

Federation of Community Councils
Meeting Minutes
15 November 2006

Attendance:

Airport Heights – Mark Fish	Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Bear Valley – Scott Pexton
Campbell Park – Sandy Traini	Eagle River Valley – Tom Freeman	Fairview – Justina Meyer
Government Hill – Julie Jessal	Mid-Hillside – Lance Powell	Mountain View – Kep Pierce
Northeast – Bob Reupke	Old Seward/Oceanview Hank Hosford & Berni Bradley	
Rogers Park – Bob Williams	Sand Lake – Robert Hayes	Scenic Foothills – William Theuer
South Fork – Bob Gill	South Addition – Kathy Weeks	Spenard – Jason Bergerson
Tudor – Sheli Dodson	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason	University – Betty Adkison
Secretary – Niki Burrows	CC Center – Deborah Bauer	
Assembly – Debbie Ossiander	ASD Supt – Carol Comeau	APD – Sgt Cindi Stanton
DOWL Engineers – Jennifer Payne		

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by the Chair Justina Meyer. The Agenda was approved as presented. There were no corrections to the Minutes of October 18, 2006.

Council Sharing began next.

Airport Heights: The state grant for their Community Patrol will be monitored by the Community Council to ensure wise expenditure. There is a renewed interest in the Patrol. Drinking camps have sprung up in the Council boundaries due to the displacement of the camps along the Glenn Highway by the P O'B Montgomery building of Glenn Square in Mountain View. They are moving into the area along the green belt. Traffic calming changes on 16th Ave. were not the changes approved by the Community Council. The Council is drafting a letter to the Mayor's office. Nominations and election of new officers has been delayed in order to recruit new people.

Bayshore/Klatt: Property slated for multi-family development across from Klatt Road Elementary has been sold to the LDS Church thereby saving a long controversy regarding the subdivision of the property for high density in a low-density subdivision. The Council passed a Resolution concerning the naming of one of the baseball diamonds at the South Anchorage Sports Park in honor of a deceased youth. Tom Nelson has been invited to attend their net Council meeting. Nominations for President and Treasurer have been opened.

Bear Valley: Concerns about the amount of time it is taking for the Heritage Land Bank to officially transfer management authority of land in section 36 to the Parks Dept. Concerns about potential impacts to Bear Valley residents and properties and traffic routing by nearby subdivision developments. Concerns about road maintenance, LRSA, funding and LRSA contracting practices.

Campbell Park: Rescue Mission is planning to move out of the area. They prefer they go to an Industrial area. Joey's (old Tony Roma's/Call of the Wild) - Joey came and will keep in touch with the Council - they have no concerns right now.

Mid-Hillside: Their "Hot Button" issue is Chugach Electric Association's easement for their transmission line. Chance for new involvement. Title 21 review and update. AFD is clearing trees in the Council area parks.

Mountain View: PO'B Montgomery is proposing to put a 14-screen movie theater complex on the Wilhour Trust property across Mountain View Drive from the Success by Six building and right next to the Cary Mobile Trailer Park. The Council asked the Anchorage Community Development Authority to look into a mixed-use development with housing and retail space. There will be an Art Show of "My Favorite Things" at the Mobile Trailer Supply building beginning Friday evening from 5:30 - 8 PM running through the 15th of January. Clark Middle School plans are coming along and they are hoping for bond money to build it this spring. It will take two years with the students bussed to another school.

Northeast: The Northeast Community Council meeting place will be relocated to the new Northeast Community Center at the other end of the Mall in January 2007. NECC is working with CIRI regarding their shopping and entertainment center. The Municipality purchased the old greenhouse and Billik Inn property and will turn the back section into a park - selling the land next to Muldoon Rd. Muldoon Library is fundraising. 6th Ave reconstruction from Muldoon to Patterson. NECC administration of state grants to their Community Patrol.

Old Seward/Oceanview: Old Seward and Huffman Road improvements.

Rogers Park: RPCC had a presentation from Assemblyman Traini. They also heard from Sgt. Cindi Stanton of APD regarding the quarterly and annual crime stats for their area. Walt Parker and Ms. Wetzel gave a presentation on Anchorage 2020 vis-à-vis Title 21. They are with the Anchorage Citizens Coalition. They feel that the Anchorage 2020 should not be adversely affected by some current Assembly members. They asked for a RPCC Resolution of support for keeping "2020" the document that drives the planning for Anchorage. RPCC area resident Joel Groves, P.E., did a Power point presentation, which showed the various RPCC and adjacent Council areas' tax increases. The Muni Assessor, Marty McGee, gave an excellent presentation of the MOA Assessment Criteria. The MOA will be going to a new system.

Sand Lake: School, teens, gangs, drugs and violence - shootings. Ground water well pollution; dump sites and new housing runoff. Strawberry Rd upgrade- safe speed and turn lanes. Gas station on Raspberry. Motocross facility to make improvements, which will include a gate and noise mitigation.

Scenic Foothills: Reflection Lake and its potential for development were discussed. There was some concern voiced about weighted voting on a re-zoning ballot (500 households may be affected.) Ken Stout spoke about his on-going work on revising the ethics regulations. Completion of Baxter Bog Trail improvements. Discussion of budget for Spring Beautification projects.

South Addition: New proposed "Delaney Park Strip Master Plan" was on the Parks Dept. Web site as of Nov. 14, 2006. Public comment period is short. Register your comments, particularly on the desired width and uses for a new sidewalk (10' wide or 50' wide?) along 9th Ave.

