

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Fairview Recreation Center on April 8, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at 7:05 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

President's Report, Sharon Chamard

Chamard visited the 1811 Eastlake project in Seattle sponsored by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Chamard met with numerous agency representatives and elected officials. Chamard reported on a number of programmatic differences between the two programs.

Rural CAP has received three Special Needs Housing Grants (totaling \$3.7 million) that will allow them to move ahead with the purchase of the Red Roof Inn property. Rural CAP can now work on addressing the conditional use permit necessary for their proposed project to be delivered on the site.

Chamard reported the formation of a tentatively titled "Harm Reduction Committee" to study models of addressing issues of homelessness and chronic public inebriates through the housing first model.

South Addition Council will be hearing a presentation from Fairview Council member Christopher Constant.

There is a public meeting regarding two highway safety improvement projects affecting Fairview: 15th and Sitka; 16th and A St., April 12, 2010 4 - 6 p.m. at Alaska Department of Transportation, Main Conference Room, 4111 Aviation Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

Secretary's Report, Michael Howard

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without corrections.

General:

Sgt. Denny Allen was presented by the Council with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report, Ron Alleva

The Council will purchase a water cooler for the police substation as an alternative to renting the cooler on a monthly basis.

\$3,0314.50, is the current balance.

Guest Presentations

Representatives from Merrill Field, spoke regarding upcoming construction during the summer of 2010. Activities will include dynamic compaction, paving, movement of gravel. Expected to take place between May 1 and August 1, 2010.

Patrick Flynn, Assembly Representative, Flynn expects the mill rate to remain constant from 2009. Friday, April 9, at 9 am at City Hall, there will be a work session open to the public.

The final chapter of the Title 21 rewrite is underway. The next step is that it will move back to planning and zoning for reconciliation; Title 21 committee may bring the rewrite back to Flynn within 6 months for approval.

John McCleary, Municipal Trail Watch Coordinator, presented information on the Trail Watch memberships' efforts to maintain and clear trails during the summer. The goals of the program are to increase visibility along trails and increase safety. A locator map is available online on the locations of the work. McCleary provided information on various programs on the table at the meeting.

Ron Alleva, Grubstake Auction, presented information regarding concerns about neighborhood impacts of Brother Francis Shelter and Bean's Café. Community member Darrell Hess noted that Catholic Social Services has been given 90 days by the municipality of Anchorage to become compliant with their conditional use permit. Alleva discussed a list of concerns specific outcomes he feels have been detrimental to the community as a result of the social service agencies: tunnel, phones at Carrs, the bus stop, scared senior citizens, hesitancy from the women's resource center to rent near the area.

Alleva moved to introduce a resolution resolving that the community hold accountable social service institutions for actions that have an impact on the neighborhood.

Paul Benson seconded the motion.

The motion was referred to various committees in the following order: the Public Safety Committee; the Harm Reduction Committee; and the Neighborhood Plan Committee.

Committee Reports

Beautification committee will lead the neighborhood cleanup on May 8 (tentative.) Dumpsters will be available for use by the neighborhood to cleanup garbage and litter.

S.J. Klein moved to allow the council to disburse up to \$600 dollars to rent a dumpster if needed.

The motion was seconded by Paul Benson and passed without objection.

Alleva also noted that he would work to procure a dumpster if possible.

Revitalization Committee

Jane's Walk, May 1st, organized as one of a number of Jane's Walks around Anchorage as part of the national event.

Block Party, possible July 10th or 17th, volunteer sign-up sheet on the table

NUSA conference, Michael may attend as a delegate and help organize

Harm Reduction Committee

The Committee will meet soon at a date TBA. The information will be made available on the website, through the federation, and on Facebook.

Old Business

New Business

Kenny Scollan reported on behalf of Rural CAP that the 11th and Medfra project has gone out to bid, and Rural CAP hopes the groundbreaking will begin in May and lasting 5-6 months or longer. Scollan expects the project to be completed by winter.

Community Comments and Concerns

Ellen Krsnak with Catholic Social Services thanked the Council and the community for their concerns discussed earlier and invited all to attend a tour of the property and the programs, and looks forward to presenting to the Council next month.

Darrel Hess encouraged community members to apply to serve on a municipal board or commission. Information is available.

Michael Howard suggested that the Council consider canceling one or two meetings during the summer depending on business needing to be dealt with. June and / or August could be possibilities.

Michael Howard moved to suspend the meeting for June and / or July / August as appropriate.

Claris Syren seconded the motion.

There was some discussion as to the possibility of Highway to Highway activity during the summer.

S.J. Klein moved to table the motion for further discussion.

The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary