

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | Hybrid
Final Minutes

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the "Chat". There is no expectation of privacy.

FCC Delegates in attendance (23)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	North Star – Not Present
Basher – Don Crafts	Northeast – Pamela Raygor
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – Not Present	Portage Valley – Not Present
Birchwood – Not Present	Rabbit Creek – Not Present
Campbell Park – Steve Johnson	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Chugiak – Not Present	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Not Present	Sand Lake – Evan Leaf
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Scenic Foothills – Not Present
Eagle River Valley – Alex Jorgensen	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Fork – Not Present
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Girdwood (GBOS) – Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – Kandi Hayes
Glen Alps – Greg Kuijper	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Not Present	Turnagain - Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Bruce Vergason	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O'Malley – Not Present	University Area – Steven Callaghan
Midtown – Not Present	

Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator
Patti Higgins, Abbott Loop Alternate
Graham Downey, Mayor's Office Representative
Elizabeth Appleby, Planning Department
Amanda Loach, Office of Emergency Management
Sean Mackenzie, Office of Emergency Management

PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Mike Edgington, Chair
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Movement made to accept consent agenda and approve minutes made by Cathy Cleason, seconded by Charlie Welch.

III. Committee Update:

a. Ad hoc for Digital Outreach Policy Committee:

- i. Pamela, the ad hoc committee chair, gives a brief report about the committee's robust discussions. The committee decided that the actions of staff aligned with the Digital Outreach Policy. The committee recommends additional review of the policy, potentially by the bylaw committee.
- ii. Evan Leaf, another member of the committee, shared that there was emphasis on issues occurring within the Municipality of Anchorage, which are more relevant to the FCC than State. He also highlighted that the majority of the concerns centering around partisanship were due to how an email from a sitting senator, regarding majorly federal & state issues, could easily be interpreted as political. Evan's final point was about how the dissemination of information should always come from the Community Council President.
- iii. Arianna explains that when the Board of Delegates sets a policy, Arianna creates the procedure of how to ensure the policy is followed. She has re-written the procedure to clarify it in response:
 1. The FCC no longer forwards outreach emails that don't fall within its purview to council presidents; and instead directs any of those requests to the contact list for Community Councils to reach out individually.
- iv. Until the policy review has been completed, this procedure will help the FCC adjust to the recommendations of the committee and still adhere to the policy as it is currently written. Presidents still may request that information gets disseminated to the respective Community Councils.
- v. Mike notes that the policy review will occur after the Bylaws review has been completed.

b. Bylaw Committee:

- i. Mike gave an update on the Bylaws Committee, the most recent meeting they started going through the first few sections of the FCC Bylaws for potential changes. They aren't close to having a final product but, will share when they have something resembling a draft.
- ii. There are two models they are looking at - one is similar to the structure the FCC currently follows where all delegates are a part of the active board and the other is a membership structure where all Community Councils are members that elect a smaller board. The committee will compare the two models as they build the bylaws structure to see which fits best.

IV. Education Topic:

a. FY 2026 Budget Introduction

- i. Arianna explains that the FCC is maintaining the same overhead ask, with a few changes to how it's organized within the FCC's budget structure.
- ii. The group discussed insurance coverage for Community Council events,

with general meetings covered under a blanket policy and special events requiring advance notification.

- iii. Marilyn inquired about funding for beautification projects, and it was clarified that such projects are not covered under the FCC budget.

V. Discussion Topic:

a. Executive Committee Nominations & Voting

- i. After a discussion, and a final call for other nominees, Sarah Preskitt is nominated for Vice Chair by Steve Callaghan, and seconded by Cathy Gleason. Evan Leaf self nominates for Member at Large, seconded by Sarah Preskitt.
- ii. Charlie Welch makes a motion to close nominations, Cathy Gleason seconds, the declared nominations for this election were as follows:
 - 1. Mike Edgington for Chair
 - 2. Sarah Preskitt for Vice Chair
 - 3. Kaitlyn Jackson for Secretary
 - 4. Patrick LeMay for Treasurer
 - 5. Evan Leaf for Member at Large

b. Bruce Vergason made a motion for slate voting, Charlie Welch seconded.

c. The slate vote for the Executive Board was unanimous with one abstain.

d. The new Executive Board term begins July first.

VI. Comment Period:

- a. Cathy asked if there was any update on when the Community Council Boundary Changes will be complete, there was some speculation but nothing yet for certain.
- b. Mike made a comment about the new website, and how much he's enjoying it. Marilyn chimed in that Arianna provided amazing trainings and walkthroughs for councils, as well as praising the camera position change making a big difference in the call quality.

