

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of February 15, 2017 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris.
Quorum achieved. Guests welcomed. New delegates welcomed.

FCC Delegates in attendance (21):

Abbott	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	John Whitlock
Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Birchwood	Dave Wolfe
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Eagle River	Sharon Gibbins
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens (FCC Vice Chair)
Hillside	Lance Powell
Huffman/O'Malley	Matt Burkholder
Midtown	Peggy Robinson
North Star	Sam Moore (FCC Treasurer)
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill (Burrell Nickerman)
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Taku Campbell	Michael Carey
Tudor Area	Jake Tuckerman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

FCC Chair	Bonnie Harris
Dick Traini	Vice-Chair, Anchorage Assembly
Property Appraisal	Bryant Robbins/Jacques Boutet
Mayor's Office	Jared James
Councils Center	Mark Butler
AFD Chief	Denis LeBlanc
Assembly Candidate	Felix Rivera
MOA Planning	Tom Davis
MOA Planning	Hal Hart
Anchorage Tomorrow	Jacques Boutet

- A. Call to Order to Establish Quorum:** Bonnie Harris, Chair 6 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** Sam Moore moved, Tom Freeman seconded. Approved.
- C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Al Milspaugh moved, Peggy Robinson seconded. Approved with corrections.
- D. Standing Committee Reports:**
 - 1. FCC Chair - Bonnie Harris**
 - a. Reconstituting Policy and Procedure Review Committee
Bob Churchill summarizes—reviewing existing personnel policies to improve and simplify (policies from 2000, need review)
 - b. Financial Advisory Review Committee – updating fiduciary responsibilities, contract obligations. Asking for input.
 - c. Procedures review—Mark is summarizing changes to written procedures on website.
 - 2. FCC Treasurer – Sam Moore,** written handouts (balance sheet and statement)
Comments on procedures—excellent as exercised, can be improved.
 - 3. Community Councils Center Manager – Mark Butler**
 - a. Laminated/mounted maps provided.
 - b. Parks challenge grant—free money for parks (can write off time, contributions etc.) Anchorage Parks Foundation. Maximum of \$50,000 in proposal.
 - c. Five councils have not submitted their new bylaws as is required by the new MOA ordinance.
 - d. Reimbursement for outreach purposes of \$75 per council available for 2017. Turn in your receipts.
 - 4. Outreach Committee - Kyle Stevens**
 - a. Outreach continues—notes new CC delegate
 - b. Masks project—acknowledging brain injuries
- E. Municipality (5 minutes each):**
 - 1. Mayor’s Office – Jared James**
 - a. APD safety survey available through APD website.
 - b. Curbside recycling can now recycle #1 plastic “clamshells”
 - c. MOA data portal available through homepage (makes much info easily discoverable).
 - d. Capital improvements survey available. Requesting CC input. March 1-23. Ranking of projects to come later.
 - e. Jared is resigning from his position at the Office of the Mayor.
 - f. Al Milspaugh stated that the MOA website will not allow one to do a search. Jared said that he would notify the MOA IT staff.
 - 2. Anchorage Assembly – Dick Traini**
 - a. Ordinance passed to set a formal process to merge CCs.
 - b. P&Z approved office zoning on Piper (from R3 to RO).

- c. 2/25 Assembly meeting on studded tire fee (\$5 to \$75), drones, retaining scrap metal for 30 days to identify theft (gold, silver, other metal).
- d. Marijuana bakery—Spenard road, for commercial distribution.
- e. Assembly passed an ordinance disallowing discounts for marijuana products allowed for activity military members.
- f. The State of Alaska is considering allowing Uber/Lyft-type businesses to operate in Alaska. The Municipality has concerns with license and background checks.

3. Anchorage School Board – None

F. Presentations (5 to 10 minutes each)

1. Fire Bonds – AFD Chief Dennis LeBlanc

- a. Fact sheet handout summarizes ballot proposition requesting \$2,620,000 for April ballot (Fire Service Area Bond), \$1,654,000 (Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety, and Public Transportation). Projects are (1) Fire engine replacement, (2) fire stations exterior lighting upgrade, (3) fire vehicle maintenance facility roof replacement.
- b. Most responses are for medical emergencies, only 2% of responses are for fires.
- c. 17% cost increases (spice outbreak [drug responses])
- d. ISO classifies AFD with rating “1” (one of only 135 in nation), results in reduced fees, improved rates.

2. Anchorage Property Assessments – Bryant Robbins, Municipal Assessor

- a. How the tax system works: Assessor values property, administers exemptions.
- b. Approved budget determines taxes collected, assessor determines division of income.
- c. Decline in residential construction (-21%), commercial (-30%). 65%/35% residential/commercial property tax contribution.
- d. Residential value change (0.1 to 2.9%) excluding new construction.
- e. Assessed value averaged 97% compared to sales price (residential), 94% (commercial).
- f. Appeal process ended Monday (2/13/2017)—30-day appeal period. Fee for appealing, refundable. If evidence is provided, value is reduced. If goes to appeals, very few get reduced.

3. 2040 Land Use Plan – Tom Davis

- a. Addressing public comments (stakeholders, businesses, public)
- b. Timeframe process: Early Stakeholder Consultations>Community Discussion Draft>Public Hearing Draft> **P&Z Commission**>Assembly. Currently at P&Z. Will deliberate more on 3/22/2017.
- c. Public hearing materials provided on website.
- d. Public comments, CC comments have been helpful to provide clarity.

4. Anchorage Tomorrow – Jacques Boutet

- a. Requesting meeting requests for CCs (advocacy group)

- b. Endorsements address all items on municipal ballot (4/4/2017), budget request close to last year's (slightly higher)

G. New Business:

Suspend order of business for discussion of finance committee per Kyle Steven request: Kyle requests budget committee to meet before MOA Assembly (Bonnie Harris, Bob Reupke, Cathy Gleason)

H. Council Sharing – (brief points, time permitting)

1. Bob Reupke (Northeast CC) toured new electrical facility
2. Al Milspaugh (UACC) state that his council unanimously passed a resolution encouraging the establishment of park rangers in our city. He offered to visit other councils to explain the resolution.

I. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting)

J. Adjournment at 7:55 p.m. Churchill moved, seconded by Sam Moore.

Attachments:

2/15/2017 Agenda

1/18/2017 Minutes (draft)

Treasurer's report (Statement of Financial Position/Statement of Activity and Budget)

Anchorage Fire Department budget allocation summary, ballot prop fact sheets

Ballot Proposition Fact Sheet (Fire Service Area)

Ballot Proposition Fact Sheet (Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety, Public Transportation)

Ballot Proposition Fact Sheet (Anchorage Road & Drainage Service Area)

Ballot Proposition Fact Sheet (Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area)

Ballot Proposition Fact Sheet (Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area)

House Bill No. 93 (railroad right-of-way), plus summary from Chuck Kopp

Letter from Berkowitz, Capital Improvement Program, capital project needs

Anchorage 2040 LUP Update handout

2017 bond projects map (AnchorageTomorrow.org)