

Minutes of the Fairview Community Council

The Fairview Community Council held its regularly scheduled General Membership meeting on October 14, 2010 at the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

Board Members Present

Sharon Chamard, President
Michael Howard, Secretary
Ron Alleva, Treasurer
Christopher Constant, Member at large
Karen Larsen, Member at large
Nan Mundy, Member at large

President's Report, Sharon Chamard

Items available for distribution on the table:

A letter from Meredith Townsend III, President of the Fairview Lions Club in opposition to the renaming of Fairview Lions Park in honor of Grady Ward. See handout in FVCC file.
Chamard appointed to the advisory council for the renaming of the Official Streets and Highways Plan 2010 under the purview of AMATS. See handout in FVCC file. Upcoming workshops are to be held in Anchorage and Eagle River.
Gara press release on Guitna Coal project noting the comment he submitted in response to a Delaware Corporation's proposal to mine along the Chuitna River. See handout in FVCC file.

The FVCC Public Safety Committee is addressing liquor licenses that are up for renewal as per the request of the Anchorage Assembly. There were underage violations from Oaken Keg and Black Angus Inn; and one overcrowding violation at Barry's Baranof Lounge. On Tuesday, the Anchorage Assembly approved an ordinance comprised of the rules derived from 4 conditional use permits approved by the Assembly during the past 12 years.

Members of the Council and the Harm Reduction Committee worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission to revisit and reopen the Brother Frances Shelter conditional use permit for review and comment. The Council is developing a MOU with the Shelter to be included in the Conditional use permit.

Chamard, President and Allen Kemplen, VP, met with Assembly Representative Patrick Flynn regarding upcoming capital requests request.

Representative Les Gara presented on Ballot Measure 1 to be included on the November 2 ballot. The ballot measure would add 2 members to the State Senate and 4 to the state House of Representatives. Gara supports the initiative. Additionally, redistricting is set to occur under the direction of a nominated committee comprised mainly of Republican leadership. Gara expressed concerns that the redistricting may be stacked to support Republican candidates.

Gara noted the idea that came from discussion with Chamard, Council President, to develop a "rapid response" system where immediate issues related to the Shelter could be resolved by allowing residents to call a phone number to call assistance.

Gara expressed, as per a copy of a press release distributed, that he has concerns about and will not support the Chuitna Coal project or the Pebble Project.

Secretary's Report

Geoffrey Humphreys moved to approve the September general meeting minutes. Christopher Constant seconded the motion. The September minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

\$2,100 is the current balance, including a yet-to-be-deposited \$200 check from Crossroads Lounge and with all bills paid.

Additionally, Christopher Constant requested that the block party committee reconvene to determine whether the block party expenses dipped into the Council's general funds beyond what was raised for the block party. Chamard noted that the Council has discussed the idea of raising membership dues from \$1 to \$5 and requested that community members provide any feedback.

Community Comments and Concerns

Lauren Bailey noted that a single family home on the NW corner of 15th and Medfra was torn down, and it appears that a multi-family apartment building is being constructed. A council member will check on the status of the situation.

Geoffrey Humphreys noted that there are no law schools or medical schools in the State, thus leaving a gap in the intellectual capital of the state. He expressed wishes for the Council to work with the University of Alaska system.

Melinda Freemon reported on the 1255 11th Avenue property being developed by RurAL CAP. The property is being constructed to allow for vehicle navigation and parking on the west side of the property. RurAL CAP has 57 times monitored Fairview Lions Park, cleaned it 14 times, and put in 193 person hours doing this. Nan Mundy noted that workers on the 1255 11th Ave property are sometimes blocking driveways during construction activities.

Teri Desy, Parks and Recreation Manager and Fairview Rec Center Director Reported that the paintings from the Rec Center Jesse Haines will be the new manager of the Fairview Community Recreation Center facility. Haines has extensive background working with assisted living children as well as working within the rec center itself and knows the kids especially well. Desy reported that there were a number of new activities for youth and adults happening in the Center and encouraged the community to explore the options available including swimming for youth, yoga for adults, and self-defense. Multiple partnerships are being explored On October 22nd, a volunteer service day will be held at the Rec Center. Desy on hiring an additional staff to keep the teen center open full-time.

