

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | Hybrid  
Draft Minutes

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

**FCC Delegates in attendance (26)**

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Airport Heights – Not Present	North Star – Emily Bokar
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 – John Riley
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Chugiak – Not Present	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Silvia Villamedes	Sand Lake – Evan Leaf
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	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) – Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – Not Present
Glen Alps – Not Present	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Not Present	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Steven Callaghan
Midtown – Kris Stoechner	

**Others in attendance:**

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director  
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator  
Kari Reese, Sand Lake CC Alternate  
Karen Pletnikoff, Turnagain CC Alternate  
Gloria Lyons, Old Seward / Oceanview Alternate  
James Thorton, Fairview CC President  
Paul Hatcher, Planning Department  
Anna Brawley, Vice Chair of the Anchorage Assembly  
Amanda, Member of the public

## **PART I – THE BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Mike Edgington, Board Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

- I. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Agenda**
    - i. Motion to approve by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kelly Ittenbach
  - b. Approval of Minutes**
    - i. Motion to approve by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kelly Ittenbach
- II. Discussion Topic: Bylaw Committee – Introduction of Draft Bylaws**
  - a.** Mike started this discussion by focusing on proposed bylaws changes, which would transition the organization from a board of delegates model to a membership model with an elected board of directors serving 7-11 members.
  - b.** Arianna explains the proposed changes aim to address structural issues identified through strategic planning, including moving nonprofit business meetings to separate from community council coalition work and allowing for staggered two-year terms for directors.
  - c.** There were questions that were raised about committee formation, ad hoc committees, and how the coalition's agenda would be set, with the answer being that similar communication processes would remain in place.
- III. Motion to add Treasurer Nomination and Election to the Agenda**
  - a.** Motion made by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Charlie Welch.
  - b.** Kelly Ittenbach volunteers to be the Treasurer until the next Elections. Nominations close and are put to a vote by consent.
  - c.** Motion passes unanimously; Kelly Ittenbach is elected as the new FCC Treasurer.
- IV. Decision Topic: Core Purpose and Core Values**
  - a.** A motion was made to entertain the Core Purpose and Core Values by Marilyn Pillifant, seconded by Cathy Gleason.
  - b.** The motion passes via consent unanimously.
- V. Comment Period:** Kathleen Plunket from Russian Jack mentioned that Ed Leach's Memorial Service will happen September 23, starting at 3pm at First American Baptist Church.
- VI. 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:** Elections are happening at the next meeting; current topics of concern are fire safety and flooding in the Abbott Loop area.
- ii. **Basher:** Nothing new to report, still facing the same road struggles regarding fire protection.
- iii. **Campbell Park:** Recently they have received updates from Legislature and lots of discussion about the tiny homes project that's going in nearby.
- iv. **Downtown:** They've been working on Good Neighbor Policies and MOU's, DTCC has also been working closely with Transit regarding TSDO, Silvia hopes to hold a District 1 Presidents meeting soon, DTCC has also been dealing with lots of license renewals such as Marijuana and Alcohol license renewals.
- v. **Eagle River Valley:** There's been an issue with people hitting the cement roadblock at the end of the road by the Eagle River Nature Center.
- vi. **Fairview:** Lots happening recently, Stephen Stone from People Mover presented on Route changes, Free weekend shuttle created by Mayor LaFrance ends October 27, Fairview Fall Cleanup planning is starting up, the Fairview Grant has finally been signed allowing for another community garden to be built and volunteers are welcomed. FVCC passed a resolution regarding the closure of the Econo Lodge and Good Behavioral Housing Unit, expressing support for the behavioral unit while addressing displacement concerns. Parks and Rec were praised for coming out to clear problem greenery after FVCC complained that sidewalks have been impassable.
- vii. **Turnagain:** TCC is holding their Land Use Committee Meeting on September 22 at the FCC Conference room to talk about the concerns of TSDO.
- viii. **Sand Lake:** Recently passed a resolution regarding homelessness and voted for a press release to reach other Community Councils.
- ix. **University Area:** 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave construction will continue into next year.

### II. Education Topic:

#### a. Mayor's Office Report – Not Present

#### b. Assembly Report – Anna Brawley

- i. Assembly Member Brawley provided an update on the municipal budget process, emphasizing the need for long-term financial planning and discussing potential revenue options like a sales tax or bed tax increase.

#### c. School Board Report – Not Present

#### d. Planning Department Report – Paul Hatcher

- i. Paul gave updates on upcoming meetings, noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission next meeting regarding TSDO is on October 6th. He also mentioned Community Councils can request PZC to come present at their meetings.
- ii. Paul also covered changes to planning fees and ongoing discussions about R6 and CER6 zoning adjustments. They will be attending a few specific Community Councils meetings regarding this. Mike also takes a

moment to bring up the Planning News to keep people updated & informed.

**III. Discussion Topic: Common Topics Among Community Councils**

- a. Arianna opened a discussion on common issues raised by community councils, particularly homelessness and relationships with the Department of Transportation (DOT).
- b. Delegates discussed challenges with reporting homeless encampments and the slow response times for abatement, expressing frustration with the lack of clear processes and communication between municipal and state agencies.
  - i. Cathy Gleason makes a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, seconded by Kevin Fimon.
- c. The group also addressed concerns about DOT's project planning and community engagement, highlighting issues with road projects and the CIP process. There was agreement on the need for more collaborative discussions to address these issues effectively, with a suggestion to host a focused conversation on the topics that go beyond just reporting problems to finding solutions.

**IV. Discussion Topic: 2026 Leadership and Officer Summit**

- a. This topic was postponed until the next meeting.

**V. Comment Period:**

**VI. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo.

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FCC Chair

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FCC Secretary

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