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Board of Delegates Monthly Meeting April Meeting Recap

Hello Delegates & Presidents,

As we recently marked my one-year anniversary with the FCC, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past 12 months with you.

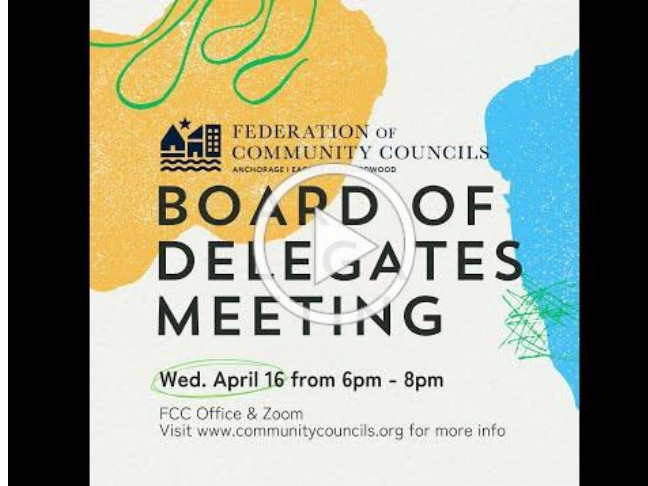
When I joined the FCC, I saw the hopes and aspirations you all held for our organization. As I have had the privilege of attending many community council meetings in the last year, I have often reflected on the unique communities that make up Anchorage. Each council has a history and traditions that speak to the needs of the neighborhood. And yet a common thread connects every council: the fundamental goal of fostering neighborhood engagement. The work of civic engagement is not flashy or fancy, and it is often critiqued. However civic engagement is part of the fabric of our democracy and touches every part of our lives. Through the work of your councils, each of you stands as shining examples of how investing in your neighborhood is an investment in a better tomorrow.

The FCC itself has grown and changed, striving to embody the aspirations many of you shared with me over this past year. We now have two full time staff, something we have not had in at least 20 years. Our organization is stronger than ever with strong leadership from the officers, a hardworking bylaw committee, refined policies and procedures, and work underway to establish a clear strategic vision. The recent April meeting provided a clear example, where I saw the board cohesively tackle a challenge as a unified team. Attendance at board meetings is high and the support of the board through these changes has made them all possible.

Our collective work over the past year speaks volumes. We have significantly expanded our training opportunities, including last year's townhalls, the now-annual Leadership & Officer Summit, and the Local Lens series. FCC staff are connecting with other community organizations to promote and further our mission. The launch of our new website, even as development continues, showcases the enhanced capabilities of our organization.

2026 will be the Federation of Community Councils' 50 year anniversary. While we celebrate this progress, we know there is much more to accomplish. I am excited at what we have coming soon and what the future may hold. Thank you board members for your generosity with your time and wisdom. Thank you Assembly and community partners for your trust and guidance. Thank you Community Councils for your support and dedication to civic engagement. Thank you all for making the Federation of Community Councils the organization it is today.





FCC Board Information

[Click here](#) to see the full Board Packet with the agenda, previous minutes, and additional documents.

[See the written minutes for April here.](#)

We welcomed two new board members - Emily Weiser from Airport Heights and Kelly Ittenbach from Fairview.

Committee chairs updated the Board on the standing of their committees and upcoming work to be done.

Staff shared the new website. Some hiccups are expected and we appreciate your patience.

The Board discussed a complaint regarding potential partisanship and the recent survey sent by Rep. Galvin's office. An Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to review the Digital Outreach policy and bring a recommendation back to the full board.

Executive Committee nominations were opened. Voting occurs in May and the new officers take on their positions in July.

Nominations were

- Chair - Mike Edgington, GBOS
- Vice Chair - Evan Leaf, SLCC
- Secretary - Kaitlyn Jackson, BVCC
- Treasurer - Patrick LeMay, SFCC

Since we had an additional member interested in serving and the Executive Committee is an even number, a nomination was made to have Sarah Preskitt, SCC, serve as Member-At-Large.

Nominations remain open and will close at the May meeting, right before voting.

The Strategic Plan is ongoing - the Executive Committee invites any board members interested in participating to join them at the next committee meeting: Tuesday, May 6 from 3pm-4pm via Zoom. Click below to register to attend.

Executive Committee: Core Purpose & Values Review

LOCATION

Zoom (Link TBA)

DATE AND TIME

05/06/25 3:00pm - 05/06/25 4:00pm US/Alaska

Join the Executive Committee for a review of the core purpose and values created at the

I'll Be There!

Representative Reports

Mayor's Office Report

The Mayor's Office reported on a successful meeting with District 1 Councils and many applicants (including CCs) for the Beyond the Beige grant. Watch our meeting recording to see her full comments.

Ad-Hoc attendance can still be requested on specific topics by [filing out this form](#) or by emailing mayor@anchorageak.gov

[Request Mayor's Office at your meeting](#)

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ASD Report

ASD was not in attendance to provide a report.

Assembly Report

Assembly was not in attendance to provide a report.

Coalition Updates

Rezoning Informational

An review document regarding AO 2025-40 was provided by the Planning Department.

Melisa Babb: melisa.babb@anchorageak.gov
Daniel Mckenna-Foster: daniel.mckenna-foster@anchorageak.gov

[See the Handout](#)

Coordinated Response to Homelessness Report

Farina Brown was unable to attend our meeting. We hope to connect with her and invite her to a future meeting.

CIP Survey Updates

The CIP Survey is open now to May 20th.

[Click here for the Muni survey website](#)
Chelsea Ward-Waller: chelsea.ww@anchorageak.gov

Next CIP Training - [CIP Technical Webinar - Wednesday, May 7 @ 6pm on Zoom](#)

Join Chelsea Ward-Waller and learn how to submit your Survey before the May 20 deadline. Get your technical questions answered!

[Register to Attend](#)

Community Council Boundaries

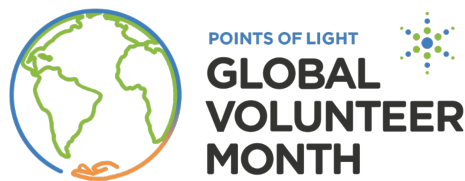
The Community Council Boundary maps passed Planning & Zoning Commission.

Check out the full website by [clicking here](#).

Need the sample resolution? [Click here](#).

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Current Activities



Community Council Members of the Year

We have had a number of nominations and are excited to share two of them.

Jon Isaacs

Turnagain Community Council

Kris Stoechner

Midtown Community Council

Staff will continue attending Council meetings in May to recognize some additional Members of the Year. If your Council missed their opportunity, don't worry: Member of the Year is now yearly! Every April we will accept nominations for your Council.

New Website

Our new website is live!

We recommend all Community Councils appoint one person to be the website head, handling edits and interfacing with FCC Staff. If no one is appointed, the president or chair will be the default contact.

To assign Council page editing privileges:

1. Council President/Chair must email info@communitycouncils.org with the person's name & email.
2. Staff will respond with the log in information appropriate for their Council page.

Next Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 6PM - 8PM

In Person at FCC Office or online via Zoom

Add FCC Meetings to Your
Calendar!

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to our office.

- Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director

FCC Executive Committee:

Mike Edgington, Chair
Kandi Hayes, Vice Chair
Evan Leaf, Secretary
Patrick LeMay, Treasurer

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