

# Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

## Board of Delegates

### Minutes of April 19, 2017 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris.  
Quorum achieved. Guests welcomed. New delegates welcomed.

#### **FCC Delegates in attendance (23):**

|                      |                               |
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| Abbott               | Bruce Roberts                 |
| Airport Heights      | Terri Penn                    |
| Basher               | Don Crafts                    |
| Bayshore/Klatt       | Bob Laule                     |
| Bear Valley          | None                          |
| Birchwood            | Kevin McNamara                |
| Campbell Park        | Kevin Fimon                   |
| Chugiak              | Darryl Parks                  |
| Downtown             | None                          |
| Eagle River          | None                          |
| Eagle River Valley   | Tom Freeman                   |
| Eklutna              | None                          |
| Fairview             | None                          |
| Girdwood             | None                          |
| Glen Alps            | None                          |
| Government Hill      | Kyle Stevens (FCC Vice Chair) |
| Hillside             | Lance Powell                  |
| Huffman/O'Malley     | Matt Burkholder               |
| Midtown              | Peggy Robinson                |
| Mountain View        | Shawn Hays                    |
| North Star           | Sam Moore (FCC Treasurer)     |
| Northeast            | Bob Reupke                    |
| Old Seward/Oceanview | Nancy Beardsley               |
| Portage Valley       | None                          |
| Rabbit Creek         | Dianne Holmes                 |
| Rogers Park          | Bob Churchill                 |
| Russian Jack         | James Smallwood               |
| Sand Lake            | Nikki Rose                    |
| Scenic Foothills     | None                          |
| South Addition       | Bonnie Harris (FCC Chair)     |
| South Fork           | Andrew Brewer                 |
| Spenard              | Jed Smith                     |
| Taku Campbell        | Michael Carey                 |
| Tudor Area           | Jake Tuckerman                |
| Turnagain            | Cathy Gleason                 |
| Turnagain Arm        | None                          |
| University Area      | Al Milspaugh                  |

**Others in attendance:**

|                         |                   |
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| Councils Center Manager | Mark Butler       |
| Mayor's Office          | Nora Morse        |
| Assembly Chair          | Dick Traini       |
| ASD Chair               | Tam Agosti-Gisler |
| NAACP                   | Kokayi Nosakhare  |
| Municipal Transit       | Bart Rudolph      |
| Municipal Transit       | Collin Hodges     |

**A. Call to Order to Establish Quorum:** Bonnie Harris, Chair 6:03 p.m. Quorum established by the sign-in sheet. Chair introduced herself and then everyone went around the table introducing themselves.

**B. Approval of Agenda:** Al Milspaugh moved, Andrew Brewer seconded. Approved without change.

**C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Tom Freeman moved, Al Milspaugh seconded. The Chair, before the meeting, had made several changes. The minutes, as changed, were approved without objection.

**D. Standing Committee Reports:**

- 1. FCC Chair** – She did not have a written report, however shared with us that we needed to select a nominating committee for next year's officers under new business in this meeting. She reminded all those reporting that we had a very full agenda and to please keep that in mind when giving their reports
- 2. FCC Vice-Chair** - He stated he was happy about the increased attendance of delegates from community councils that had not attended regularly in the past. He is looking for new members for the outreach committee. He is particularly interested in people who would be able to go to community council meetings further out from Anchorage. Lance Powell volunteered to be on the committee. Bonnie thanked the committee for their work.
- 3. FCC Treasurer** – Written handouts (balance sheet and statement) The written treasurer's report had been distributed to each delegate prior to the beginning of the meeting. He said he will be working with financial services this summer to see what he could do about streamlining the report. He felt he could improve the amount of useful detail information that it contained. He wants to insure that the fiduciary responsibilities for such things as grants is clearly established.
- 4. Community Councils Center Manager** - He handed out two maps of the Northeast community council area. He informed us he is planning to put the new updated maps of individual community councils on the FCC website in the near future. They will be available for downloading off the website. He feels these maps are a significant improvement over the prior maps. He also shared he would be on leave out of the office for a few days.

