

**Fairview Community Council General Meeting 3/8/2012 Approved 4/12/12
Fairview Recreation Center**

6:40 No quorum met

Guest Presentations:

Jeff Friedman, Anchorage School District Board Member: Prop 1: Capital Improvements. Some will match state funds, important upgrades and maintenance. Some money (relocatable) is not reimbursable, but will result in significantly lower energy costs. The rest \$59 million, with the State reimbursing ~60%. West High/Romig will get a 300 sf upgrade/additional classroom space for "technical academy" or other hands-on needs. Alleva wished to thank Mr. Friedman for his service, as this is his last term.

Treasurer's Report:

Chamard reports there is \$4069.94 cents. Spent 166.20 out of general account for water for the police substation. 2537.23 in General Account. 24.76 in beautification account. 1507.95 in block party account.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Chamard pointed the body's attention to a community leadership workshop series by Neighborworks Anchorage. 4-part, 6-hour commitment of Saturdays (1.5 hours/Saturday). Target audience is Neighborworks Anchorage tenants, but also the greater community. Limited to 25 attendees. Kemplen wishes to express his disappointment about Project Management's communication with the council, who was instrumental in achieving the funding for capital projects (9th Avenue, Cordova Street). For example: The gateway element has been pulled out of the scope of work for the 9th Avenue redevelopment project. He is also extremely disappointed about snow removal on our streets. Howard asked who the contact is for the 9th Avenue project. No manager has contacted the council. Chamard asked if we are stakeholders in the eyes of planners and managers. Assemblyman Flynn states that they are doing a "crappy job".

Assemblyman Flynn: Assembly report

Snow removal has been frustrating for many of his constituents. He has been unsuccessful working with the administration in light of the magnitude of the snow. The Mayor has laid off several dispatchers, so the current dispatchers are overworked and probably less efficient than they could be. Kemplen thanked Flynn for his support for the snow cistern language. Flynn remarked that the Fairview Recreation Center is an ideal spot for the project.

Mil rates and budgets are in the process of getting set. Municipal Transportation Plan is out. H2H has been shelved. A firewall existed under the Long Range Transportation Plan between KABATA and Anchorage Transportation projects. The Municipal Transportation Plan strips that language. Flynn has an ordinance to put that firewall back. Redistricting will not happen until the State map is done. It is with the Supreme Court right now. He is unsure of support for adding a seat to downtown/fairview. Finally, Gara and French are having a pizza party 3/24 1-3pm at Romig. Constant asked about the lawsuit against Flynn's inebriate housing ordinance. Flynn is limited by executive session, however the Conditional Use Permit process is under suit. Constant requested that the language be broadened to include any non-profit. Chamard asked about plans to purchase the Long House for Anchorage Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Zoning has issued an opinion that there are only a few hoops to jump through.

Guest Presentation: Anchorage Tomorrow

Terry Schoenthal spoke in support of 3 bonds: Prop 2, Prop 3, Prop 4. We get state and federal dollars to match anything we spend. AnchorageTomorrow.org Prop 3 includes money for the Coastal Trail and other parks upgrades. Prop 4 matches for public transportation, with 80-90% reimbursement from the Federal Government. Sitka Park is not included.

7:12 quorum met.

Klein Moves, Stacey seconds to **move elections above old business**. No objections.

Approval of minutes: approved as amended.

Election of new officers:

Stacey reports that the slate consists of: Klein president, Constant Vice President, Chamard Treasurer, Secretary vacant, Howard, Kemplen, Alleva, Heinrich, Sy and Harrison At Large.

Klein, Constant, Chamard presented. Kemplen, Loring **move to accept executive officer slate as presented. 12-0**

Kemplen, Heinrich, Harrison is absent, Sy, Howard, Alleva presented.

Loring asked if questions to the candidates would be welcome. The Chair concurred. Loring asked if the candidates would support a representative for the Federation of Community Councils. Secondly he asked if great schools were a priority, and if so, how they would make Fairview's schools great? Heinrich: Yes, yes and that Language is a barrier. Sy: He does not know what an FCC delegate does but it sounds important. Yes, and though he did not go to Fairview schools, but more time with students and teachers. Howard: Yes, Yes, but he does not have any specific ideas. Alleva: Willing to be the FCC representative, Yes, he ran for school board and believes our kids are our future. Kemplen: Yes, it is important. Yes, ASD needs more resources and more accountability.

President's Report: Nothing to report. Klein reported that Access came to the Executive Board and it was a very dynamic conversation.

