

Fairview Community Council

General Membership Meeting ~ Thursday, June 13, 2013

7:00-8:30 PM ~ Fairview Community Recreation Center

FINAL

19:01 quorum

19:02 approval of agenda

Constant moves, Chamard second

19:03 approval of April minutes

19:06 Community Comments

Mrs. Bailey – had opportunity to attend Gambell Charettes. “I think they did a nice job”

Turnbow – Access Alaska Open House. April 1st was their first day. Everyone is welcome to open house 20th June 3-6 PM. Place has been fully renovated

Fuhs – are there any vacancies?

Turnbow – place is filled.

19:09 Treasurer’s Report

Chamard - \$12737 current balance. \$8000 from Business Association to Agnew Beck may be in our account now, but may not be there tomorrow. Most of the balance belongs to Block Party, a separate sub-account.

Lelake – Ellis is very excited about Access Alaska, Block Party (Ellis will be there). Ellis’ whole office went on a drive-around of his district. Please call us if there is anything going on.

Spring – if there’s anything you think we should be aware of, please do contact me.

19:14 Guest Presentations – Maeve Nevins

Nevins – park fixit-day for Fairview Lions Park. We will clean out planter beds, 9-12 PM July 20th. Lunch is provided. At minimum, you could work for half-hour and get a free lunch.

Not much growing except for grass and weeds.

Playground is almost done. We are getting wood chips. Russian Jack is first, we are second in line. Passed and approved new model (packet shown).

Chamard – your money is designated for playground equipment?

Nevins – correct. Bond using is from 2012 and only allowed to be used for the playground.

Playground is pretty much ready to go. If you see dump trucks, then it will probably open in 24 hours.

Coastal Trail will be closed down. Now working on Phase 2. Sometime in the next two weeks, they will be paving. They are moving pretty fast. Stay in touch with the website if you have any questions

Nevins – Sitka Bridge, has four arcs...

Mrs. Bailey – it is very dangerous

Nevins – received \$450,000 legislative branch to fix six bridges, including Sitka Bridge. Not much publicity because it is maintenance. Sitka will probably towards the end of the summer. It will be a much gentler slope and will be much nicer.

Constant – trail connecting to the Chester Creek trail was actually in the Capital budget.

Mrs. Bailey – where is the traffic going to be diverted when Sitka Park will be built?

Nevins – we'll let you know

19:29 Gambell Project

Klein – conversion from 4 to 3 lane conversion. Looking for a recommendation of support

Fuhs – we had a great talk with the mayor.

It is a 4 lane in the summer, but we all know it is a three lane in the winter. If you take the road to be three lanes, you will have 3.5 feet of snow storage on each side of the road. Sidewalk will be kept clean in the winter. It will work up until 2035. We are working with DOT now and ML&P because it is their lights. Other concepts we looked at: bike trails. There is too much heavy traffic for bike trails. SO we had to make some compensation. Lighting and Landscaping: we will determine later. What we are asking is that you endorse the concept of this. I talked to DOT, they said you should do Ingra as well. I said yeah, but let's work on this, first.

Gajewski - Is it funded?

Fuhs – paving of roads is funded. MLP has a budget for undergrounding of lighting. We are trying to get mayor's office to back us up

Scollan – you mentioned a place for snow lanes in the sidewalks. Is that allowed?

Fuhs – yes it is

Chamard – sidewalk is right-of-way. Unless you're in downtown

Chamard motion to endorse the project. Harrison seconded.

Constant – thank you folks for coming. We wouldn't be able to do this if you hadn't come.

Bylaws state that if you haven't attended a meeting in the last 6 months, you can't vote.

Klein – a member in good-standing can vote. Membership fee (\$1) is not required to vote. If this is your first meeting, you can't vote today.

In favor – 12; opposed – 0; Abstention – 1 (Constant)

Constant has a resolution (2013-x).

Siefert – are those renderings available on a website?

Fuhs – yes, at gambellstreet.com. Crash statistics and all project documents are displayed there.

Siefert – from what avenue to avenue?

Fuhs – 3rd avenue to 23rd avenue

Mrs. Bailey – if this works really well, we could do the same thing to Ingra. If it doesn't, then we could use whatever we learned to Ingra and tweak it.

19:44 Block Party

Constant – party in 30 days: July 13th. We close down in front of the school. Meetings held every Wednesday up to the date of the Block Party. So far, this is week number 4. Tell your friends.

You will see some marketing in the coming weeks

Klein – we have a theme: Come Play!

Constant – no cars left on the lot after 1 PM

Klein – have you gotten the stage lined up?

Constant – yes. We also have Allison performing who is did a native rap last year.

Constant – bottom line, I am looking for help

Manteufel – are you having alcohol again this year? Constant – yes

Manteufel – does the money go to back to the council? Klein – yes

Mr. Bailey – does not recommend serving alcohol.

Klein – we have been running it for 3 years. We haven't had incidents. People are well-trained. We have it really tight.

Chamard – if you want to be intoxicated, spending \$6 is not the way. Second thing: children being around may be a concern. Solution is to separate kid-oriented activities and adult-oriented activities.

Manteufel motion to see who approves the alcohol event. Bailey seconds.

Klein – aware that Fairview has alcoholics. But alcohol is a part of society and it can be enjoyed and used without abuse.

Harrison – I didn't even know the beer was there. I think it is well done. I don't think it causes any problems to the neighborhood.

Siefert – The block party is for adults, too. This is a community party. We are just giving something for everybody.

Mr. Bailey – I think we should educate people

Scollan – you have to choose if you want to drink alcohol. Nobody is forcing them to drink. It shouldn't be an issue until it's an issue. I like the idea of education, but people are there to relax, not to learn.

Constant – we are going to provide free soda.

Klein motions for alcohol motion to be tabled. No opposition.

20:00 Neighborhood Plan

Klein – plan many people have been working on for more than 10 years. \$20,000 to help finish the plan. Agnew-Beck agreed to complete it for \$23,000 (normally they ask for \$100,000 for similar projects).

20:04 President's Report

Klein – Inlet View has 45 Fairview Elementary students who are NCLB kids (no child left behind). State applied for a waiver from NCLB this year and received it. District is going to stop providing alternative schools for NCLB kids who are in Title I schools.

Klein – Harry Deuber has taken care of the diverters in past. Two years ago, he stopped doing it. Klein received calls from people about the diverters not being beautified. Looking for gardeners.

Constant – we have a guest, Lila, from Les Gara's office

Lila – we are working with dealing with foster care. We are also working on a laptop drive.

Summertime is a good time to call in, as Les is back from Juneau

Manteufel – Master Gardener Program

Chamard move to adjourn, Harrison second

20:11 Adjournment