



## Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6pm-8pm

In Person: FCC Conference Room

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89600528663> | Meeting ID: 896 0052 8663

### Part I – The Board Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>1. Meeting Opening</b> 1.1. Roll Call	5 minutes
<b>2. Consent Agenda</b> 2.1. Approval of Agenda 2.2. Approval of Minutes	10 minutes
<b>3. Discussion Topic</b> 3.1. Bylaw Draft - Bylaw Committee  <i>All Delegates should be prepared to discuss the details and specifics of the Bylaws Draft 2 and should have reviewed all available resources. The purpose of this discussion is to clarify, answer questions, and explain decisions. Delegates are encouraged to bring changes or amendments to the March meeting. No action on the bylaws is intended before the March meeting.</i>	30 minutes
<b>4. Move to second agenda</b>	--

### Group Agreements

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## Part II – The Coalition Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>1. Meeting Opening</b>	--
<b>2. Education Topic</b> 2.1 Council Updates – Rabbit Creek thru Umed / Tudor <i>Council Updates: Rabbit Creek, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Sand Lake, Scenic Foothills, South Addition, South Fork, Spenard, Taku Campbell, Turnagain, Turnagain Arm, Umed / Tudor</i>	<b>15 minutes</b> <i>(1 minute per council, then time for other councils with urgent business)</i>
<b>3. Education Topic – Representative Reports</b> 3.1. Mayor – Graham Downey 3.2. Assembly – Anna Brawley, Vice Chair 3.3. School Board – Carl Jacobs, President 3.4. Planning Department	20 minutes
<b>4. Education Topic</b> 4.1. Community Challenge Grants – Diana Rhoades, Anchorage Park Foundation	10 minutes
<b>5. Comment Period</b>	<i>If Applicable</i>
<b>6. Adjourn</b>	--

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Abbott Loop | Airport Heights | Basher | Bayshore – Klatt | Bear Valley | Birchwood | Campbell Park | Chugiak | Downtown Eagle River | Eagle River Valley | Eklutna Valley | Fairview | Girdwood | Glen Alps | Government Hill | Hillside | Huffman – O’Malley | Midtown Mountain View | North Star | Northeast | Old Seward – Oceanview | Rabbit Creek | Rogers Park | Russian Jack Park | Sand Lake Scenic Foothills | South Addition | South Fork | Spenard | Taku – Campbell | Turnagain | Turnagain Arm | UMed – Tudor

**Federation of Community Councils  
Board of Delegates Meeting**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 | Hybrid  
Draft Minutes

*Zoom meeting being recorded, including the “Chat”. There is no expectation of privacy.*

**FCC Delegates in attendance (28)**

Abbott Loop – Lizzie Newell	Midtown – Rosemary Borchardt
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Basher – Dirk Sisson	North Star – Jade Powell
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Northeast – Not Present
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Birchwood – Not Present	Rabbit Creek – Tim Alderson
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon	Rogers Park – Not Present
Chugiak – Darryl Parks	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Not Present	Sand Lake – Liz Vasquez
Eagle River – Chuck Homan	Scenic Foothills – Roger Shaw
Eagle River Valley – Glen Justis	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Fork – Not Present
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Girdwood (GBOS) – Jennifer Wingard	Taku-Campbell – Sarah Alexander
Glen Alps – Greg Kuijper	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Hillside – Not Present	UMed / Tudor – Steven Callaghan
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	

**Others in attendance:**

Mike Edgington, FCC Executive Board Chair  
Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director  
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator  
Anna Brawley, Assembly  
Lucas Bertram, Planning Department  
Taylor Keenan, Parks & Recreation  
Paul Schneider, Chugiak Alt  
Joy Webb, Eagle River Valley Alt  
Gloria Lyons, Old Seward/Oceanview Alt  
Robert Hayes, Sand Lake VP  
Jon Isaacs, Member of the public  
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## **PART I – THE BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Sarah Preskitt, Vice-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

