

Farview Community Council
General Meeting Minutes
1/9/2014 Fairview Recreation Center
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Thank you Allen for taking notes!

Members in attendance: Scollan, Krsnak, Foley, Alleva, McGee, Walker, Jorgensen, Kemplen, D'agostino, L. Need, H. Need, Watts, Deuber, Loring, Syren, Hodge, Manteufel, Benson, Loring (and Klein)

Guests in attendance: Sondberg, Lelake, Davis, Benakes

Call to order: 7:02 No quorum (chair thinks quorum is 20. member at large acting as secretary thinks it is 15. Acting secretary is correct and quorum was present, however not recognized until 7:30)

Comments: Kemplen- Snow removal still an issue. H. Need, Kemplen and Klein met with University engineering department and MOA public works about snow melt cistern as senior class project. Engineering staff agreed to take on project and will address the issues raised by muni staff.

Loring: 13th and Gambell appears better recently.

Scollan: Mental Health Web has increased capacity and implemented changes that may have had an impact

D'agostino: requested update on neighborhood plan. Referred to later agenda item.

Legislative reports:

Patrick Flynn, Anchorage Assembly: Elections upcoming. Working on investment tax abatement for Gambell St corridor. Working on means of notifying residents when snow removal is happening to maximize benefit. (Question from Klein: Community Councils ordinance?)

Alleva: Raised concerns about Brother Francis Shelter and spillover effects. Why does the ANMHC park get barbed wire when East Anchorage gets a \$250K upgrade? Compared Brother Francis to Rumrunners, which had 27 police calls compared to 1300 for BFS.

Flynn: ANMC site is not officially a park, managed by HLB (Alleva responds was an exercise park until taken over by inebriates). Rumrunners staff was assaulting patrons. BFS serves and important function.

Loring: acknowledged presence of Bettye Davis. BFS seems to be a free-for-all down there at 3 in the morning. Need to do more for the people there. Catholic Social Services cannot be expected to do it all. Encourages Assembly/Legislators to find a solution. Support for education at the neighborhood level.

Flynn: working with Boys and Girls Club to promote education.

Manteufel: Beans Cafe needs to pay their staff more. Supports better management of AA type services. More late night bus service.

Flynn: Has been fighting to keep funding/service levels maintained. Current leadership is not in favor of increases.

Bette Davis- Anchorage School Board member: Request support for education. Asked that we call our assemblymen, and legislators, to increase funding and fully fund the education formula early in the session. Fairview Elementary is working hard, getting 3 stars out of 5. Saturday, 1/11, 9-12am Anchorage Caucus at anchorage Assembly hall.

Loring: Thanks Ms Davis for coming. Neighborhood Plan has a section on education.

Amory Lelake- Senator Ellis' office: Senator Ellis supports education. 2014 will be a tough budget year with possible reductions in critical programs.

Loring: Encourages the senator to focus on urban neighborhood schools, provide more money for teacher training.

Manteufel: More support for after-school programs

Rose Foley, Representative Gara's office: Working to pass bill on student loan rates. Lower revenues means prioritization of priorities. Will advocate to table KABATA and Anchorage Port capital projects. Office is moving to Juneau. Phone calls will forward.

Guest Presentations:

Leslie Need, Anchorage Bar Association: Free legal help MLK day of service 1/20/2024 12pm - 6 pm at Mountain View Boys and Girls Club. Benefits, Landlord/Tenant, Child Support/Custody, Consumer, Family Law, Credit Counselling. Over 100 lawyers to help people.

7:30 call to order

Approval of amended agenda: unanimous consent

Approval of Minutes: No minutes available. Tabled until February

New business: Resolution 2013 - 04 tabled until February

President's Report: Snow Cistern meeting encouraging. H. Need and Kemplen will follow up. 1/16 inebriate/public safety/ resolution 2013-06 meeting 7pm. 1/23 7pm Affordable Care Act Q&A with United Way navigators, organized by Jorgensen. 1/30 Brother Francis/Harm Reduction meeting 7pm.

Comments from the floor:

Hodge: Now director of Shiloh Community Development Corporation in Fairview. Hosting a March Education seminar.

Benson: Question about Karluk Manor residents survey: Is RurAL CAP claiming it is adequate to measure impacts of Karluk Manor on neighborhood? Questioned methodology.

Scollan in response: Survey is intended to meet the requirements of the conditional use permit. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Grant of \$250K for circumpolar health center to conduct a comprehensive data instrument/report

Loring: Not a very robust survey. Provided comments on his experience. Thanked RurAL CAP for running a well managed facility

Alleva: Comments regarding inadequate opportunities for public comment, both on Karluk Manor, and on Brother Francis Shelter: P&Z and Assembly have it on the consent agenda with no public comment.

H. Need: Question for Scollan on railing on facility. Scollan reported has been fixed.

Manteufel: Opportunities/suggestions for Karluk Manor residents to volunteer in the community. Believes it is a requirement under federal code.

8:12 motion to adjourn H. Need. (L. Need second)