

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

Attendance – 15 councils

Abbott Loop – Al Tamagni	Airport Heights – Mark Fish	Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule
Chugiak – Merten Bangemann-Johnson	Downtown – Kim MacBeath	Fairview – Justina Meyer
Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman	Mid-Hillside – Lance Powell	Mountain View – Kep Pierce
Northeast – Bob Ruepke	Rabbit Creek – Dianne Holmes	Sand Lake – Robert Hayes
Spenard – Jason Bergerson	Tudor – Diane Etter	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Secretary – Niki Burrows	CC Center – Deborah Bauer & Ed Leach	
Mayor’s Staff – Teri Albrecht	Assembly – Janice Shamberg	School District – Jeff Friedman
School District – Roger Fiedler	Police Dept – Sgt Cindi Stanton	PM&E – Dave Gardner
Anchorage Tomorrow – Dwayne Adams		

Call to Order: by Chairman Merten Bangemann-Johnson at 6:05 PM.

Agenda: Approved with additions of Appointing Members to AMATS Citizen Advisory Committee under New Business and Future Time and Place of Meeting under FCC Reports.

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

Anchorage Police Department – Sgt Cindi Stanton

1. Only 15 responses from all of Anchorage for the APD community survey. This is 7 more than last year. You can still email responses to her and she will forward them to the collector.
2. A military funeral near downtown this Friday will include a 21 gun salute.

Al Tamagni noted that the abandoned vehicle problem is worsening in Abbott Loop. He suggested raising the fine to \$1000 and giving half to the citizen who provides proof of who abandoned the vehicle. Sgt. Stanton noted that the present fine is \$300 assessed against the last registered owner, and any change would require Assembly action.

Anchorage Assembly – Janice Shamberg

1. From last night’s session, the following items will be on the municipal election ballot – 3% sales tax on goods, 4th Avenue Theater purchase bond, and school bonds. She noted that the school bonds almost did not make the election because citizens insisting on giving public testimony in favor of the bonds nearly ran out the clock for Assembly approval.
2. Several parks land trades are also on the ballot – required by the Charter.

Al Tamagni asked if property taken off the tax rolls is tracked? No.

Al noted that south Anchorage does not have any municipal meeting places.

Dianne Holmes said that there should be more discussion by the public on the land trades.

Mark Fish noted that Anchorage missed the opportunity years ago to get the 4th Avenue Theater for only one million dollars. Janice replied that the city has a history of passing up opportunities.

Mayor's Office – Teri Albrecht

1. Distributed the MOA's 2006 Legislative Program and a Legislature contact list (compiled by Abbott Loop Community Council). Comments are due February 28.
2. No funds to rehabilitate the pedestrian overpass at Lake Otis Parkway and 84th Avenue.
3. Another Community Council collaboration is for Chester Creek rehabilitation – Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Russian Jack and University

Anchorage School District – Jeff Friedman and Roger Fiedler

1. From the trip to Juneau, the 1.2 billion dollar surplus is fully allocated by the Governor's budget. Any request for money also has to identify what other program money will be deleted.
2. Three school bonds will be on the ballot. The projects are selected by priority from the 6 Year Capital Improvements Plan.
 - Chester Valley is #2 in the state-wide priority list.
 - High school renovations are phased to allow continued use of the school while construction is going on.
 - A major expense is bringing the schools up to code (changes since initial construction).
 - The bonds total 100 million dollars. Though the school projects are eligible for 60 – 70% state reimbursement, the Legislature capped the reimbursement to 60 million dollars of projects. So the reimbursement will be over 41 million dollars. This will result in a net cost of 59 million dollars to Anchorage residents.
 - Since 79 million dollars of principal debt will be retired over the next two years, the net effect will be a reduction in outstanding debt.
 - A recent poll showed 55 to 60% support for the bonds.
3. A new goal for the District is better support to the community at large when desiring use of school facilities. Please let the administration know of unnecessary difficulties.

Robert Hayes complimented the School District for closing the schools on the ice day.

Kinkaid Park Road Project – Anne Brooks

1. This is a continuation of previous projects. The reason is to reduce maintenance costs by paving the road, and improving safety by providing shoulders and lighting. The design vehicle usage is for large buses (school).
2. The new design closely follows the current road alignment while minimizing the tree losses.
3. Construction will be this summer if the Legislature awards two million dollars.
4. Public meeting will be at the Kinkaid Park Chalet on February 28th, 7-9 PM.

Dianne Holmes asked what effect has the lawsuit had? Width of the road and trail were narrowed to reduce the loss of trees.

Cathy Gleason stated that saving trees is good.

Al Tamagni noted that with this project and the Dowling and Bragaw extensions, there will be a complete trail connection between Kinkaid Park and Far North Bicentennial Park.

Roads and Parks Bonds – Dwayne Adams (Anchorage Tomorrow)

1. Various roads and drainage projects throughout Anchorage.
2. The parks bond will leverage a lot of matching money, including from private sources.
 - An example is 1st Tee will assist in the renovation of the Russian Jack golf course.
 - In general, every dollar on the ballot is matched 2-3 times by the state and federal governments.
 - A south Anchorage land trade will swap land in the Minnesota – O’Malley bend for the Klatt homestead (adjacent to the South Anchorage Sports Complex). The proposal is to convert the place into a visitors’ center on Anchorage homesteads.

Dianne Holmes noted that there are no major park projects in south Anchorage, which may reduce support. She suggested that the projects should be tied into roads and public safety bonds to ensure passage.

Cathy Gleason said that Turnagain Community Council recommends combining all the bonds into one Capital Improvements bond to ensure passage of the parks monies. Dwayne noted that Anchorage Tomorrow has no influence on the projects selected and how the bonds are packaged.

AMATS Citizens’ Advisory Committee

Al Tamagni, Dianne Holmes and Jason Bergerson were appointed members. The committee is looking for an additional member, preferably from the Eagle River area.

Treasurer’s Report – accepted as submitted. The Chair noted that the amount in the money market account was not worth the effort to invest in CDs. In addition, we will be receiving our funding in quarterly payments - not enough money to invest and still stay liquid.

Dianne Holmes asked who would rent the extra space in the office? Though heavily advertised to non- profits, there have been no inquiries.

Community Councils Center – the Chair complimented the staff on their continued operations while sickness took its toll in January.

Future Time and Place of Meeting – Al Tamagni moved and Bob Ruepke seconded: The Federation of Community Councils should hold its meetings at the Planning Department. The motion passed (14 – 1). The main reason for moving from City Hall is that parking will become scarce downtown with all the construction this year. Teri Albrecht noted that future meetings will be in the Training Room in this building.

Lee Walker – the President of Scenic Foothills for many years, died of leukemia. A military funeral service will be at Anchorage Lutheran Church, 1420 N St, at 2 PM on Friday.

Mayoral Candidates Forum – scheduled for the end of March, to be broadcast by KTUU channel 2.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.