointed or elected to do a particular job. It lies with each of us individually"
—Dalai Lama



HELP BUILD A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD!

FAIRVIEW MAIN STREET WORKSHOP

Fairview Workshops

April 4th - North Fairview Main Street Design Workshop: A follow-up event discussing the future land uses of the area along the Gambell/Ingra Street Corridor north of 9th Avenue.

April 18th - Affordable Housing Workshop: An event exploring and defining the role of affordable housing in the Fairview Community Plan and in the Fairview Neighborhood Revi-

talization Strategy.

Location

Fairview Community Recreation Center

Time

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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March's Council Meeting Highlights

At the March General Membership Meeting, council members voted 21-1 to accept eight proposed by-law amendments. The changed by-laws 1) remove the term limits for Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large, and allow for someone who has served the term limit as President or Vice-President (five consecutive years) to run again for those offices after one full year; 2) permit election of offi-

cers by simple majority vote if there is an uncontested slate of candidates; 3) specify that the President is the spokesperson for the Council; and 4) permit the Treasurer to make disbursements, without authorization of the membership, of funds raised for specific Council projects, or grants directed to the Fairview Community Patrol or specific Council projects.

—Sharon Chamard

Paul Benson Secretary's Report

This month the Council held its annual election and received a report on the bi-annual audit of council books. We received presentations from parties in support of various bonds on the April Ballot. Jeff Matthis of the Dept of Parks and Recreation gave a summary of the Anchorage

Report Card on Neighborhood Parks. A candidate for School Board spoke briefly and Verna Gibson of the Shiloh Community Housing Development Corporation spoke about their programs and asked for interested members of the community to come forward and serve on their board. Minutes for council meetings can be viewed on-line at the Council Website.

"Historic Four" Mayoral Forum

Fairview Community Council Hosted a Mayoral Forum in conjunction with Downtown, South Addition and Government Hill, at the Senior Center last March 23 at 7:00pm. It was a great opportunity to inform our residents about their choices in the upcoming election.

The forum was a success; it was well advertised and well attended. Candidates Sheila Selkregg, Dan Sullivan, Matt Claman, Eric Croft, Paul Honeman, Walt Monegan, Dominic S.F. Lee, Bob Lupo, Billy Ray Powers, Paul Kendall, Phil Isley, and Merica Hlatcu attended the forum. The candidates spoke on issues

relating to Anchorage 2020, downtown development, open spaces and parks, growth, Fairview's revitalization plan, public transportation, the Highway to Highway Project and their solutions to deal with the chronic inebriates problem.



The Membership Development Committee hosted a potluck on February 28th at Central Lutheran Church. Those in attendance had a good time and engaged in spirited conversation about the neighborhood. We hope to have one more Potluck before summer and will get the announcement out as soon as possible. The next Membership Development Committee meeting will be on Monday April 6th at 6:00 PM in the food court of New Sanya City Market on 13th and I St.

—Paul Benson

Fairview Community Recreation Center Renovation Feasibility

The Makers/Eppsley Consultant when the consultants described Team has been hired by the Municipality to assist with a thorough review of the Fairview Community Recreation Center—the physical plant, the programming, the staffing, and the community needs. Six Fairview residents and Center users (Celeste Benson, Paul Benson, Sharon Chamard, Michael Howard, our first meeting was on March 25th

the process to analyze the Center's facility and its current functions, analyze the Center's recreational use and define programs, develop alternatives for review, and develop the draft and final master plans. This study would not be possible without budgetary support from our Juneau legislators, Senator Johnny Ellis and Representative Les Gara, and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Fairview Oral History Project Nears Completion

Five participants in this year's *Leadership Anchorage* class have spent the last few months interviewing many Fairview residents, asking them about their memories of the neighborhood and what they think defines Fairview as a community. Taping has concluded, and now the group is working on the final product—a DVD that will be made available to Fairview Elementary School, the Fairview Community Council, and uploaded (in part) to the Internet.

Spring Clean-Up Day!

Mark Saturday, May 9th on your calendars now for Spring Clean-Up Day in Fairview! As in past years, dumpsters will be located in the parking lot of the Fairview Community Recreation Center, and volunteers will be driving throughout the neighborhood in search of large items to be transported to the dumpsters. If you have a pick-up truck and a strong back, or can fill garbage bags with trash, Fairview needs you! Contact Harry Deuber at 440-6372.



- Next Council Meetings:**
- Board meets **April 2nd & May 7th.** From 7:00 to 9:00 pm (open to public) at the Fairview Rec. Center
 - General Membership meets **April 9th & May 14th.** From 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Fairview Rec. Center