

**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, 15 March 2006**

Attendance – 20 councils

Abbott Loop – Al Tamagni
Birchwood – Nanette Belk
Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman
Mid-Hillside – Lance Powell
Old Seward/Ocean – Hank Hosford
Sand Lake – Robert Hayes
Tudor – Diane Etter

Airport Heights – Mark Fish
Downtown – Kim MacBeath
Fairview – Justina Meyer
North Star – Harriet Drummond
Rabbit Creek – Peter Johnson
South Addition – Bonnie Harris
Turnagain – Cathy Gleason

Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule
Eagle River – Bill Gossweiler
Government Hill – Julie Jessal
Northeast – Bob Ruetke
Russian Jack – Mike Gutierrez
Spennard – Jason Bergerson

CC Center – Deborah Bauer & Ed Leach

Mayor's Staff – Teri Albrecht

AWWU – Tom Winkler

4th Ave Theater – Jane Angvik

Assembly – Janice Shamberg

HDR – Julie Jessen

Police Dept – Sgt Cindi Stanton

Anch Women – Staci Papineau

Call to Order: by Vice-Chairman Kim MacBeath at 6:06 PM.

Agenda: Approved with the addition of Save the 4th Avenue Theater under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved with one correction.

Anchorage Police Department – Sgt Cindi Stanton

Please give her notice of hot issues so she can be sure to attend the council meeting. On some nights there are so many meetings she cannot attend all of them, so she has to prioritize.

Bob Ruetke asked what the police academy schedule was? The present academy still has 24 cadets. The next academy will convene this summer.

Lance Powell asked what would be the impact of allowing Municipal employees to write citations? The requirement to have a sworn officer means that citation writers have to have completed the academy, which raises the pay granted the employee (right now that is only Community Service Officers). Also, this would free up police officers to respond to crimes.

Mayor's Office – Teri Albrecht

She met with developer Lee Baker over issues from the councils.

- Eagle River – landscaping will be provided
- Scenic Foothills – the drain pipe will be replaced with a larger one
- University – contractors will work with the Castle family and neighborhood

The CIP is still being managed by the Office of Budget (Bruce Holmes).

Bill Gossweiler asked if there will be a vegetative screen shielding the view of the highway? No, but the neighbors will be able to use his connection to hook up with AWWU.

Robert Hayes asked if there are plans to cage the dog parks. Diane Etter replied that there is some money for this in the parks plan, though fencing at University Lake will have to wait until the master plan for University is complete.

Al Tamagni asked if there is a list of Baker properties? Try <http://www.patriciabaker.com/>

Anchorage School District – Jeff Friedman

Not present, but he submitted a written statement that was distributed to everyone.

Anchorage Assembly – Janice Shamberg

- Assembly granted \$108,000 to the FCC. The vote was 8-0 (Paul Bauer abstained because he declared a conflict of interest).
- To encourage developers to work with communities and the MOA, P&Z is now allowed to work concurrently on zone changes and permits.
- Money is available for fish restoration in Campbell, Chester and Ship Creeks.
- Fairview Community Council is approved for developing a neighborhood plan.

Hank Hosford asked if the money is restricted to those creeks? No, it is for any creek with a history of fish. Bill Gossweiler noted that Eagle River has a small red salmon run.

Cathy Gleason asked if this included Westchester Lagoon and was the Assembly aware of the complications for the fish ladder? Westchester Lagoon is first on the list.

Bob Ruepke asked what was happening with the Billik Inn? The liquor license and inventory were bought by Dan Sullivan for the Irish pub he is developing next to City Hall.

Mike Gutierrez asked what was the status of compliance for Fantasies on 5th Avenue? Assembly approved the liquor conditional use permit based on apparent compliance.

Ed Leach asked if the Municipal Clerk could post ordinances on the Internet when they are submitted? Not being done due to a shortage of staff.

Sullivan Arena Waterline Upgrades – Tom Winkler (AWWU) and Julie Jessen (HDR)

- Eleven water line failures in the past three years. The east water line was installed in 1994, but is experiencing early failure. Apparently the high ground water table is promoting a chemically active soil that is corrosive to the iron water pipes.
- The iron pipes will be replaced with HDPE (high density polyethylene). HDPE is used extensively in Bush Alaska, so it will not crack in the cold. Metal valves and hydrants will have an epoxy coating and sacrificial anodes.
- Construction will begin May 15 and complete August 15. Construction will be suspended during major events. The construction will be sequenced in seven segments to minimize interruptions in the area.
- For more information, call Julie at 644-2075 or 360-6905 or visit <http://www.awwu.biz/Sullivan>

Lance Powell asked if this would be a low bid project or would the bid be evaluated for best quality? Municipal Code only allows low bid selection.

Cathy Gleason asked if there would be tree removals in the Chester Creek Greenbelt? Yes. Cathy then opined that the trees should be replaced.