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

1. **Mayor's Office – Nora Morse/Special Assistant to the Mayor** Shared that her primary duties in the mayor's office was working on public safety issues, however due to the former person who worked with us leaving she would be performing these duties on an interim basis. In the near future, she thought that Rosa Salazar would be doing it. However as Rosa is new, they are working with her in office on her other duties. Nora informed us that there is a new App. on the municipal website for reporting homelessness related issues. This information goes directed to the committee on homelessness. The Muni will be hosting a forum in the future on how to more effectively deal with addiction and it's related issues. There will be an open house on all the construction projects within the Muni. The "free dump day" is coming up. This will not include the transfer station in Anchorage but will be the one near Eagle River. Collection bags will be available at Fred Meyers stores for this. Individuals can get two bags and teams can get as many as needed.
  
2. **Anchorage Assembly Chair Dick Traini** – He informed us that he had been elected chair and Forest Dunbar had been elected Vice Chair at the assembly meeting on Tuesday. He complemented Elvi Gray-Jackson who had been chair but was termed out. He is in the process of meeting with the new assembly members and making committee assignments. He has stressed to the new members of the importance of being involved with and attending meetings of the community councils in their areas. He has found it to be valuable. He told us there are plans to put a median down Tudor Road. This should improve safety.
  
3. **Anchorage School Board Chair Tam Agosti-Gisler** - Started by thanking the group for passing the school bonds in the April municipal election. She informed us that ASD was working hard to emphasize the Alaska Middle College School. This was a program where high school students can take college level classes. There is a possibility of them earning both their high school degree and an Associate of Arts Degree from UAA at the same time. So far students that are successful in this program have done better in high school and college. They can have up to 125 students in the program and it will start in August. She went on to say the Anchorage School Board is starting a leadership academy. This is similar to what the Anchorage Police Department has done. There are regular scheduled sessions. They require 90% attendance (as that is what they are asking students to achieve). A person can miss up to three sessions and make them up. However regular attendance is required for successful completion of the program. Once successfully completed the person will get a certificate of completion. The information on this will be put on the ASD website. In discussion the ASD budget, she informed us that it had initially been cut in the governor's budget by 15 million dollars. In addition, the legislature is proposing an additional cut of approximately 5.7%. If both of these cuts stand, this would virtually wipe out all administrative services from ASD. These duties can't be effectively absorbed by principals and assistant principals as their workload has already absorbed as much as it can.

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

### **1. Changes to SB91 Crime Bill - Clint Campion/Anchorage District Attorney**

Informed us that based on the feedback he had received from community councils, his office had changed the way they handle and prioritize cases. He shared they had lost 25% of their prosecutors over the last year, but were hoping to get some of those positions back during the next year. He went on to say that Senate Bill 91 (reforms to our legal system) had been in effect since July of 2016. SB 91 had been drafted by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission and they were now examining possible changes to it. These are embodied in SB 54, currently in the Legislature. He felt one of the biggest changes was in how class C felonies were being handled. The changes would allow judges more discretion in how they determine sentences. It also includes changes on sentences for shop lifting. In SB 91 these did not carry any prison time, however under SB 54, it could for repeat offenses. In his office they are trying to effectively determine which cases should go to trial and which shouldn't. He informed us that there would be an opportunity to return used prescription drugs on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Fred Meyer locations in Anchorage. He concluded by commenting that the therapeutic courts were effective and had been filled to maximum capacity. He felt that they could easily use double the amount of spots available in this program (they have 61 currently).

He was asked why the increase in the number of homicides this year? He responded that from what they are seeing these are primarily being committed by younger people (age 16-22) and are mostly associated with drug deals/drug robberies. He was asked about gangs in Anchorage? He responded that the majority of gang activity isn't the highly organized activity we think of but more loosely associated groups of people. He was asked about what appeared to be an increase in people walking away from half-way houses? He responded that this may be more a function of increased reporting and publicity of these events than a dramatic increase in numbers.

**2. Community Dialogue on Immigration-Kokayi Nasakhere** Introduced himself as a community activist and was working on a project to improve the relationships and understanding of the community with immigrants and immigrants with the community. They want to hold community at large discussions between established community groups (such as community councils) and the newer groups of immigrants. He outlined a number of community council areas in which he felt this might be particularly used.

- Northeast
- Mountain View
- Sandlake
- Russian Jack
- Huffman
- Spenard

He had tentatively set dates for possible meetings. They hoped to have these meetings be open discussions that would encourage people to better get to know each other. He said he would be around after the meeting to discuss this with any community council representatives. Several expressed an interest.

