

**Federation of Community Councils  
Board of Delegates Meeting  
Wednesday, 19 April 2006**

**Attendance** – 25 councils

Abbott Loop – Al Tamagni	Airport Heights – Mark Fish	Bayshore/Klatt – Marie Laule
Birchwood – Nanette Belk	Campbell Park – Sandy Traini	
Chugiak – Merten Bangemann-Johnson		Downtown – Kim MacBeath
Eagle River – Bill Gossweiler	Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman	Fairview – Justina Meyer
Government Hill – Julie Jessal	Mid-Hillside – Lance Powell	Mountain View – Kep Pierce
North Star – Harriet Drummond	Northeast – Bob Reupke	Old Sew/Ocean – Vicki Klassen
Rabbit Creek – Gretchen Specht	Russian Jack – Mike Gutierrez	Sand Lake – Robert Hayes
Scenic Foothills – William Theuer	South Addition – Bonnie Harris	Spenard – Jason Bergerson
Tudor – Diane Etter	Turnagain – Breck Tostevin	University – Susan Klein

CC Center – Deborah Bauer & Ed Leach

Mayor's Staff – Teri Albrecht      Assembly – Janice Shamberg & Debbie Ossiander

Governor's Office – Mary Ann Pease & Chuck Logsdon

PM&E – Jim Lamson & Gary Jones

Guest - Russian Jack – John O'Day      South Addition – Cheryl Richardson

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

**Agenda:** Approved .

**Approval of Minutes:** March minutes were approved with one correction.

**Anchorage School District** – Jeff Friedman

Not present, but he submitted a written statement that was distributed to everyone.

**Mayor's Office** – Teri Albrecht

Urged everyone to participate in the "Take Back the Night" on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She emphasized that this was a great example of community action.

**Anchorage Assembly** – Janice Shamberg

The Chugach Electric transmission poles along Northern Lights Boulevard were a very visible issue

- Planning for these poles began ten years ago. The councils decided then that they would accept poles only vice burying some lines and poles for others.
- The high voltage transmission lines have a number concerns if buried.  
Cost is greater than three times more.  
The cable and repair crews are from Italy. If there is a problem, electrical service may be interrupted for several weeks. The question of reliability of service is why these lines should not be buried.
- Neighborhood distribution lines can be buried. But digging the trench requires a thirty foot wide clearance of trees, landscaping, fences, etc. (Room for the machinery to operate)
- Because of the high voltage on the transmission lines, the vertical separation requirement is greater, making the poles taller than expected.

Julie Jessal asked what are the requirements for burying the lines? State law requires that the utilities spend one percent of revenues on burying the lines. The Assembly has upped that requirement to two percent per year. The utilities evaluate which lines to bury based on replacement need, cost and community acceptance.

Bob Williams asked why not force the utilities to bury certain lines first? Many people use the land above the utility easement for landscaping, sheds, etc., so the the utilities are avoiding the areas where they are opposed. In general, the public areas are being done first.

**Gas Pipeline** – Mary Ann Pease & Chuck Logsdon (Governor's Office)  
Six Principles:

- 1) Alaskans deserve a fair share of revenues from a gas pipeline project.
  - Gasline dollars will support quality education, healthy and safe communities and protect our most vulnerable seniors and children
  - Twenty-five percent of gas pipeline royalties will grow the Permanent Fund
- 2) Alaskans need the opportunity to access the gas.
  - New energy is critical to the Railbelt and Southcentral
  - Affordable energy is vital to growing a healthy economy throughout Alaska
- 3) Future explorers must have access to the gas pipeline.
  - Exploration and development opportunities for new market entrants are critical for Alaska's future
- 4) The gas pipeline must be expandable.
  - New discoveries must get to market so Alaska realizes maximum benefit from the gas pipeline
- 5) The state should share in the wealth by owning a share of the gas pipeline.
  - Gasline ownership will provide a stable, steady revenue stream
  - Ownership will give the state a "seat at the table" to protect Alaska's interests
- 6) Alaskans deserve Alaska Gasline jobs.
  - At least 6,500 new jobs will be created in Alaska
  - We've already begun training Alaskans for these jobs and \$7 million in federal job training funds is just the beginning

- The state will receive 20% of the gas in-kind. This can be sold or made available to feed in-state consumers.
- The producers want fiscal certainty with the Petroleum Production Tax (PPT) The proposed changes to the PPT will result in \$750 million more each year.