VII. Move to second agenda

PART II – THE COALITION MEETING

Meeting Opener: Chair Edgington

I. Education Topic:

a. Council Updates: Abbott Loop thru Fairview

- i. Abbott Loop** – Next meeting will be Zoom only, the annual picnic is on June 26, Abbott Loop attended the Firewise Town Hall & will be pulling together a committee.
 1. Arianna takes a moment to highlight the upcoming Local Lens for WUI-CAT, Troy Weiss from Basher will be presenting along with a few members from the Neighborhood Resilience Committee from Rabbit Creek, as well as hopefully getting someone from AFD.
- ii. Airport Heights** – Passed list for CIP Program at most recent meeting, & will be breaking until September.
- iii. Basher** – Most recently discussed their finalized CIP list, as well as fire resilience beginning with clear cutting in areas that show risk. Looking like there may not be a summer picnic.
- iv. Campbell Park** – Moving into a new location in August in hopes of drumming up more attendance. YMCA will be the new location. CPCC is also looking at Bylaw Amendments due to a high quorum issue.
- v. Eagle River** – Breaking for the summer, Resolution with Parks & Rec regarding leadership suggestions, & working with local road board regarding starting housing developments in the area.
- vi. Eagle River Valley** – Breaking for the summer, the most recent meetings were elections, where the Executive Board remained the same, as well as Alex being re-elected for FCC delegate.
- vii. Fairview** – Cancelling June meeting, July meeting will still be scheduled, but July 19th is the Annual Block Party, all are invited. Melanie Hess from Parks & Rec presented regarding the Johnny Ellis Rainbow Park Improvements. Mike Robins from ACDA presented regarding 3rd & Ingra RV park plans moving forward. Stephen Stone presented as well, regarding the Transit Plan Update with an available survey with mention of transit via shuttle from Carrs Gamble to Midtown Carrs. There was some technical difficulty with Kelly's internet in a remote location. Fairview approved their CIP list, along with 3 passed Resolutions, & Reconnecting Fairview presented updated project memo / timing with a survey out as well.
- viii. Russian Jack** – Their most recent meeting the board discovered their Vice Chair has passed away. They are currently helping prepare a bio in his honor for those to share of his lengthy history within the Russian Jack community Council as well as the FCC.
- ix. Rogers Park** – held elections recently and elected a new secretary. Marilyn shared that RPCC deeply appreciated the Volunteer of the Year award opportunity. RPCC will also be breaking for the summer.
- x. Taku Campbell** – Clean up / picnic most recently. They picked up & cleared out 3 abandoned camps worth of trash by Taku Lake.

II. Education Topic:

a. Mayor's Office: Graham Downey, Acting Chief of Staff

- i.** Snow plow names have been announced, with updates on the Turning the Tide document outlining the steps the Mayor is taking in regards to homelessness. They abated a camp recently & managed to get 12 people into housing.

- ii. There were questions about requirements when abating a camp, Graham took the time to explain they're doing their best to help those in need, but not all take the help.
 - iii. There has been an increase of staff in the prosecution office, meaning more enforcement of the law & persecution of smaller crimes.
 - iv. There's a question about the Department of Transportations relationship with the Municipality, & how it's being strengthened. There's a Vision Mission Zero team made up of DOT members, as well as members of the Municipality allowing for open conversation between the two groups.
 - v. Arianna asks about the announcement of the Arts Grants, & Graham hopes to have that update available before the next meeting. Graham also mentions Town Square Parks closure for maintenance, along with clearing out unhealthy trees, along with the flowers.
 - b. **Assembly:** Christopher Constant, Chair
 - i. Not Present at this meeting
 - c. **School Board:** Andy Hollman, President
 - i. Not Present at this meeting
 - d. **Planning Department:** Elizabeth Appleby, Current Planning Division
 - i. Elizabeth provided updates on ongoing projects, including Title 21 reforms and a 10-year comprehensive plan update. She outlined where to find these updates on the Municipal website as well.
- III. Education Topic:**
- a. **Emergency Operations Plan & Hazards Mitigation Plan** – Amanda Loach, Director of the Office of Emergency Management
 - i. Amanda provided an overview of Anchorage's emergency management structure and plans. She explained the city's high risk profile due to factors like isolation and limited infrastructure.
 - ii. Amanda discussed recent updates to the emergency operations center, including the implementation of the Incident Command System and a 24/7 duty officer program. She also covered the city's All Hazards Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan, highlighting ongoing projects and future updates.
 - iii. The conversation ended with a Q&A session where Amanda addressed questions about emergency alerts, fire response, and coordination with critical infrastructure like the port.
- IV. Comment Period:**
- V. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo.



FCC Chair

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Date



FCC Secretary

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Date

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