

**Board of Delegates  
Federation of Community Councils, Inc.  
Business Meeting MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 6-8 p.m.  
1057 West Fireweed Lane**

**FCC Delegates in attendance (18):**

Airport Heights	Teri Penn
Birchwood	Dave Wolfe
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Hillside	Sarah Denson
Huffman/O'Malley	Evan Budd
Midtown	Peggy Robinson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	W. James Smallwood
Sand Lake	Nikki Rose
Scenic Foothills	Ted Johnston
South Addition	Jeff Manfull
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Milspaugh

**Others in attendance:**

Mayor's Office	Jared James
Assembly	Dick Traini
Anch School Board	Tam Agosti-Gisler
FCC Chair	Bonnie Harris
Councils Center	Mark Butler
AEDC	Pam Kauveyiakul
SCC Member	Annette Alfonsi
SCC Member	Marie Alfonsi
MOA Sr. Comm	Gayle Schuh
MOA Sr. Comm.	Kevin Turnington
HAND Commission	Doug Lamkin
MOA Planning Dpt	Jon Cecil

- A. Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Bonnie Harris, FCC Chair  
6:04 meeting called to order. Quorum established.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Bob Churchill motioned to approve, Deborah Jones seconded. Approved unanimously.

**C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Bob Churchill motioned to approve, Al Milspaugh seconded. Approved unanimously with the addition of two members names.

**D. Standing Committee Reports:**

**1. FCC Chair – Bonnie Harris** asked new delegates to introduce themselves.

Applause. Updated the delegates on the process of reviewing and revising a number of FCC policies and procedures. Has asked Bob Owens of the MOA Legal Department to talk to the delegates in March about fiduciary responsibilities of board members. Website updating continues. Announced that Mark Butler has stated that he is going to run for the west-side Assembly seat in the April 2017 election. From her research, there is no regulation against a FCC employee from running for office.

**2. FCC Treasurer – Sam Moore** was not present, so former FCC Treasurer discussed the end-of-the-year financial statements. All is in balance. Bonnie Harris thanked the current treasurer, the former treasurer, and Mark Butler for the budget performance.

**3. FCC Outreach - Kyle Stevens**

Working to get more councils to assign delegates to the FCC meetings. Working to help the Sand Lake Council get new officers after the election of former SLCC President Jason Grenn to the Alaska Legislature. Visiting the Eagle River council.

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

Maps are available to councils. Highlighted an article about UACC delegate Al Milspaugh in the PERS retiree publication. Bonnie Harris thanked Mark Butler for his work getting the maps completed.

**E. Municipality (5 minutes each):**

**Mayor's Office – Jared James**

Nora Morse is still visiting individual community councils to discuss safety issues as is Officer Nave. Officer Nave plans to do another survey regarding safety in the individual community councils. AEDC is doing a Green Dot training program at the BP Energy Center on January 25th between 6 and 8 pm. The Community Action Program Team has included a social worker which should help transition homeless individuals to a more stable environment. They are going to do another homeless camp survey on January 25th. Anyone wanting to volunteer is welcome. Muni has received an innovation team grant that gives \$500,000 per year for a three-year period to support innovative projects dealing with such things as housing and health care costs. Mayor's office encouraging people to park off the street whenever possible during period that the city is plowing snow. A question was asked if cars were ticketed for parking on the street. The response was that they could be ticketed if the vehicle was not moved for a 24-hour period. However this doesn't happen very often.

### **Anchorage Assembly – Dick Traini**

Said there was going to be a meeting in the near future to discuss methods to combine individual community council areas. There currently isn't a process for doing that and it appeared there was a need to do this. Bonnie Harris asked if there was a procedure for splitting community council areas and Traini said no. She asked him to consider doing it and he said he would look into it.

He informed us that the assembly would be voting on Assembly Member Evan's proposed sales tax at their next meeting. If passed it would go to the voters. Expressed a concern that if we did it may result in more people shopping on the military base as they would not be subject to the tax. This is proposed to be a 4% tax with some categories of items being excluded. Said that the State of Alaska is considering implementing a state-wide sales tax. Working on a proposal to use cameras to ticket people who run red traffic lights. Assembly was working on a proposal to prohibit businesses selling marijuana from giving military members discounts. The reasoning is that if a member of the military is caught using marijuana they will be dishonorably discharged. There is also a proposal coming up to increase the bed tax from 12% to 14%.

The issue fluoride in the water is going to be brought up at the Assembly and an advisory vote of the public requested. This vote would not have a force of law and would not require any action. Was asked if prohibiting a discount for military would stop them from purchasing marijuana. The response was no. Informed us that Assembly Member Patrick Flynn is not able to vote on most issues related to recreational use of marijuana as he is an owner of a related business. Was asked if there was a possibility of a tie vote if only 10 members voted. The response was yes.