Kokayi Nosakere is spearheading the End Child Hunger campaign. Nosakere reported that, 13,900 or about 4 out of 10 children in the Anchorage School District qualify for free and reduced lunch. Right now Nosakere is working to raise awareness prior to going to the legislature for support for the school free and reduced lunch. Rep. Les Gara reported the he is working with Senator Ellis and other Legislators to craft and pass a bill to gain the support of the Legislature to support the program.

Geoffrey Humphreys moved that members of the Executive Board stand and take pictures with the sign. Lauren Bailey seconded the motion. Chamard declared the motion out of order.

Christopher Constant introduced Resolution 2010-10 that the Council support feeding Alaska's Children. The motion was referred to the executive board.

Daune Wyatt, Land Use Enforcement, Provided statistics available on violations. Processes have been streamlined for removal of junk cars and the price of metal is making the process viable. Information was available for owners of property or vehicles to be part of the R.I.P. program to remove vehicles. Dawn has the ability to enforce garbage violations in certain situations, including when the violator is known. Christopher Constant asked if there might be some possibility of garnering support from Solid Waste services perhaps on coordination with Dawn's department for the annual spring cleanup. Lauren Bailey reported on an area of scattered broken glass asking for Dawn to look into.

Trey Watson, Senior Facility Director for the Geo Care in Alaska and Cordova Center Director, reported on the Cordova Center at 130 Cordova Street. The Geo Care has multiple contracts with the Alaska Department of Corrections for pre-release services for convicted persons to have needs facilitated during their release; AA and NA; church services; GED training; substance abuse assessment; employment checks; and others. Program participants also repay 25% of their employment earnings to the program to defray services costs. Community work service is an integral element of the program services provided including snow removal, food service, even set up and break down, and others. About 3,500 of community work service just in Anchorage and over 100,000 for the state.

Currently a City ordinance places a cap on the number of beds in the facility. Watson would like to remodel their facility to house an additional 60-90 clients (up from 192) going through prisoner re-entry. Additional staffing to support the expansion would be an element. Watson asked the Council for a letter of support from the Council for the proposed expansion. There was some discussion about treacherous road and icing conditions. Watson noted that the facility staff addresses the issues on a regular basis.

Additionally, there was some question about how the Geo Care's profit margin would be increased or affected by the expansion. A PowerPoint presentation on paper was available for distribution.

Christopher Constant moved to introduce Resolution 2010-09 "supporting the addition of up to 90 beds at the community correction facility Cordova Center." The motion was seconded by Paul Benson. The Chair referred the resolution to the Public Safety Committee and then to the Executive Board.

Legislative Reports

Patrick Flynn, Assembly Representative, reported that Geo Cares would like to be a part of the City's 2011 budget. Flynn is willing to introduce the issue at the November 9 assembly meeting to then be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then to public comment before the Assembly. Flynn noted public concerns about transit and bus cuts proposed in the mayor's budget. The route proposed to be cut is 45G. Flynn has been asked to oversee enterprise funds under the purview of the Assembly. 2011 Road bonds and 2012 capital budget funding will be used to support the reconstruction of 9th Avenue from Latouche Street to just before the Denali Street.

The first public hearing on the budget is on October 26th. There will be at least three public hearings scheduled on the proposed municipal budget.

Mindy O'Neall reported on behalf of Senator Johnny Ellis' office that activity is rather slow this time of year in terms of things to report. She encouraged the membership to contact her with any questions and concerns.

Committee Reports

Michael Howard and Sharon Chamard reported on behalf of the Revitalization Committee on meetings occurring with Cook Inlet Housing Authority. The Council leadership is working to fundraise and meeting with appropriate entities.

Geoffrey Humphreys moved to introduce Resolution 2010-06. The motion was seconded by Paul Benson. Chamard referred the resolution to the Revitalization Committee.

New Business

Waydene is meeting with Senator Bettye Davis to address the issue of the exit exam and unfair discrimination.

Constant moved to introduce resolution 2010-07. Paul Benson seconded the motion. Chamard referred the resolution to the Neighborhood Plan committee and the executive board.

Constant moved to introduce resolution 2010-08. Geoffrey Humphreys seconded the motion. Chamard referred the resolution to the Neighborhood Plan committee and the executive board.

Next months meeting will be relocated due to Fairview Rec Center closure on Veteran's Day (November 11, 2010). Meeting is likely to be held at the Horn Doctor on the corner of 10th and Ingra.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Howard, Secretary.