

## **Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting**

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Fairview Recreation Center on August 12, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at 7:04 pm.

### Welcome and Introductions

#### President's Report, Sharon Chamard

Merrill Field has been acquiring properties along the east side of the 1500-block of Orca Street. Owners have sold willingly, according to the municipal manager. Before any demolition, Merrill Field will contact the community council.

Geoff Humphreys passed around a copy of "The Fair View." Lisa Seifert moved that the document be accepted as the Fairview Community Council newsletter. Darrel Hess pointed out that the document included a short commentary that was very critical of the Community Council and asked if it was a good idea to have such a commentary in the council newsletter. There was an amendment to the motion to only accept the newsletter if the Council President reviews it and finds it suitable. The amended motion passed.

#### Secretary's Report, Michael Howard

No report.

#### Treasurer's Report, Ron Alleva

Receipts from the block party should be submitted so the books can be brought up to date. Ron noted that the dues are only \$1, and they could be increased to bring in more revenue. SueAnn Hamilton-Bailey was concerned that we have low income residents and should charge no membership dues. Darrel Hess commented that the requirement for \$1 can be waived in the instance of hardship.

#### Guest Presentations

Ron Alleva spoke about Brother Francis Shelter's lack of compliance with their Conditional Use Permit. He discussed the history of Brother Francis Shelter, stating that it was founded by an act of civil disobedience and that it was considered a good location because of the close proximity of the Native hospital. He said he is concerned about second generation homeless people living at Brother Francis. He believes that we are producing a homeless subculture that believes it is ok to live in the woods. He said he has threatened to sue Brother Francis because of their lack of control over clients; they simply kick out belligerent clients, leaving them in the neighborhood. He added that Brother Francis doesn't accept the overflow burden of their conditional use.

Discussion followed the presentation Lorne Bailey stated that there are people who are disabled and need an environment that will allow them to use their abilities. He asked what we should do if we get rid of Brother Francis.

Jerry Haggerty said he is affected by Brother Francis in a major way. He has two fourplexes at 12th & Juneau and is concerned about homeless people congregating near his fourplexes. There are problems with problems with trash left on the diverter. He is looking for more information on Brother Francis Shelter's conditional use and whether it addresses the issues relating to how to control behavior of people off of their premises

Ron also commented on off-site impacts to the community. He is very concerned about off-site negative impacts. There are no crosswalk lights from Brother Francis to Reeve Blvd. He said the public can sit in on non-public hearings; they just can't testify. Comments from the Community Council on the non-compliance with the Conditional Use Permit must be in on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A member said she doesn't agree with Ron's comments about Brother Francis, and is concerned that the Executive Board might be making statements which do not reflect her opinions

Ellen Krsnak with Catholic Social Services said she would be happy to help the Council prepare its remarks, and can submit a copy of remarks. They are very proud of their program and want people to know more about it to speak from a position of knowledge and understanding.

Ron is concerned that a lot of the people making decisions about Brother Francis aren't affected by the negative impacts of the facility.

Lisa Seifert said she encountered some inebriates on her property and was in fear for life and had to call the police. The people threw a bottle and opened her gate. She said these people need to be helped, but what's being done isn't working.

Barbara Taylor from Nine Star - concerned about the word "control" - in statements that "they don't control their clients." She remarked that she can't control; she can only "empower," and asked how they can be responsible for controlling people whose lives are out of control.

Another Fairview resident said she has also been afraid for her life and has called CSP numerous times. She believes we have a problem but that we can't just keep kicking social service agencies out of Fairview.

Nan Mundy said that for these agencies, the problem is holding them accountable. She is concerned about the cumulative impact of social service agencies.

### Community Comments and Concerns

Kenny Scollan reported that Fairview Lions Park was adopted and has been cleaned 8 times and patrolled 14 times. The 11th and Medfra project is coming along. There will be no rain gardens because they had to connect to city sewers. That is not Housing First, it is just for low income residents.

Clariss Syren said she has lived here 55 years, and has been a member of the council for a long time. She asked who is going to supervise, who is going to follow through, who is going to make sure that work is done to keep social service agencies accountable? She is concerned that Karluk Manor will not help the neighborhood

Allen Kemplen commented regarding Fairview Lions Park. Alaska Sales and Service agreed to vacate 13th and Medfra, and part of the conditional use was to adopt Fairview Lions Park-- they did and have been taking care of the park. So now the park is adopted twice. Kenny Scollan mentioned that they had already brought it up and that Parks and Rec didn't say anything as to who had adopted it. Darrel Hess said someone should have mentioned that Alaska Sales had adopted the park, but they only clean once a month, so more adoptions is a good thing. Sharon Chamard commented that Alaska Sales and Service was told by Parks and Rec that they do not have custody of the park any longer.

Jeanne Perkins, the new principal of Fairview Elementary School, introduced herself. She last worked at Sand Point in the Aleutian Islands. She said the school has an open door policy, and she is looking forward to working with community members. Anything that will benefit our children would be appreciated.

#### Legislator Reports

Assembly member Patrick Flynn commented that he represents five different community councils, and many have similar bylaws to Fairview, and often they have voluntary dues. He said he is concerned about lack of transparency on the part of the administration with regards to the budget.

His Assembly colleague Ernie Hall wants to discuss a sales tax. Patrick Flynn said he is considering putting it on the ballot but doesn't know if he will vote for it. He stated that sales taxes are "inherently regressive."

Lorne Bailey commented that there is a serious lack of buses. He thinks there should be a 30 cent/gallon tax on gas. Patrick Flynn commented that taxes can't be dedicated to a particular purpose but that raising gas taxes might be considered an option.

State House Representative Les Gara commented that this is a compassionate community, and quoted Wally Hickel - "Cutting the budget isn't a vision." He wants to know what to do about social problems. They finally got some money for the city's only heroin addiction treatment facility. He wants us to find something to honor Grady Ward with. There is property for sale near Celeste Benson's place that Merrill Field is planning to buy for safety reasons. He would like to make sure that they use it as green space rather than paving it or putting in connexes. Conoco's export permit is up for re-approval. They don't want any conditions attached to their permit. He said the state can get better negotiating power by attaching conditions requiring them to fill local needs.

State Senator Johnny Ellis wanted to thank everyone who planned the block party. He thought it was amazing and was honored to be there.

### Committee Reports

*Neighborhood Plan* – Allen Kemplen reported that he and others are possibly getting together with someone from Cook Inlet Housing Authority to discuss a partnership and may have more to report next council meeting

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Geoffrey Humphreys