

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of February 18, 2015 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Jeff Landfield

Quorum achieved at 6:08 p.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by _____ and seconded by _____. Minutes approved.

FCC Delegates in attendance (17):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Lance Powell	Mid-Hillside
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Joan Diamond
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Taku Campbell	Jeff Landfield
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Danielle Bailey
University	Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Natasha Welch	APD Officer
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Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly member
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Dianne Holmes	Rabbit Creek CC member
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Danise Tauton-Rigby	
	Alaska Regional Hospital
Heather Plucinski	Alaska Regional Hospital
Sonia Henrick	Staff to U.S. Senator Murkowski
Tam Gisler-Agosti	ASD Board Member
Gabby Gisler	Daughter

Mayor's Office report: None.

School District Report: None.

Assembly Report:

Dick Traini, Assembly Chair - LED Lounge liquor license approved. Gave update on current state of marijuana regulations, or lack thereof. Updated on current state of individual legislators not having any material discretionary capital budget spending this year. Money will continue to be tight at the Municipality. Mr. Traini will try to get state booze tax monies allocated proportionally to the Municipality, if possible.

Presentations:

APD Street Crimes Task Force Report - Officer Natasha Welch

APD not sharing much information at all about particular crimes. But are strongly encouraging the public to report ANY suspicious behavior. Call 911, if it's not an emergency: 907-786-8900 and press 0.

"Certificate of Need Application for New Emergency Room Facilities" – Heather Plucinski, Alaska Regional Hospital (ARH)

Brought staff to promote ARH proposal to develop two fully staffed and equipped Emergency Room facilities – one in Eagle River and one in South Anchorage (near Klatt Road and "C" streets. This would bring the critical-care facilities closer to where the people live and work. Providence Hospital has a competing proposal to upgrade their existing ER instead.

Need to Dedicate Parklands is on Hold – Joan Diamond, RCCC Delegate

The administration has told Assemblymember Johnston that the ordinance to properly dedicate the existing parkland in South Anchorage has been put on hold due to the statement of a mayoral candidate that he might want to review the parcels before they were dedicated. This process needs to be completed soon.

An Individual’s Right to Testify – Joan Diamond, RCCC Delegate

The Assembly rules on testimony currently do not allow people who testify for a community council to also testify personally on the same issue. This should be changed.

The MOA Planning Website is Broken – Dianne Holmes, RCCC Officer

The Municipal Planning Department website is currently not functional. There have been no “E-Alerts” sent out by the MOA in over a year. It is impossible to search through the different projects. You need to know the case # in order to find your project. Minutes and Agendas are not on-line. Current deadlines for comment are often before the next community council meeting. There are no links to staff reports (that come out about a week before the meeting.) No decisions are posted. RCCC is asking Assembly members to take care of this. Always copy the Mayor and the Assembly Clerk when sending in comments on development projects.

Officer Reports:

FCC President – Jeff Landfield reported that we are organizing a Spring “State of Our City” Forum in March and will distribute the information about the forum when it is finalized.

FCC Treasurer - the Treasurers report for Kevin Fimon. FCC is still waiting on our 1st quarter check from the Municipality. Will work with BDO on reorganizing our relationship after Tax Season.

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:

Anchorage School District – Tam Agosti-Gisler-

Please vote for the school bonds, money is tight due to normal “inflationary pressures”. BSA funding formula and re-imburement of bond expenses are still in place in the Legislature, but we won’t know for sure until the end of the session. Medical coverage is costly. Payroll and medical expenses are 80% of the ASD budget. Focused on an “adequately funded education” with proper class sizes, ratios of staff to pupils, early literacy programs, etc.

Council Sharing:

North Star – Long-time NSCC member Bonnie Jack has had another fall and has injured her leg.

Campbell Park – Bylaws

Old Seward/Oceanview – Alaska Railroad Right-of Way, Klatt and Johns Road roundabout, LED lighting in Hamilton Park

Fairview – Want to deny conditional use permit for liquor store, climate change resolution, veteran housing, honoring long-time community advocate John Parks

Turnagain – Park dedication. West Anchorage Candidate Forum.

University Area – U-MED district plan, APU expansion plans (roads, lease of property), crime

Abbott Loop – Ray’s presentation about the oil industry, financing the State of Alaska

Government Hill – Iron Dog start, Federal Housing Historic District designated on GH

Northeast – Muldoon interchange, Duban Avenue, Safe Harbor Inn, CIP, speeding along 11th and 12th and Ermine Street. Starting a Muldoon Farmers Market “the market by the mountains”.

Hillside East – Huffman Road upgrade with 5 lanes up the hill. Abbott Road upgrade with 3 lanes.

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.

Public Comments:

Jeffrey Humphries – Code Across Anchorage project.

Sonja Henrick – District Outreach Co-ordinator for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski Focusing on casework to help communicate with Federal agencies.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Samuel A. Moore, FCC Secretary