Anchorage Women's Commission – Stacie Papineau

- Composed of citizens engaged in promoting the status of women.
- Projects include the Multicultural Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, the Action Plan for Interpersonal Violence Prevention in Anchorage, the Anchorage Domestic Violence Plan and the Visibility Project.
- For more information, go to <http://www.muni.org/healthssd/women.cfm>

Save the 4th Avenue Theater – Jane Angvik

- Proposition 6 on the ballot is to borrow up to two million dollars to match private funds. If the private monies are not adequate, the bonds will not be issued.
- The theater is the only art deco building of its kind in Alaska.
- If approved, the bond will cost \$0.65 per 100K of valuation.

Bill Gossweiler asked if the private financing plans included private ownership shares? Various financing schemes are being evaluated for raising the money.

Mike Gutierrez asked why Anchorage Historic Properties is not going to be the manager for the theater? This has not been decided and AHP is one of the participants in the planning.

Bob Ruepke asked if an appraisal was done? Still in progress.

Robert Hayes asked if any code upgrades will be required? The building meets all codes, though they are still deciding what the uses will be and the remodeling required for those uses.

Treasurer's Report – accepted as submitted.

Community Councils Center – Ed Leach

- Urged the delegates to have their councils use the website to publish information to their members. He recommended that people view the Fairview and Russian Jack pages for ideas of what can be done.
- Noted that the Center is trying not to send large attachments (over 200 KB). He requested that councils tell others to link to web pages in place of sending large emails. The CCC will construct web pages if necessary.

Deborah Bauer

- Mayoral Candidates Forum – scheduled for March 29.
 - The first hour will be broadcast by KTUU channel 2 and hosted by John Tracy. This will have Mark Begich and Jack Frost, since they both poll over five percent.
 - The second hour will be live with the audience and also include Thomas Higgins and Nick Moe

We have a tenant for the cubicles – Anchorage's Promise (children's programs). The rent will be \$300 per month.

Council Sharing – see attached.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Council Sharing

Abbott Loop – Various road extensions (Bragaw, Dowling, Independence)

Parks plan shows projected trails that traverse developed properties

Compiling a CIP for the Legislature

Airport Heights – Drive by crime at the East Ridge development

Bragaw & 20th – intersection has problems with the school children crossing, Chester Creek culvert, & the proposed extension of Bragaw through the University Area

Bayshore/Klatt – Keep the president screening emails

Birchwood – Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan

Need for a separate chapter in Title 21, land use regulations, for this area

Downtown – McKinley Building will open this summer, and the Convention Center is breaking ground.

Eagle River – Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update

Vietnam Wall coming in June to Eagle River

Veterans' Wheelchair Games in July

Seeking support from all Community Councils for a separate Chapter in the new Title 21 for C-ER.

Eagle River Valley – Chugiak-Eagle River Plan

Locating a cell-phone tower in the area

Fairview – Neighborhood plan committee is meeting on Saturdays, applaud the Assembly's authorization of the Fairview neighborhood plan

Want to name the highway-to-highway connection the Fairview Parkway

Government Hill – Concerns over the Knik Bridge, looking at mitigation efforts

C Street overpass has a severe problem with ice build-up, traffic accidents would be more frequent with the Knik Bridge traffic volumes

Mid-Hillside – Against the sign ordinance changes

Want the Hillside District Plan to be done

Analyzing the Title 21 rewrite – very time consuming for non-professionals

North Star - Fireweed Lane upgrade is halted due to objections – affecting pedestrian safety

Northeast – Opposed to the Wal-Mart rezone, Planning & Zoning was unanimous

Old Seward / Oceanview – Beginning joint meetings on the Old Seward Highway upgrade, construction scheduled to begin in 2007

Rabbit Creek – Rapid pace of development versus the slow development of a Hillside Plan
Sub-area traffic circulation

Russian Jack – Williwaw Elementary School boundary changes will relieve overcrowding
Bragaw Interchange on the Glenn Highway will include a gateway appearance
Getting matching grants to install a playground at Williwaw Park – need \$10,000

Sand Lake – Water testing for the gravel pit development

South Addition – Rewrite of Title 21 – want to keep the old town character of South Addition
Delaney Park Strip future development – keep the openness of the park for personal safety
Parks Dept does not appreciate the popularity of the Pete's Gym area

Spenard – Some road projects do not meet community concerns (35th & McRae upgrade, etc.)
Zoning appeals board has been tied up for weeks over an unauthorized coffee cart
Habitat for Humanity wants to build a 12 unit apartment building – SCC supports

Tudor Area – Continue having the President screen the emails
More information should be placed on the FCC website

Turnagain – Against the sign ordinance changes

Keep the president screening the emails

Applying to Rasmuson Foundation for a grant to upgrade Didlika Park

Traffic calming Study underway

Turnagain Slide Area development delayed until summer '07

General Aviation Airport Master Plan Preferred Alt. out for review

Land Use Plan Map update —working on comments

Upgrade of 35th Avenues and McRae Road – residents do not like the Muni design plans

Renovations to West High School and Romig Middle School — continuing to follow