- **People Mover's new bus map system-Collin Hodges/Municipal Transit Planner**  
Began by reminding us that this process started approximately 18 months ago. It's primary objectives were to better meet the customer's needs and to stay within their budget. Based on their survey information, they began with the concepts that people would be willing to walk further for better or more convenient service. As it turned out, neither concept was correct. Since then they have tried to create a system that met as many customer needs as possible within their budgetary restraints. They also tried to expand accessibility throughout the city. Some of this was by using feeder routes (routes 91 and 92 for example). He handed out color coded maps which explained the changes on individual routes.

Was asked if they were going to decrease the number of bus stops? He responded they were proposing to decrease the number of bus stop locations from approximately 1000 to 500.

The community council representatives from Eagle River, Birchwood and Chugiak expressed their dissatisfaction with the level of service in their area. They stated that it had decreased dramatically. Collin said he understood and informed them that the Muni had a program that allowed small groups to share rides. The vehicle would be provided and the individuals would coordinate the ride schedule with each other.

He was asked about the sources of the funding for the People Mover? He responded that it was approximately 40% federal funding, 20% rider fares and 40% municipal funding.

## **G. Old Business:**

### **1. Council Procedures Review – Bonnie Harris, FCC Chair**

Bonnie stepped down as chair and turned the gavel over to Kyle Stevens. She reminded us that she chaired the communities on office and personnel procedures. She had five proposals tonight dealing with office and procedures from the committee. Two of them deal with how the FCC handles email and mailing lists, one for reimbursement of individual councils for outreach work, one for the process for requesting periodic council wide mailings, and one for check authorizations.

**Policy #1** related to how the FCC office and individual community councils would handle changes to the email lists for their councils. We were reminded these were lists of people wanting to receive councils' emails, including the council's members, but they were not community council membership lists. Bonnie Harris moved to adopt and it was seconded by Bob Churchill. During discussion it was clarified that this function could be performed by either the FCC or the individual community council. VOTE: 22 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions. **PASSED**

**Policy #2** dealt with the handling of routine electronic mailing services from the individual community councils to their mailing lists kept by the Federation's Councils Center, such as who would submit them, and the time in which the Councils Center would send them, etc. Bob Churchill moved to approve and it was seconded by Al Milspaugh. VOTE: 22 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions **PASSED**

**Policy #3** involved reimbursement to individual community councils for some costs of membership outreach work. When funds are available, the FCC may make them available to reimburse community councils for membership outreach. The amount may vary, but is currently \$75 dollars per councils per year. Sam Moore moved to approve and Bob Churchill seconded. During discussion there was some concern expressed about how limited the items would be that councils could be reimbursed for. It was agreed that it was for items directly connected to membership outreach. Also there is an appeal process to the FCC Executive Committee if the FCC manager denies a reimbursement request. VOTE: 22 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. **PASSED**

**Policy #4** related to bulk mailings through the US Postal Service for individual community councils membership outreach. Peggy Robinson moved to approve and Al Milspaugh seconded. During discussion, it was shared that one of the primary reason for having this policy was to ensure all community councils were aware of this process and how it worked. VOTE: 22 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions. **PASSED**

**Policy #5** covered the check authorization procedure for the FCC. This primarily established a paper trail, insured the review process was not fragmented and enhanced the consistency of the process. Bonnie Harris moved to approve and Bob Churchill seconded. During discussion there was a concern expressed whether the delegation provisions would require every individual check that was not signed by the Chair to have to have a written authorization to it. Another concern was about what form the written authorization would take (would it have to be a letter?). It was established that one written authorization for an absence would suffice for the period of the absence or delegation and that it could be via email. VOTE: 23 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions. **PASSED**

Bonnie assumed the gavel once again.

A motion was made and a vote taken to suspend the rules so we could discuss the establishment of a **nominating committee for the FCC board**. It passes with one abstaining and one no.

A committee was established of: Nicki Rose, Bob Reupke and James Smallwood.

**H. New Business:** None.

**I. Council Sharing (brief points):** None.

**J. Comments by the Public (3 min. each, time permitting):** None.

**K. Adjourn 8:20 p.m.**

**Handouts:**

3/15/2017 Agenda

2/15/2017 Minutes (draft)

Treasurer's report (Statement of Financial Position/Statement of Activity and Budget)

Proposed policy for check signing, suggested language for adoption

Procedures Review Committee Review

West Anchorage Candidates Forum