- I. Meeting Opening**
  - a. Roll Call & Group Agreements
- II. Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Approval of Agenda**
    - i. Motion to approve made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kathleen Plunkett. Approved by assent.
  - b. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. Motion to approve made by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Kevin Fimon.
    - ii. Motion made to correct the minutes on page three “to read the motion was ***Divide the Question*** of the Sand Lake’s representative’s original motion (page 3), thereby breaking the motion into two portions, the first portion ended before the sentence beginning with the word “*Furthermore...*”. made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kevin Fimon. The motion passed by assent. The minutes as amended were approved.
- III. Discussion Topic: 2026 Board Meeting Dates**
  - a. Arianna introduced the list of potential meeting dates, with members catching and amending an incorrect date. There was discussion regarding picnic date flexibility due to 50th anniversary and potential celebration ideas.
  - b. Motion to approve board meeting dates as presented, with November 28th corrected to November 18<sup>th</sup> made by Kevin Fimon, seconded by Cathy Gleason. The motion passed by assent.
- IV. Discussion Topic: Potential Executive Session**
  - a. The board discussed scheduling an executive session to address a legal matter. Mike Edgington confirmed it would require an in-person meeting and there would be a notice period as per the bylaws.
- V. Educational Topic: Bylaw Draft 2 Introduction – Bylaw Committee**
  - a. Sarah Preskitt introduced the Bylaws Draft 2 to the body, explaining that this meeting was just an introduction, and encouraged the Delegates to read over the draft. Discussion about the Bylaws Draft 2 will occur at the February meeting with a potential to vote in March.
  - b. There was discussion amongst the body surrounding the idea of potentially postponing the vote to a later date at the next meeting to provide more time for Community Councils to give input. This was tabled until the February meeting.
- VI. Move to second agenda**

## PART II – THE COALITION MEETING

Meeting Opener: Sarah Preskitt, Vice-Chair

- I. **Education Topic: Council Updates** – Girdwood thru Old Seward / Oceanview
  - a. **Girdwood** – Reported that Girdwood is actively trying to get more residents on the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Council. They are trying to get more control over the local economy and short-term rentals.
  - b. **Glen Alps** – Recently expanded from the Boundary changes, there is an ongoing privacy issue on Jeanne Road and speeding issues on Canyon Road. Canyon Road is now included in the Traffic Calming program to help.
  - c. **Government Hill** – A DOT poster has advertised the Knik River Crossing as a project that could be picked up again, along with Matsu Rail extension and other projects – there is concern about where the funds could come from for so many projects along with certain projects coming back.
  - d. **Huffman / O'Malley** – Big topic of conversation recently has been funding deficit for ASD. They also recently voted on several resolutions at their most recent meeting including finalizing the HOCC's CAPSIS list and making the AFD Wildfire Division permanent.
  - e. **Midtown** – There is a new women's only hotel opening up in the area, Chugach AK is building a museum that is also a gathering area and apartment complex. Midtown CC is still dealing with Marijuana smell issues along with the ongoing Walmart homelessness issue.
  - f. **Mountain View** – Reported the Circle K shut down, there are still some homeless issues being addressed in the area, included that their recent holiday celebrations were successful.
  - g. **North Star** – They have had special meetings on housing. Mentioned Anchorage Housing Working Group and Anchorage Housing Club meetings next week. Valley of the Moon officially in the Community Council boundary. North Star CC started a committee to advocate for Fireweed Lane improvements and passed a resolution from Rogers Park CC regarding Fireweed Lane improvements being expedited.
  - h. **Old Seward / Oceanview** – Has been actively pursuing funding for Elden Subdivision's failing wells and expressed concerns about Vision Zero initiative on Old Seward Highway and in their Community Council.
  - i. **Turnagain** – Mentioned TCC would be participating in West Anchorage Candidates Forum with other councils and always seeking volunteers. FCC staff shared that Sand Lake and Turnagain Community Council held their first candidates forum in 1976, making this year's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - j. **Russian Jack** – Talked about snow clearing around fire hydrants and width of snow clearing is a citywide issue, noted there have staffing issues in the fire department.
  - k. **Rabbit Creek** – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Safer Seward Highway project has come out, urged others to read the Draft EA / submit written comments for the project while continuing to stay informed. Expressed concern at the scope of the project. Also mentioned watching out for Assembly member Zach Johnson's upcoming potential ordinance to allow neighborhood retail in some form.
- II. **Education Topic** – Representative Reports
  - a. **Mayor's Office** – Not Present

