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“Serving Fairview, Where People Make The Difference”



THE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HOSTS “JANE’S WALK ANCHORAGE” —Anchorage, AK - Thousands of people in hundreds of neighborhoods around the world will participate in the second annual “Jane’s Walk”. This year the Fairview Community Council is hosting “**Jane’s Walk Anchorage**” at **9:30 am on Saturday, May 2nd. Meet at the Chester Creek trailhead at 20th and Ingra** for coffee and pastries! Inspired by urban activist Jane Jacobs, “Jane’s Walk” helps put people in touch with their environment and with each other, bridging social and geographic gaps and creating a space for cities to discover themselves. Everyone is invited to come stroll, bike, wheelchair or juggle through the Midtown-Downtown connection in Fairview. Fairview is a dynamic changing neighborhood and provides a living laboratory for exploring Jane Jacobs’ ideas here in Anchorage. Community members act as tour guides as we explore Fairview and discuss revitaliza-

tion efforts underway in Fairview and east Downtown. We will end our 2-mile walk across from City Hall, because “People Make the Difference!” The Fairview Community Council is developing its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy in an effort to restore and revitalize the Gambell-Ingra corridor and build upon our community’s strengths. The proposed Highway to Highway connection project has the potential to dramatically reshape the neighborhood, and residents are busy working to ensure a vibrant future for Fairview. Jane’s Walk is sponsored by Next American City and the Center for the Living City. To volunteer, or for more information, **contact** Michael Howard: **222.5424 (day), 222-1268 (eve)**, or michaelhowardak@gmail.com.



MAY @ the Fairview Rec. Center!

Pilates Workshop
Monday’s 18th, 20th & 27th from 5:30 to 6:45 \$10 per class.

Anchortown Jugglers Tuesday’s @ 8:00 pm Free for drop-ins!! For more information call 907-244-2453

Scottish Country Dancing Monday’s @ 7:30 \$3 per class. For more information call 907-345-7124

Discover the treasures of your neighborhood!

Did you know there is a pottery studio, computer lab, dance/martial arts studio, commercial size kitchen, gymnasium, weight room, multi purpose room, teen center, youth gym and even free Pro Bono



Legal Clinics at the Fairview Rec. Center? Get more information on fees and services @ <http://www.muni.org/parks/fairview.cfm>

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.



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*“You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.”
—Albert Camus*

April's Council Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report Kari Sherman from Anchorage Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on how to make a rain garden in your own yard: The Municipality is offering grants of up to \$750 to construct a rain garden. For more information contact your Rain Garden Programmer at 343-8084 or anchorageaingardens@muni.org. A representative from the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center spoke on the new clinic

signals their positive growth. Clinic staff are working to ensure that adequate bus service will be provided from the clinic's previous location at 10th and Medfra. Representatives from The Boutet Company and DOWL architects gave an update on 13th and Gambell intersection improvements: Although the process has been delayed for many months, staff hope to finalize Right of Way issues and begin construction this

building process: They are excited about the move, as it

coming summer, with the potential to complete the project improvements by around November of 2009. Julianne Hanson from HDR gave an update on Highway 2 Highway Project. The Purpose & Need "working draft" statement as well as the newly introduced "screening criteria" are available at www.highway2highway.com for public comment. For more information email project staff at contact@highway2highway.com. Please contact Council officers if you would like to learn more or become involved in activities addressing the Highway to Highway project. — **Michael Howard**

Membership Development Committee did not meet at its' scheduled time in April. We will be working on the Neighborhood Block Party soon and look for any volunteers to assist with set-up and clean up activities. The committee's next meeting will be at 6pm in the food court of Sagaya City Market on 13th and I Street Monday May 4th. For those of you wishing to learn more about the Committee and its' mission visit the Fairview Website or call Paul at 441-5774.

April's Fairview Workshops

North Fairview Design Workshop - April 4th Residents gathered to discuss the future of the commercial area of north Fairview. It is anticipated the Highway to Highway project will change the number of vehicle trips through this area. Such a change in road traffic will likely cause some current businesses to re-locate, go out of business or change their business model. Workshop participants reviewed land use,

zoning and other community information to determine a best case future for the area. The group recommended that the Fairview Community Plan modify the land use plan map to show the area as community mixed use.



Affordable Urban Housing Workshop - April 18th Residents and agency representatives met to discuss the issue of affordable housing as part of the Fairview Community Plan and the Fairview Revitalization Strategy. Presentations were given on the Community Plan and Affordable Housing. Participants broke into two groups to answer three questions: What are the affordable housing issues in the east Downtown area? How can these issues be addressed? What Action Steps are needed? Check the Council website for a more detailed write-up of both workshops.

Next Council Meetings:

- Board meets **May 7th. & June 4th.** From 7:00 to 9:00 pm (open to public) at the Fairview Rec. Center
- General Membership meets **May 14th. & June 11** From 7:00 to 9:00pm open to the public) at the Fairview Rec. Center