

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Fairview Community Recreation Center at 7 pm on September 10, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at 7:02 pm.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Guest Presentations and Reports:

- **Michael French, Life Alaska** presented on the organ and tissue donation process in Alaska.
- **Three representatives from the Anchorage Fire Department** presented on fire safety issues as the weather grows colder in Anchorage. There was also presented information about rolling closures that are taking place within the Anchorage Fire Department due to municipal budget cuts. Engine 2, that serves Fairview, has only been closed 3 times during the past 60 days.
- **Tracy Reno, NeighborWorks Anchorage**, presented briefly on the Senior Accessibility program grants that are available for accessibility improvement. Reno also presented on the outcomes of the Paint the Town 2009 annual event. Three homes were painted in Fairview; 26 total Anchorage-wide. She solicited nominations for houses to be painted during next year's event.
- **Patrick Flynn, Assembly Representative**, reported on the rolling closures already addressed by the representatives from the Fire Department. In October, Flynn will introduce an ordinance in October allowing a limited number of night clubs to stay open later by one hour, a "safety hour", to allow for staggered exits for patrons leaving bars. Flynn also added a personal note that he is participating in the United Way annual giving campaign. There was some discussion and questions asked about the "Safe Hour" ordinance. There were additional questions asked about the new municipal efforts to clean up homeless camps, and what policies are in place regarding police searches and dismantling of homeless camps. There was some discussion of a hiring freeze in relation to municipal budget cuts. It was mentioned that the Community Council is working with the Dept. of Neighborhoods on a revitalization strategy for the neighborhood, and that this might relate to the homeless issue.

A special election was held to fill two vacant seats on the board. Karen Larsen and Geoffrey Humphreys were nominated. Darrel Hess moved to approve the slate as per their nominations. The motion was seconded and nominations approved unanimously.

President's Report

The Alaska Mental Health Consumer web will be hosting a healing drumming and talking circle on Friday and Saturday, September 11-12.

On September 22, from 5-8 pm, a public meeting on the Highway to Highway will be hosted at Wendler High School. This will include a public presentation.

Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13, there will be a public awareness fair at the Loussac Library.

The new Fairview Community Recreation Center hours will be:

Mon – Fri: 11 am - 9 pm

Sat: closed

Sun: 10- 4

The Rec center will be open during after school hours

S.J. Klein moved: Request to Parks and Recreation that the hours for the Fairview Community Recreation Center be adjusted to accommodate the needs of the majority of users in the community, and that the resources needed to staff it be supplied accordingly.

Paul Benson seconded.

There was some discussion and a proposal to amend the motion to include the language include "...and to hire back the supervisor position to staff the center." After some discussion, a vote was taken on whether to approve the amendment. The amendment failed. A vote was taken on the original motion. The motion passed unanimously. (12 ayes; 0 opposed.)

Secretary Report

The minutes from the previous minutes were approved as corrected after some discussion about the previous month's sense of the body resolution.

Committee Reports

There was no report from the Beautification Committee.

Sharon Chamard reported that the Public Safety committee will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, September 17th at the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

Paul Benson reported on behalf of the Membership Development committee that it will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1530 Orca Street, at 7 pm.

Sharon Chamard reported on behalf of the Neighborhood Plan committee on the affordable housing topics discussed at the committee's previous meeting.

Paul Benson reported that the Membership Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting the first Tuesday of the month at the Downtown Sagaya Market Kaladi.

Michael Howard reported that the Revitalization Strategy Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, Sept. 11th, at the NVision Architecture building on 13th and Gambell from 11:45-1:00 pm.

Old Business

Sharon Chamard presented the draft Council comments on the preliminary alternatives that were introduced for the Highway to Highway. Some revisions were made from the original draft and made available for review by the membership.

Paul Benson moved to approve the comments and advance the council comments to project staff and appropriate parties. S.J. Klein seconded and was no further discussion on the motion. The president counted 9 in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

S.J. Klein mentioned the inebriates that have been camped around the neighborhood. There was discussion about the effect of shrubs and trees and what should be done to alleviate the problem.

The FHWA has finalized a MOU with ADOT to begin the process of a historic preservation study that will encompass Government Hill, and parts of Fairview, as part of the mitigation for the Knik Arm Bridge.

New Business

On September 21 at noon at the Fairview Rec Center, the Back to Work Network will meet to provide community resources. From 6-8 pm the Network will join with Bridge Builders to continue activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm. Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.