**b. Anchorage Assembly – Anna Brawley**

- i. Anna shared information about an upcoming Assembly meeting where Community Councils will be recognized for their 50th anniversary.
- ii. Anna also discussed several upcoming items for the April ballot, including bonds for various service areas and a proposed one-time ASD tax levy of \$11.8 million to address increasing class sizes. She explained the complexities of state education funding formulas and why a one-time levy was chosen over a permanent solution. Anna also mentioned upcoming budget education meetings and provided information on property tax assessments, noting that appeals can be filed until February 11th. She also briefly discussed Assemblyman Zach Johnson's proposed ordinance for neighborhood retail, though details were still pending.

**c. School Board – Not Present**

**d. Planning Department – Lucas Bertram**

- i. The community council boundaries were approved at the last Assembly meeting. Maps will be updated in the coming weeks, with larger maps available upon request from Tom Davis in the planning department.

**III. Education Topic: Better Public Meetings & 2026 Summit**

- a. Arianna started off by noting that there will be no CIP survey this year due to funding restraints.
- b. She also highlighted the upcoming celebratory resolution from the Anchorage Assembly regarding the Federation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- c. Arianna reminded everyone about the upcoming Better Public Meetings Forum at the Library January 29th and cited that there have been over 140 responses to the survey.
- d. Arianna also highlighted the upcoming FCC Officer Training Summit on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and talked about some of the presenters to look forward to.

**IV. Education Topic: Park Designation vs. Dedication – Lucas Bertram, Planning Department & Taylor Keenan, Parks & Recreation Department**

- a. Taylor Keenan started with a presentation outlining Park designations vs dedications, outlining how to dedicate / un-dedicate Parkland, the process behind dedications, and how to find the status of Parkland.
- b. Lucas Bertram presented information about two projects that went in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission:
  - i. PZC 2025-0146: Changes the land use map designation of parcels used for parks that were previously residential.
  - ii. PZC 2025-0131: Changes the zoning designation of 742 parcels used as parks to the PR Parks & Recreation zoning district.
- c. There was a motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes made by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Darryl Parks. There was an objection, the motion was put to a vote.
  - i. The Motion passed with:
    - 12 yes
    - 4 no
    - 12 abstain

**V. Comment Period: None**

**VI. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.**



# Community Challenge Grant Opportunity

## Request for Proposals (RFP)

### About the Community Challenge Grant Program

The Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) invites applications for the 2026 Community Challenge Grant Program, a competitive grant opportunity supporting community-led projects to improve Anchorage parks, trails, greenbelts, and outdoor recreation.

Offered every two years with generous support from Rasmuson Foundation, the Community Challenge Grant Program empowers residents, neighborhood groups, and local organizations to take an active role in caring for and improving public green spaces. These grants support projects that provide public benefit, build community, and encourage stewardship.

### Important Dates

- **Friday, January 30, 2026:** Request for proposals opens
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 5:30 pm:** Applicant Assistance Workshop (online)
- **Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 5:30 pm:** Applicant Assistance Workshop (in person, Russian Jack Springs Park Chalet)
- **Friday, April 10, 2026 – 5:00 pm:** Application deadline
- **May 15, 2026:** Grantee kickoff event
- **May 15, 2026 – October 31, 2027:** Project period

### Funding & Match Requirements

A total of \$300,000 is available for the 2026 grant cycle. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. A 1:1 community match is required. For every dollar requested from APF, applicants must provide one dollar in match. Eligible match sources include volunteer time, donated materials or professional services, cash donations, or non-federal grants that directly contribute to the project.

Federal funds may not be used as match. All match sources must be clearly described in the project budget narrative and secured by the end of the grant period. Applicants are encouraged to contact APF to confirm allowable match sources.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include a wide range of community-based groups, such as nonprofit organizations, community councils, tribal entities, schools and PTAs, recreation or sports groups, community-focused businesses, and other similar organizations. Informal neighborhood or community groups made up of at least two individuals are also eligible to apply.

## Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must be located on, or directly benefit, public land within the Municipality of Anchorage and demonstrate a clear and meaningful public benefit. Eligible projects improve or enhance access to municipal parks, trails, greenbelts, recreation centers, or other public green spaces and support community use, stewardship, and enjoyment. Past Challenge Grant projects can be viewed [here](#). Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following general categories:

### **Trails, Access, and Connectivity**

Projects that build, restore, or improve trails, trail access points, neighborhood social trails, or connections to parks and recreation facilities.

### **Environmental Stewardship and Habitat Improvement**

Projects focused on invasive species removal, native tree planting, landscaping, streambank or habitat restoration, and long-term ecological health, including efforts supported by volunteers or Youth Employment in Parks crews.

### **Recreation Facilities and Amenities**

Projects that repair, construct, or install park and recreation amenities such as fences, dog waste stations, exercise equipment, scoreboards, timing systems, or equipment that enhances the public experience at sports facilities and municipal recreation facilities.

### **Community Gathering, Art, and Placemaking**

Projects that enhance public spaces through creative placemaking, including public art installations, little libraries, interpretive signage, educational panels, and community gardens or food forests.

### **Youth, Education, and Learning Spaces**

Projects that create or enhance outdoor learning labs, school-adjacent park improvements, and other education-focused uses of public greenspaces.

### **Safety, Security, and Maintenance**

Projects that improve safety and usability of public spaces through security features, lighting, maintenance upgrades, or durable design improvements.

This list is intended to be illustrative rather than exhaustive. Projects that align with the intent of the Community Challenge Grant Program and provide a clear public benefit to public land within Anchorage will be considered.

## Applicant Assistance Workshops

Two optional workshops will provide guidance to prospective applicants. Workshops include support from Anchorage Parks and Recreation planners and landscape architects from the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

1. **March 10, 2026 – 5:30 pm** (online)
2. **March 19, 2026 – 5:30 pm** (in person) @ Russian Jack Springs Park Chalet, 1600 Lidia Selkregg Lane

Please RSVP by emailing [Diana@anchorageparkfoundation.org](mailto:Diana@anchorageparkfoundation.org) to receive the meeting link or confirm in-person attendance.

## How to Apply

To apply, download and complete the [Community Challenge Grant Application](#). The project narrative should respond to all required proposal content listed below and **must not exceed three pages, excluding the budget**. In addition to the narrative and budget, applicants must include all required supporting documentation including photos and/or a map of the project location, and a letter of support for the project.

Submit all application materials together as a single PDF or Word file via email with the subject line **“Community Challenge Grant”** to [info@anchorageparkfoundation.org](mailto:info@anchorageparkfoundation.org) Applications must be received by **5:00 pm on Friday, April 10, 2026**, to be considered. Only complete submissions received by the deadline will be reviewed.

## Review Considerations

Funding decisions are guided by the criteria outlined below, which support a fair and transparent review process and reflect the Anchorage Park Foundation’s priorities and community values. These considerations are not exhaustive and may be weighed alongside other factors as funding allows. Applicants are encouraged to clearly address each area in their proposal narrative.

- 1. Community Impact and Stewardship**

Projects are evaluated on the extent to which they provide a clear public benefit, engage volunteers or community members, and demonstrate long-term stewardship of public spaces.

- 2. Alignment with Anchorage Park Foundation Priorities**

Consideration is given to how well the project advances one or more APF priorities, including Youth Employment in Parks, Schools on Trails, invasive species removal and tree planting, trails and trail access, the Alaska Long Trail, and Indigenous place naming.

- 3. Project Readiness and Funding Capacity**

Reviewers assess the applicant’s readiness to move forward, the feasibility of the proposed timeline, and the ability to manage project funds and required match.

- 4. Design Quality and Maintenance Planning**

Projects are reviewed for quality and appropriateness of design, durability, and the clarity and realism of plans for ongoing maintenance and long-term care.

## Public Process and Permitting

Some projects may require public involvement or approvals, including community council review, permitting, or review by municipal commissions.

## Contact

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Anchorage Park Foundation with questions or to discuss project ideas—staff are happy to provide guidance and support on the application process.

Diana Rhoades, Programs Director  
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**Thank you** to Rasmuson Foundation, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, and the Anchorage Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for partnering with the Anchorage Park Foundation on this grant program.

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