

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council Executive Board

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 6, 2010 at the Fairview Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard, President, at 7:00 pm.

Introductions

Board Members Present

Sharon Chamard, President; Allen Kemplen, Vice-president; Ron Alleva, Treasurer; Michael Howard, Secretary; Nan Mundy, at-large; Christopher Constant, at-large; Karen Larsen, at-large; Benita White, at-large; Paul Benson, at-large

Others Present

Verna Gibson, Shiloh Community Housing; Lee Ross, Fairview Community Patrol; Harry Deuber, Beautification Committee; Claris Syren, resident; Carolina Stacey, Lucky Wishbone; S.J. Klein, resident

Secretary's Report, Michael Howard

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as amended.

Discussion Items

Red-Roof Inn: Chamard had been contacted various times throughout the week regarding the Mayor's Homeless Team's vote in support of Karluk Manor, as an approach to address chronic public inebriates. Chamard was not present at the last meeting when the voting occurred. There was at least one abstention from voting; the Salvation Army.

There was some discussion as to the status of Rural Cap's work to acquire the Red Roof Inn property. It was unclear whether the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet again before the supposed June 30 deadline for Rural Cap to acquire the property.

Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 9 am. Meet at the Fairview Recreation Center. Dumpsters will be delivered.

Block Party/Parade Planning: There is an idea to have a Fairview parade leading up to the block party. The group discussed soliciting community businesses or perhaps elementary students to develop a flier with the theme "Fairview Forward". The group will meet to discuss coordination and delegation of tasks; a game plan leading up to July 17.

Addition: there was some discussion about how to better engage attendees at general membership meetings. There was discussion about emailing new members to invite them to future meetings as a way to engage them. The Secretary will work to keep the FVCC membership list up to date with new members and have the Federation add new members to the Council's distribution list.

Citizenship / Beautification Award: There was some discussion as to how often and to whom to give the awards. The group was tasked with submitting nominations for awards to Sharon Chamard before the block party. The outcome will be determined depending on results and the final decision of the group.

Zoning variance request: for 1436 E. 11th Ave. (currently a non-conforming six-plex). The Neighborhood Plan committee has rejected the request on the grounds that it does not support the vision for decreased density in East Fairview, and that an increased supply of single room units does not meet the growing needs of families in Fairview.

Christopher Constant moved that the Council submit a letter expressing the Council's position against the variance. The motion was seconded by Paul Benson and approved without objection.

There was some discussion as to how to proactively engage people in similar issues in Anchorage. Constant suggested a process such as a postcard.

Presidents Report

- NeighborWorks Anchorage received an Environmental Justice EPA resident organizing grant. Multiple organizations including the Council have been invited to serve on the project steering committee.
- The Streets and Highways Plan Citizens Advisory committee has invited Sharon Chamard as a council representative to provide public input on the plan.
- Letter from Johnny Ellis and Les Gara re: Fairview capital budget items: there was some discussion as to whether the Council should first write a letter to our representatives asking that the capital requests be kept in the budget. There was no opposition to allowing Chamard to write a letter to our representatives supporting the requests.
- Agenda for May general membership meeting:
 - Allen Kemplen will provide a presentation on the Fairview Village Partnership Agreement between the Council and Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA), with the aim of creating a mutual sense of reciprocity between the Council and CIHA. Constant mentioned that the Council might consider being sure to address historic properties.
 - Verna Gibson, from Shiloh Community Housing, Inc. will be presenting on Shiloh's housing programs and their goals for housing in Fairview and Mt. View. Shiloh currently operates a 10-unit complex in Mt. View. Gibson will share an address where to submit comment on keeping Shiloh's funding in the capital budget. The Council will include support for funding for Shiloh in the President's letter to our representatives.

Treasurer's Report

\$3,012 dollars is current balance.

Committee Reports

- No report from Sharon Chamard on behalf of the Public Safety Committee.
- Michael Howard reported on behalf of the Revitalization Committee: Jane's Walk happened on May 1. Howard will continue work organizing the Fairview Block Party along with volunteers.
- Harry Deuber reported on behalf of the Beautification Committee: Bill Webb donated \$200 to be used on flowers.

Paul Benson moved that the Council spend the funds for hiring physical labor to prep flower beds for planting. The motion was seconded by Benita White and approved without objection.

Community Comment and Concerns

Ron Alleva made additional comments that Brother Francis shelter has violated terms of their conditional use permit in the neighborhood. There was some discussion as to how and when to invite guests to present at the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm. Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.