Old Business:

Resolution 2012-03: concerning submission of Community Needs Questionnaire for Municipality of Anchorage Consolidated Plan, moved by Chamard, Constant seconds. Discussion: Howard asked about the questionnaire. Chamard reported that the neighborhood plan committee developed the recommendations listed in the attachment, which was made available at the meeting. Klein asked how the body would know what the priorities are that we are voting on. They will be distributed and the Chair has tabled the motion until later in the meeting. Scollan reported that DHHS has only received 300 submissions as of Friday 3/2. Constant reports that the webform was broken and couldn't be submit as presented online. Alleva suggested that individuals feel free to fill out their own surveys and we submit them with the official survey.

Flynn **announced members of the Executive Board at-large:** Kemplen, Heinrich, Howard, Sy, Harrison

Resolution 2012-04: in support of snowmelt cisterns. Klein asked about cost-benefit analysis. Kemplen described how they work and stated that

he thinks its a great way to engage citizens and deal with a problem in our neighborhood. Moved by Kemplen, second by Constant. Howard asked what the \$50,000 would go toward. Kemplen said engineering and design. Loring stated he would supper the motion because it is progressive and will step up as a volunteer snow fighter. He suggested we could have available a backhoe and dumbstruck for the volunteer snowfighter brigade. He sees this as a positive step toward making Fairview a more engaged and cohesive neighborhood. Thomas asked if this has been tried anywhere else in the United States. Kemplen stated not that he knows of. Thomas asked if it would be effectively utilized by the community, if the study would include viability in the neighborhood. Kemplen suggested that it would be within he scope of work. Constant sees the potential to develop a process. Alleva states that this level of snow fell all over the state and Begich believes this could be a pilot project for the entire state. It needs language specific to Fairview. Flynn reports that the language he put forward specifies Fairview. Chamard suggests we send notice of the resolution to our congressional delegation. **12-0 approved.**

Resolution 2012-05: A Resolution supporting the Fairview Business Association Gambell Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan. Constant moved, Chamard seconds. Constant stated that he is president of the FBA and supports this funding. Howard states that he believes this to be the highest work of the Council. Scollan asked if the organization was open to all organizations. Constant stated that the FBA is open to for-profit businesses, with associate memberships available to other organizations at the board's discretion. Scollan moves to amend the motion to delete the reference to social services in the 7,8 and 9 whereas. Loring seconded. Kemplen agreed, stating that Gambell used to be a main street, regardless of social services. Bomalowski asked a question not germane to the amendment, and will be brought forward after the amendment. Constant stated that he wrote a second version without reference to social services but including focus on pedestrian issues. Loring stated that he supports the amendment. Constant offered a friendly amendment to strike the 7th and 8th and to refer to safety for pedestrians in the 9th whereas. 10-0 pass. Kemplen asked to clarify the amendment. Bomalowski asked about the relationship with the FBA. Kemplen stated that an MOA is in development. Constant stated that it is the "Business" association. Howard reiterated that the partnership needs to be formalized. Loring will support the resolution with the reservation that the Fairview Business Association is not open to all. Williams asked why the council is not running this plan. Heinrich stated that the council does not have the same clout as businesses when guiding policy. Stacey agreed that businesses are able to spend money when the council depends on volunteers. Chamard stated that the neighborhood plan is still in process and is being run by the council. This resolution focuses on a specific corridor study. Constant moves to extend the meeting. Chamard seconds. **9-0-2 abstentions** (Heinrich, Constant) resolution passes.

The Chair asked Constant to finish the meeting, as he has a commitment at the S Lounge.

Resolution 2012-06 A Resolution supporting a legislative request for capital funds to support activities related to public safety and emergency preparedness in Fairview, moved by Chamard. She stated that there's a 3-year request, \$25,000/year focusing on community patrol, newsletter, emergency response, and the volunteer snow-fighter brigade. Heinrich seconds. Bomalowski questioned the need to scientifically document the effects of social service agencies on the neighborhoods. Chamard stated that there is a need for truly empirical evidence. Klein stated that there are studies in other locations but nothing real in this area. Thomas pointed out that the scope of the capital request doesn't match the scientific study. Kemplen moved to strike the 4th whereas, Chamard seconded. Constant suggested we could remove it and put forward a second resolution. Scollan mentioned that the Mental Health Trust is conducting a \$250,000 study on the impacts of Karluk Manor on the community. Chamard stated that the study does not include impacts on the immediate neighborhood. Amendment passes 7-1. **Resolution passes 9-0.**

Resolution 2012-03 the motion **passes 8-0.**

New Business: none.

Constant announced that a delegation will go to Juneau 3/12 to carry these priorities forward.

Kemplen announced that the Neighborhood Plan is moving forward and will include opportunities for public comment.

Loring announced that Education will defer until next general meeting.

Klein announced that he will be reorganizing the committee structure and welcomes comment at president@fairviewcommunity.org

Mayoral Forum at the Spenard Recreation Center coming up.

Klein stated that his goal is to create a welcoming environment despite the minutiae of Council business, and he hopes everyone will

Kemplen moves, Chamard second to adjourn.