

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of January 21, 2015 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Jeff Landfield

Quorum achieved at 6:19 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Tom Freeman and seconded by Bob Reupke. Motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by Kyle Stevens and seconded by Deborah Jones. Minutes approved.

FCC Delegates in attendance (17):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Lance Powell	Mid-Hillside
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Taku Campbell	Jeff Landfield
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Danielle Bailey

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly member
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
John Laux	Presenter, NECC member

Darrel Hess MOA Ombudsman
Albert Whitehead Presenter, SACC member
Julie Harvey MOA Emergency Preparedness Staff

Mayor's Office report: None.

School District Report: None.

Assembly Report: Dick Traini discussed sending Municipal employees to Colorado to investigate regulation of marijuana and associated products, specifically ingestible products. Referred to former Assembly Chair Hall as a "Pothead" i.e. "Chair of the pot committee." Announced one of a couple pot committee meetings.

Discussed the proposed alcohol tax, referring to it essentially as a replacement for expected losses in state revenue sharing.

Mentioned Bonds for roads, sewers, trying to maintain bond debt, no "new" debt.

CC Bylaw Submissions and Bylaw conforming. "If you don't submit conforming bylaws, the default bylaws are in effect until specific council bylaws are submitted."

Presentations:

Anchorage Health Powers – John Laux

Brought muffins, has a long resume in public health. Anchorage is the 63rd largest city in the United States but defers public health decision making duties to a State of Alaska agency. Every other major city in the country uses their own power to make decisions, they don't let the state usurp decisions. Ms. Cissna provided historical context on agency funding.

NextDoor – Albert Whitehead

"Anchorage for NextDoor" NextDoor is starting to make their groups line up with the boundaries of the community councils! Advocating and representing what NextDoor is and does for South Addition CC. Ms. Cissna provided historical context for being involved in your neighborhood.

Officer Reports:

FCC President – Jeff Landfield asked the delegates if they would like to hold another "State of Our City" event in the Spring. The answer was yes.

FCC Treasurer - Sam Moore and Mark Butler distributed the Treasurers report for Kevin Fimon, who is on a well-deserved vacation. Mr. Fimon was absent proxy Mr. Moore: Relatively low current cash balance, relying on savings until we receive the first

payment from the Municipality. Will continue to try and limit bookkeeping expenditures with BDO LLP.

Community Council Center Manager – Mark Butler

Midtown delegate Karen Dechman is putting together a brunch for council officers and delegates.

More Chugach Electric undergrounding data available.

“Mailables” we really have to limit our USPS costs to those who don’t know what the internet is. Mark provided historical context on the history of massive mailings.

Government Hill wants to send out some stuff re: Centennial activities in their neighborhood.

Agendas, Minutes, etc... need to be sent out on a more timely manner

Old Business:

FCC Website Features

Mark has completely reorganized the documents on each council’s pages and has loaded a lot of new documents. Remaining work includes loading banner photos and photo albums in each council page. Positive reception so far.

New Business:

Huffman/O’Malley CC – Expressed considerable worry over Planning & Zoning approving the South Stadium, what enforcement mechanisms exist to keep the stadium following whatever concessions were given to the CC, Will ASD use a budget excuse to not follow-through... No motion made, no action taken.

Council Sharing:

North Star – Bringing food to council meetings as a draw.

South Addition – Zoning for proposed 14th Avenue and “C” Street Weidner apartment unit (17 units now allowed, want to increase to a 37-unit building.)

Turnagain – Facebook page created. NextDoor. Lyn Ary Park. Possible walking historical route through Earthquake Park.

Eagle River Valley – Bylaws.

Government Hill – Governor Walker stopped the Knik Arm Crossing project from using eminent domain process to take the local Subway sandwich store. GHCC Centennial project will highlight neighborhood history.

Huffman O’Malley – Stadium passed by P & Z Commission with many sound remediation clauses. If they had agreed to these clauses at the start of this process, they would have had their stadium approved four years ago.

Rogers Park – Long-time member Cheryl Forest passed away. APD crime reporting information methods.

Mid-Hillside – Proposing a merger with Hillside East CC to form “Hillside” CC. Efforts to get more members to attend including using signage and NextDoor system.

Scenic Foothills – Bylaws.

Fairview – Developing action plan for working with the two liquor stores to clean up the streets.

Airport Heights – Crime prevention (theft and destruction of property). School renovation. School PTA has now scheduled their meeting immediately before the council meeting and some of the parents are now staying for the council meeting. Concerned about the Bragaw Road extension, especially about the water quality considerations.

Northeast – Street upgrades with sidewalks. Starting a Muldoon Farmers Market “the market by the mountains”. AFD Station 6. The 2015 NUSA conference is being held in Houston, Texas. Chester Creek watershed work.

Public Comments:

Emergency Preparedness – Julie Harvey, MOA Office of Emergency Management She wants to make presentations to all the community councils.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sam Moore, FCC Secretary