### **Anchorage School Board – Tam Agosti-Gisler**

Presentation on the ASD Data Dashboard. This can be accessed via: [www.asdk12.org/data](http://www.asdk12.org/data). The general areas of the Dashboard are Academics, attendance, on track, and behavior. Information can be sorted down fairly deep. The system will not allow data to be gathered if it involves less than 10 students or would identify an individual student. School Board has tried to design this so it is very easy to use. In most cases you can get three years of data to see trends. She said that the better the information, the more effective actions we can take to improve ASD. Our current graduation rate is about 80% which represents an improvement, but they are hoping to achieve the goal of 90% by the 2020. They are also looking at student capacities at each facility. Most are between 80-90%. However some schools are off set and they hope to be able to combine the student populations where it makes sense. She informed us that portable teaching units are not efficient, particularly for heat. The school bonds request is for \$58.5 million this year, primarily for large maintenance projects. These are high priority projects and include 8 roof repairs and/or replacements, 3 heating and ventilation projects and repair to stabilize West High and Romig Middle School. There was quite a bit of damage due to the 7.1 earthquake we had at those facilities.

Pleased with the savings ASD has made by reducing energy expenses and lower cost financing. Trying to improve the quality of the food served in the schools to make the program more cost effective. As part of that the Board has the same meals served at their meal breaks. They are trying to include food from other cultures and students are saying they like spicy foods. Working on completing the ALICE training. The Board and ASD are

proud of the national recognition our students have received. Kyle Stevens asked if there was more specific information on the bonds and was directed to the ASD website. Bob Reupke asked if ASD was still going to close Mt. Illiamna and the response was yes.

## **F. Presentations (5 to 10 minutes each)**

### **1. Municipal Parks District Expansion – John Weddleton, Assembly Member**

Discussed a plan to increase funding and available land for parks and recreation. Informed us that a large number of parcels of land had been left out of the park and recreation service area within the Hillside District. Currently the available areas are heavily used, there are user conflicts, and trespass issues. Proposing to add about 374 parcels of land into the service area. As it is now those lands can't be used. If they are added the people living in the added areas would be subject to additional fees. Currently there is an individual who lives in the area not included who wants to donate land for a park. However since the land is not in the service area, it can't be donated to parks and recreation. He said the additional fee that people in the new areas would be about \$55.00 per \$100,000 in home value. He stated he is cautiously optimistic. Asked what the reaction had been from the community councils in the area. His response was it was mixed. Asked that since the parks and recreational budget had been cut significantly in the past, would the new funds stay with Park and Recreation? His response was yes. Added that they had considered going out for a bond proposition if they needed funds in addition to what was raised. Asked if he felt that new trails and facilities would attract more people and he responded he felt it would. However, how many new people is a question.

### **2. 2040 Land Use Plan and Map - John Cecil, MOA Long-Range Planning**

Reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is going to review the latest plan. Going through all the comments received and hope to have a product by the end of January. There will be another opportunity for public input in the future. He encouraged people to go to their website to keep informed and offer input when the opportunity presents itself. Cathy Gleason asked if the work session on this was still scheduled for Friday and the response was yes.

### **3. Senior Citizen's Advisory Commission - Kevin Turkington, Commission Member**

Informed us the commission met every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm at the Anchorage Senior Center. He said that the Commission's purposes include: Advising the Mayor and Assembly on aspects of aging and the welfare of seniors; Conduct surveys and provide information on housing, nutrition, transportation, recreation legal services, etc.; Education people on the needs of seniors; and assist and provide programs for seniors. He said that the term "Silver Tsunami" was being used to describe the increasing number of seniors in our local population. Stated that independent living was a critical issue for many seniors. Asked us to think about several questions such as: what are the most prevalent topics to seniors; how can the commission identify issues; what are we doing to meet the challenges for seniors. Concluded by informing us that the Mayor had expressed his full support for independent living for seniors. Told us the commission would be happy to do presentations at individual community council meetings. Kyle Stevens asked if he, as the FCC Outreach person could work with the Commission to reach more seniors and the response was yes. Yes. Will distribute the information on the commission, including contact information.

#### **4. Anchorage Economic Development Commission – Pamela Kauveiyakul**

Informed us that the AEDC was in the process of doing a survey to obtain feedback about our community's economy. She said they were currently in partnership with the Port of Anchorage and Northrim Bank on this project. The questions are open-ended and encouraged us to use our creativity in responding. The objective is to find out what we can do and need to do to make Anchorage more economically resilient in the future. Hopes we can identify our economic strengths. Also it would be helpful to find out what we can do to attract and retain talented people into our business community and workforce. The survey will continue through the end of this February. The survey can be accessed through survey monkey at: [surveymonkey.com/r/ANCHCEDS](https://surveymonkey.com/r/ANCHCEDS).

#### **G. Old Business:**

#### **H. New Business:**

#### **I. Council Sharing. None this meeting due to time constraints.**

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

**Al Milspaugh** – Mentioned that the University Area Community Council (UACC) had recently passed a resolution encouraging the Municipality to develop a system of rangers for Anchorage's parks. He encouraged other councils to pass similar resolutions.

**Annette Alfonsi, Traumatic Brain Injury Project** - Informed us of a project to identify and assist people who had suffered traumatic brain injuries. This project involved individuals making masks which would be displayed and encourage discussion about these types of injuries. They are much more common than thought by most. They also include Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) which is a significant factor in our state. There is not fee and she is looking for people who would provide a place where masks can be built. Her contact information is: [AlaskanAnnette@gmail.com](mailto:AlaskanAnnette@gmail.com).

#### **K. Adjourn**