South Fork: LRTP - light ramifications/South Fork. Title 21 - new chapter for Eagle River - what direction will it take? Growth in Eagle River - ramifications of national elections on bridge to valley - Eagle River.

Tudor: Productive meeting with Teri Peters of Parks and Rec. Discussed the TACC needs, which are similar to many other CC's with popular parks. Planning to meet with Neighborhood Watch and new APD Chief.

Turnagain: Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Master Plan update is starting at this point. There is no Community Council representation on the Advisory Committee, which is a deviation from past public process for their Master Plan. AWWU is continuing plans with their new pump station by the Coastal Trail in the Turnagain Slide area. The Muni next Spring/summer will construct a new road and other infrastructure. Major neighborhood issues include construction, routing, speed, dust, noise, hours of construction and damage to roads and residential homes by heavy equipment. HLB Work Plan - TCC submitted comments regarding HLB land adjacent to the airport and lands within airport boundaries that are supposed to be transferred from the state to the city, as per the 1986 Land Entitlement Act. Assembly is considering amendments to the Plan.

University Area: Concerns about the Rescue Mission continue. The Muni is trying to find a new location for them - one that will be more in line with their needs. This is moving very slowly. Road improvements are in the planning stage to extend 40th Ave and improve 42nd Ave to Lake Otis. These should help with the traffic problems in the area - also make it easier for pedestrian traffic to move around safely. With the cold weather already here, there is concern about the homeless in the area.

Sgt. Cindi Stanton, APD: She reported that 43% of the people they hire are not there one year later; however, 24 of the 28 in her class 12 years ago are still there! She will be gone from the 14 - 19th of December - email her if you have questions or concerns for her during that time. Calls for service have gone down throughout the city - perhaps due to the weather. The holiday season brings out the panhandlers and car burglaries. Do NOT give money to panhandlers - that is illegal - you will get a ticket. The report on Craig's list about an incident at the Dimond Mall parking lot was not reported to the police dept. If there is an incident, please report it to APD. There was a Gang Symposium at the Marriott today with presentations from various groups. There will be Gang Intelligence Reports given at Bartlett the 21st from 6 - 8 Pm and at East on the 29th from 7 - 9 PM. Those School Resource officers will also give reports on what is going on in their schools. Check the FCC Web site. The Citizens Academy started last month and runs for 10 weeks.

Debbie Ossiander, Assembly: The Assembly has wrestled with what to do to help APD with gang problems. Recruitment is an issue for APD to get their numbers up. The HLB 5 Year Work Plan is scheduled to be approved at the Assembly's next meeting. They are finally beginning to see daylight at the end of the four-year tunnel that has been the Ethics Revision. She feels they are getting close to a more clear set of rules. Many amendments have been worked through - i.e. gifts - how much is a conflict of interest? Definitions. They are trying to clear up ambiguities regarding when members can go speak to groups. Can the Mayor run for another position while still Mayor? If you work for MOA or ASD, can you be a Community Council officer - that provision has been struck so far. Title 21 should come before them in late December or early January - get your comments in. They have been wrestling with many questions raised in the draft written by the consultants: if a builder is putting in a subdivision and is required to put in a collector road, would the city pay back a portion - what would be the funding mechanism outside ARDSA? If the city charges a % of sales on concessions, is that a sales tax? If they rezone an area, can that be a "taking"? They are rethinking their approach - a lot of the changes are legal work. Anchorage 2020 needs to be revisited to make it more realistic, so that it does not put us a risk of litigation. Town Centers - what works and what's realistic? The Creekside Center worked because the Muni owned the land - can they tell builders what they can build on their land? Many questions yet to be answered.

Carol Comeau, ASD: They are concluding their review of the budget this week and will present it to the School Board Nov. 30th. Ch 14 will rebroadcast that meeting and it will be posted on their Web site. It has been a long process, but an important one. The Gang Summit today was well attended. There is a Steering/Policy Committee of 15 to set the direction and appoint subcommittees. By mid-January they will need to cut 5% of the General Fund and hope the state will immediately take up the PERS and TRS issue and fund them before they have to issue pink slips. They will effectively be issuing two budgets showing the state paying and one showing the state not paying. They will have to cut \$21 million if the state doesn't fund the shortfalls. Utilities have soared with natural gas increasing considerably. They approved the name of the new middle school - it will be Nicolas Joseph Begich Middle School. In the April bonds, Clark Middle School funds will be the top priority. They are in the process of moving their offices and consolidating into the Boniface mall facility. It is American Education Week - thank a teacher. They have a success story - there is now a third shift at the King Career Center - an evening shift that teaches the construction trades to 18 and over students.

Action Items: December meeting - we will not meet.

ADA Compliance - Debbie Bauer, Center Manager, reported that we must now provide an interpreter for the deaf at our Council meetings, effective immediately, if requested. We must also notice this availability in our newsletters, etc. It costs the Community Councils Center \$100/hr. She is working with the American Disabilities Commission to make those arrangements. She is working with the MUNI to adjust the budget to accommodate the extra expense.

Planning Department Web Site Committee: Dianne Holmes is taking comments.

Members wrote down what they were thankful for on slips of paper, and they were read aloud.

Bernadette Bradley, new Chair of Old Seward / Oceanview Community Council, introduced herself.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.