

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at 7:04 pm.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Guest Presentations and Reports:

- Amory Lelake, Staff to Senator Johnny Ellis, and Senator Johnny Ellis was present with surveys regarding Senator Ellis' energy plan for the state and the priorities therein.
- Allen Kemplen, Vice President and Chair of the Neighborhood Plan Committee, provided a brief presentation on the next steps for the revised final draft of Fairview Neighborhood Plan. In January and February, Allen will host public forums for the plan. The next steps will then be to begin moving the plan through the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and final approval.

President's Report

Sharon Chamard reported that the 13th and Gambell project is tentatively on track to begin construction in 2010. The Council will be working to secure funding from the state for the gateway element. This element may or may not be completed during the initial phase of the project.

The "Get Fit Anchorage Demonstration" project has chosen Fairview as the neighborhood for the demonstration project. Multiple hospitals, state agencies, and funders have collaborated to address youth obesity. A kickoff meeting will be held December 23rd, 4-6 pm. Community representatives interested in being involved may give their contact info to Sharon for follow up involvement.

Kenny Scollan, RurALCAP, updated the council on Assembly Representative Dan Coffey contacted RurALCAP that the Red Roof Inn has offered to sell itself to a nonprofit agency. In collaboration with the Alaska Mental Health Trust, RurALCAP is exploring what modifications to the building might be needed in order to house the most severe chronic public inebriates. The facility would be staffed 24 hours per day.

Allen Kemplen noted that the adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans both identify that same area as hazardous to pedestrian and bike movement, and that they both recommend a special study area. Scollan responded that this is a primary concern being dealt with, and that options are being explored for mitigating the danger. Scollan also noted that the Red Roof Inn project is intended to be a temporary solution.

Darrel Hess presented information on the Mayor's Strategic Action Plan for Chronic Public Inebriates and Related Issues of Homelessness. The report is also available on www.muni.org, "what's new", link to Mayor's Strategic Action Plan for Chronic Public Inebriates. Hess also noted that the Red Roof Inn site has not yet been endorsed by the Mayor's Homeless Leadership Team, and that RuralCap still had a lot of due diligence to do with the proposed project, including an engineer's report. Hess noted that major recommendations by the HLT include the housing first approach, and a draft ordinance to "allow severe alcohol dependent housing" as a conditional use in certain zoning classifications. The draft ordinance should be introduced at the Assembly before long, and a public hearing will be scheduled following introduction. Hess noted that the ordinance offers certain protections to neighborhoods.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as introduced.

Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer was not present; Sharon Chamard noted that there are a couple outstanding checks from the block party.

Committee Reports

Allen Kemplen reported that the Neighborhood Plan committee will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday at Café del Mundo from 9 am – 11 am.

New Business

Christopher Constant, resident, introduced a resolution in support of converting Earl and Muriel King Park into a fenced, off-leash dog park. Though the park is not in Fairview, but in South Addition, the parking impacts and potential benefits the park provides will affect Fairview.

Darrel Hess moved to introduce the resolution for first reading on his behalf as a member of good standing. The motion was seconded and referred to committee.

Community Comments and Concerns

Paul Sanhoffer presented information on behalf of the Senior Center, that the center will be submitting a grant proposal for a compacted gravel trail for use by seniors, and that it be wheelchair accessible. Residents of Chugach Manor will also enjoy the support of the trail. In the future, as grant efforts shape up, the group may request a letter of resolution from the Council in support of their proposal(s) in the future when the

Allen Kemplen moved to allow Sharon Chamard, President, to write a letter of support on behalf of the Council for the trail efforts. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Nancy Burke, from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, introduced herself as a resource to the Council in coming months.

Catherine Stone, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, also introduced herself as a resource on behalf of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Les Gara reported that he will be headed into session in January. He provided additional input on the proposed Red Roof Inn project and noted that he would be available for the remainder of the meeting for conversation regarding this and other issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09.

Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.