**Guest Assembly Member – Debbie Ossiander (Co-Chair) – Title 21**

- Title 21 is a composite from when the City and Borough codes were merged in 1977. Some sections conflict with each other, and there is no index.
- The rewrite is a global reorganization to make it logical and predictable.
- The rewrite is based on the Land Use Map, which in turn is based on the Anchorage 20/20 plan ([http://www.muni.org/planning/prj\\_Anch2020.cfm](http://www.muni.org/planning/prj_Anch2020.cfm)). Check the map at <http://www.muni.org/planning/Land Use Map PHD.cfm> for the intended uses.
- New zones will have similar requirements with the present zones, but the zone numbers will be different.
- The revision is progressing page by page – about fifteen pages per week. The fourth draft will be published soon.
- The committee notes are posted at [http://www.muni.org/planning/prj\\_Title21\\_citpar.cfm](http://www.muni.org/planning/prj_Title21_citpar.cfm)
- Title 21 is the legislation that implements Anchorage 20/20.
- Review the Land Use Map for recommended changes in land use or density.

**Capital Improvements Plan – Jim Lamson (CIP Coordinator) & Gary Jones (PM&E)**

- Go to <http://www.muni.org/OMB/CommCouncils2006.cfm>. The web page has links to the Mayor’s Letter, the individual Councils’ lists, Frequently Asked Questions, forms and the budget schedule.
- Hopes to make the forms and lists interactive next year.
- Replies are due back to OMB by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Executive Board Advisory Committee – Chair**

- The committee will work with the Executive Board in operating the Community Councils Center and determining future needs of the Federation.
- Committee members are representatives of each Assembly district –
 

Bill Gossweiler	(Eagle River)	Julie Jessal	(Government Hill)
Harriet Drummond	(North Star)	Bob Reupke	(Northeast)
Jason Bergerson	(Turnagain)	Lance Powell	(Mid-Hillside)

**Treasurer’s Report – accepted as submitted.**

**Nominating Committee Report** – Harriet Drummond

- The candidates are:  
Chair            Kim MacBeath                      Vice Chair   Bob Laule  
Treasurer   Justina Meyer                      Secretary   Niki Burrows
- No nominations were made from the floor.
- Motion to accept the slate of candidates was made by Jason Bergerson and seconded by Bob Reupke. There were no objections.
- The election will be held at the May meeting. The floor will be open again for other nominations.
- The report is at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/1.html>.

**Council Sharing** – see attached.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

## Community Councils' Concerns

### Airport Heights

- Apr** – 1) Discussed ways to increase community participation in the Council.  
2) How to increase revenues – might operate a concession stand at community events.  
3) Executive Board review of Bylaws.

### Bayshore / Klatt

- Apr** – Coastal Trail – finalize the decision for no trail for now.

### Mountain View

- Apr** – 1) Looking good for the Spring Clean-Up.  
2) Glenn Highway – Bragaw Street Interchange – committee meeting weekly to design in a welcoming gateway and not just another overpass.  
3) PoB Montgomery will be breaking ground on the new retail development.

### Old Seward / Oceanview

- Apr** – 1) Huffman Road Project – four roundabouts are planned. Businesses are concerned because of “no left turns”. The consultant said they were 75% completed with the traditional stop light type intersections, when they were directed to change to roundabouts.  
2) Old Seward Highway Project – also a roundabout. There would be limited access to businesses with the medians at the Klatt Road intersection. There are also questions about the process for Right-of-Way acquisitions in light of Title 21.

### Russian Jack

- Apr** – 1) Still very concerned with the equitable resolution of the school boundary issue.  
2) Very concerned about P&Z's proposed rezone of the Northway Mall area as an industrial area under the new Land Use Plan Map.

### Sand Lake

- Apr** – 1) Gravel pit house building and the accompanying truck traffic, speeding, dirt and dust.  
2) Community sign-park by the Tasty Freeze.  
3) Desire to do a community wide Mailout.

### Scenic Foothills

- Apr** – 1) Drainage is a continuing concern along the Scenic View Park subdivision.  
2) School zone signage along 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of Muldoon Road.  
3) How to participate in the Capital Improvements Projects process.

### Spenard

- Apr** – 1) Policy #84 re: CONEXs allowed on residential property without a permit appears to be inconsistent with Title 21.  
2) Code enforcement still has a significant backlog in our council area. Some are repeat or habitual offenders – what can we do?

### University

- Apr** – 1) Traffic issues related to the Bryn Mawr apartments.  
2) Extension of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Lake Otis Parkway.  
3) Electric transmission line poles on Northern Lights Boulevard.