

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

DRAFT Minutes of November 21, 2018 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Matt Burkholder
Quorum achieved.

FCC Delegates in attendance (23):

Abbott Loop	Bruce Roberts
Airport Heights	Vicki Gerken
Basher	Don Crafts (FCC Treasurer)
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Gay Wolfenberger
Birchwood	-
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Darryl Parks
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood	-
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	-
Hillside	Sarah Denson
Huffman/O'Malley	Matt Burkholder (FCC Chair)
Midtown	Al Tamagni
Mountain View	Daniel George (FCC Vice-Chair)
North Star	Sam Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Greg Wika
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	James Smallwood
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	-
South Addition	Jeff Manfull
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	Michael Carey
Tudor Area	-
Turnagain	Anna Brawley
Turnagain Arm	-
University Area	Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Anchorage Fire Department	Chief Jodie Hettrick
Municipal Ombudsman	Darrel Hess
Anchorage Assembly	Chair Forest Dunbar
Anchorage School Board	President Starr Marsett
Community Councils Center	Mark Butler
Municipal Planning	Tom Davis
SACC	Albert Whitehead
CPCC	James Bethany
NECC	Selina Metoyer
NECC	Carla McConnell

A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Matt Burkholder, Chair

B. Approval of Agenda

Darryl Parks motioned, Tom Freeman seconded. Approved.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Sam Moore motioned, Al Millspaugh seconded.

D. Standing Committee Reports:

1. **FCC Chair** – Matt Burkholder

2. **FCC Treasurer** – Don Crafts

On track to meet the MOA grant budget this year.

3. **FCC Outreach** – Al Milspaugh

Add names to the schedule of possible outreach events.

Attended the West Anchorage Candidates Forum

4. **FCC Training** – Daniel George

Darrell Hess – Councils are not subject to Open Meeting Act, BUT in the Community Councils Code “has a policy and practice of open meetings”

AMC2.40.035 A2

Need to demonstrate that all regular and special meetings are open to the public.

Executive board and board meetings up to the notice policy of that council.

5. **Community Councils Center Manager** – Mark Butler

Councils Center closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mark out of state from December 17th through January 1st. Call him on his cellphone at any time. Susan will be in the office a few hours a day during that period in order to send out council notifications.

E. Municipality (5 minutes each):

1. **Mayor's Office** – No one present at this meeting.

2. **Anchorage Assembly** – Forrest Dunbar, Assembly Chair
Budget passed (including Capital, operating, and utility budgets).
Work session reviewed amendments made by the Mayor's Office.
Net result was the restoration of fire apparatus, increased funding by homelessness services including camp abatement. Flowers were not cut. Total budget is \$525 million which is \$7 or 8 million larger than the previous year. Which should be about even for taxes. No ML&P sale revenues included in this budget.

Dec 4th is the 2nd public hearing and vote on sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric.
PowerAnchorage.org is a Chugach website about the proposed purchase.
Alcohol tax introduced, public hearing December 18th then a vote of the people in April. The proposal calls for 5% to be collected at the retail level.

3. **Anchorage School Board** – Starr Marsett, President
Three students arrested and charged with terrorist threats.
Voted to close Mt. Spurr Elementary (taking affect in fall 2019.)
LIO luncheon to talk to representatives about important issues.
Budget out in December and presented to Assembly in January.
Working on their proposed bond for the April 2019 election.
Proposed contract to the union membership.
Mt. Illiamna special needs students were moved to four schools and they seem to be doing well.
Will look at other schools and determine whether we need to rezone or close schools.
Lost 500 students last year and 500 this year.

F. Presentations (5 to 10 minutes each)

1. **Fire Department Priorities** – Chief Jodie Hettrick, Anchorage Fire Department
No cuts to AFD in the 2019 budget
Fire based EMS 69% of the calls are emergency medical calls
20,000 EMS calls per year, 17,000 were transported
Chain of survival; dispatcher will help talk to the caller in order to start the help, even before the rigs roll out the door.
Fire Prevention is important! It is easier to avoid a fire than to put out a fire once it has started.

2. Update on Title 21 Process – Compatible-Scale Infill Housing (R-2 Zones)

Project – Tom Davis, Municipal Long-Range Planning

Releasing Public Hearing Draft about November 29th to December 3rd with a Evening Open House on December 5th at 4700 Elmore Road. Work session with the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission at 5:30 p.m. on December 10th. January 14th is a tentative date of the public hearing at the P&Z.

3. Update on NextDoor Anchorage – Albert Whitehead

Suggested seeking “agency status” within the Municipality of Anchorage NextDoor system which would allow the Councils Center to send out messages on NextDoor. Sam Moore proposed and Tom Freeman seconded to allow the FCC to take the concept to the Mayor’s Office. Approves with 2 abstentions.

G. Old Business:

1. Notifications to Community Councils Information Disseminated In A Timely Manner

We will have a meeting of this committee in the next few weeks with Carla McConnell as the chair. Daniel George said that Meeting Procedures of Title 21 are listed in 21.03.020.

Carla said that we should bring to the attention of the Mayors Office that the Muni is often not doing what they are required to do.

H. New Business:

Sam Moore proposed a FCC December meeting. It died because of a lack of a second. The next FCC meeting is therefore scheduled for January 19, 2019.

I. Council Sharing (brief points)

Rabbit Creek CC – Board Elections

Turnagain CC - Beloved board member Gloria Manni died.

University Area CC – Wesleyan Drive and northern Lights noise fence

Russian Jack CC – Homeless Camps Resolution, Russian Jack Springs Park master plan

Fairview CC – Design competition “Compact”
Bayshore Klatt CC – Traffic control near Mears Junior High
Taku Campbell CC – Two more cannabis businesses
Hillside CC – Support retention of all the Fire Department rigs on the Hillside
South Addition CC – Shutdown of Coastal Trail bridge for a few months
Chugiak CC – Partnering to develop the concept of new public cemeteries in northern Anchorage and in Girdwood, discussed dog parks
Eagle River CC – 80-acre new residential development, dog park
North East CC – Arbys and Northrim Bank
Midtown CC – New Seward Highway plan through Midtown, 32nd and 33rd Avenue road projects, Updating mailing lists
Abbott Loop CC – Holiday meeting/party
Campbell Park CC – DOWL Midtown Congestion plan
Basher CC - No November meeting, AFD and homelessness issue
Mountain View CC – Moving meeting location, holiday potluck
North Star CC – Fence alongside Valley of the Moon Park to separate the small child play area from traffic, Holiday potluck

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

None.

K. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully taken by Mark Butler for Nikki Rose, FCC Secretary.