

July 8, 2010 minutes

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council General Membership Meeting

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Fairview Recreation Center on September 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Chamard at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction

President's Report: Sharon Chamard

Geoff Humphreys will be chief correspondent on the newsletter in coordination with Chamard, who will serve as editor.

Chamard attended a ceremony honoring the civilians and APD members who assisted plane crash that happened on Ingra St.

Chamard provided a copy of a letter submitted on behalf of the Council in response to the conditional use permit supplied to the Brother Francis Shelter in Fairview. Issues addressed included negative externalities and requesting time for the Council to put together a Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Social Services (the entity that manages Brother Francis Shelter).

Secretary's Report

Approval of July Minutes

July 2010 minutes approved with corrections.

Approval of August Minutes

The August general membership minutes were approved as introduced.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$1,400

\$2,830.70 all the checks from the block party.

Ron Alleva moved to write checks for reimbursement

Amendment to the agenda to allow Scott McAdams to speak on behalf of his campaign for US Senate as a Democratic candidate.

Community Comments and Concerns

Julia Belshare living on 12th and Juneau expressed concerns about the inebriates who loiter out on the corner and create disorder and disturbance in the area. The Council encouraged her to contact APD non-emergency dispatch at 786-8500/8900 x 6.

Regina Manteufel expressed concern that the block party expended a large amount of funds and that in the future it would be preferable to have a smaller event at Fairview Lions Park.

Ellen Krsnak announced that September is hunger awareness month and that Catholic Social Services has served thousands of hungry people.

Josh Harris thanked the community for its support in general on addressing crime, drug, and negative issues and shared that a drug house across from a property his family purchased has been foreclosed on and is scheduled for demolition.

Ron Alleva presented examples of sex offenders and violent criminals who have come through Brother Francis Shelter and applied for work under false identities. Alleva proposes a mandatory background check on persons entering the shelter to screen out individuals that pose a threat to the neighborhood's wellbeing.

Guest Presentations

Peter Briggs, Corvus Design, regarding North Russian Jack Springs Planning. Briggs noted that this planning effort is separate from previous work in the south of the part proposing a new golf course area. People can go to www.northrjsp.blogspot.com to learn more about the planning process.

Amendment to agenda:

Les Gara: AHFC is beginning to leverage federal funds to develop mixed-income housing, and encouraged the Council to explore opportunities for collaboration as the community develops plans for affordable housing.

Conoco Phillips has reached an agreement with Enron to an export permit ensuing that in-state needs are met prior to gas exportation.

Gara followed up on Alleva's comment suggesting that background checks be mandatory.

Christopher Constant noted that the community would like to focus on neighborhood revitalization and mixed-income housing as opposed to framing the discussion only around low-income or affordable housing

Guest Presentations

Ray Ward, provided a presentation proposing to rename Fairview Lions Park after his father Grady Ward. Ward provided a history of his father's life and contribution to the Alaska and Fairview community. Of note is Grady's work as a leader forming the Fairview Community Patrol.

Regina Manteufel moved to support the renaming of Fairview Lions Park to honor Grady Ward. Geoffrey Humphreys seconded the motion.

Regina Maneufel offered to change her motion to the form of resolution to be introduced at the October general membership meeting for a first reading. The office of Senator Bettye Davis offered to draft the resolution.

Legislative Reports

Patrick Flynn, Anchorage Assembly representative provided clarification of the process that the Assembly would create a naming committee and accept public testimony before renaming the park.

Flynn presented on behalf of the Food Bank of Alaska, which is about to kick off the annual food drive. Anchorage distributes more food at less cost than ever in history. Fred Meyer on New Seward and Northern Lights is accepting food donations for the drive

Regarding the upcoming operating budget for the municipality, Flynn suggested that the Council vest authority to the Executive Board to communicate budget priorities on behalf of the Council to himself as the budget hearing process moves forward.

Tikahtnu Commons Brown Jug owners have opposed the Assembly's permit including a mandate for the store to check all customer ID's regardless of age. Every time a package store license comes to the Assembly, Flynn has been working to ensure a sense of fairness and common standards for issuing licenses. Flynn is planning to introduce an ordinance memorializing the conditional use permits in the form of a code adjustment. Flynn noted this as the Fairview Council should be planning for how standards should be created that are appropriate for Fairview which may be different from those deemed appropriate for other neighborhoods.

Christopher Constant conveyed concern expressed by Fairview Community Recreation Center staff that the center is high on the list for cuts. Flynn agreed to work on behalf of the community to ensure stability for programs and operations hours.

Bruce Geraghty noted that there are vehicles with loud music that is out of code for decibels level limits. Flynn will communicate with the Chief of Police and appropriate entities.

Committee Reports

Sharon Chamard would like to meet Thursday, September 16th with the Public Safety Committee and interested persons to address liquor license renewals that are up for review.

Chris Constant ad hoc Fairview Block Party Committee noted the positive benefits of the Fairview block party which recently took place.

Regina Mantuefel reported that the Military Youth Academy successfully completed a cleanup along Karluk street.

New Business

Christopher Constant introduced a resolution reading “WHEREAS members of the Fairview Community Council witnessed potential abuses o the public process in favor of the Conditional Use permit Application 2010-077; BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairview Community council requests due public investigation by the Mayor’s office.”

The President referred the resolution to the Public Safety Committee for initial review and revision.

Ron Alleva noted that Ed O’Neill of Brown Jug has offered to assist Brother Francis Shelter in cleaning up trash residual from the Brother Frances Shelter. There was some discussion about working an agreement between Brother Francis Shelter and Ed O’Neill to address trash cleanup.

The 13th and Gambell improvement project is underway and nearing completion.

November general membership meeting is scheduled for November 11th, which is Veterans Day. The Council is working to secure a temporary alternate location for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.