

Fairview Community Council Resolution No. 2012-05

A Resolution supporting the Fairview Business Association Gambell Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan

1 WHEREAS the Fairview Community Council recognizes the need to engage local businesses in revitalization efforts; and

2 WHEREAS the Fairview Business Association formed to engage local businesses in revitalization efforts; and

3 WHEREAS the Fairview Business Association is collaborating with the Fairview Community Council to shape revitalization efforts; and

4 WHEREAS the Fairview Community Council has held formal discussions with the Fairview Business Association establishing mutually agreeable priorities; and

5 WHEREAS the State Highway to Highway plan has been postponed and substantially delayed into the future; and

6 WHEREAS it is a legitimate and necessary exercise to look at what improvements could be made to the major regional transportation corridors in the Fairview neighborhood to determine what short term improvements could be made which would still hold utility regardless of which future transportation plans may eventually be implemented.

7 WHEREAS various private, state and municipal agencies have concentrated social services in the Fairview area.

8 WHEREAS this situation has created a challenge to Fairview in the public's perception of the area as a safe place to reside and do business.

9 WHEREAS this plan will provide tools to deal with the impacts of this concentration and to also make the area safer for social service clients who are primarily pedestrians.

WHEREAS redesign and redevelopment of Gambell Street would help change the public's perception of Fairview as an area to do business in and would also contribute to the economy of Fairview and Anchorage as a whole; and

WHEREAS the Fairview Business Association will designate ten percent of the appropriation to assist the Fairview Community Council in carrying out public outreach; and

WHEREAS authorized members of The Fairview Community Council Executive Board and the Fairview Business Association Board of Directors met jointly with Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan to express support for this project; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Fairview Community Council supports a state appropriation of \$250,000 to the Fairview Business Association to develop the Gambell Boulevard redevelopment plan which will include a community reinvestment strategy, creation of an enterprise zone, traffic management plan, pedestrian safety plan and community impact assessment.

Passed this 8th day of March, 2012, by a vote of 9-0-2 (Constant + Heinrich abstained) as attested to by the following:

Michael Howard, President

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ST Klein, Secretary 3/12/12