

**Fairview Community Council  
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**September 14, 2006  
Fairview Recreation Center**

Meeting called to order by President Darrel Hess at 7:05 pm.

**President's Report, Darrel Hess:**

- Darrel was asked to apply for a seat on the Anchorage Diversity Advisory Commission.
- The Neighborhood Plan Committee will be having meetings soon with people from the Municipality regarding the status of these projects: 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terrace, 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the Fairview Parkway.
- 1244 Hyder Street, a long-term nuisance property, has been demolished.
- Regarding 402 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, adjacent property owner Patti Greene contacted the Fairview Community Council to advise that she and other neighbors have made efforts over the past couple of years, such as calling the police, to deal with this problem property.

**Secretary's Report, Sharon Chamard:**

It was moved by Allen Kemplen and seconded by Noel Rea to accept the August General Membership Meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>07/17/06 Balance forward</b>	<b>\$9,425.77</b>
<u>Deposits</u>	
08/10 First National Bank (Block Party)	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$9,925.77</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	
07/18 Rohan Stevens (Block Party DJ)	500.00
07/21 Alaskan Memories (Block Party)	294.12
07/25 ACS (Patrol hotline)	19.32
07/28 AK Best Water	31.00
07/31 Linda Sahara (Block Party Clown)	500.00
08/01 Darrel Hess (Block Party)	144.44
08/09 Alaska Waste (Spring Clean Up)	<u>592.84</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,081.72</b>
<b>08/14/06 Balance forward</b>	<b>\$7,844.05</b>

Guests and Presentations:

**Sergeant Cindi Stanton, Anchorage Police Department**

Sgt. Stanton thanked people for their support getting the Community Liaison position reestablished. Despite being on patrol this summer, she was able to spend a lot of time in Fairview.

Data on calls-for-service from the previous month were presented. In August, in Fairview, there were 144 traffic stops, 90 field interviews, 178 disturbances (including fights and noise complaints), 126 calls involving drunks and 29 drunk transports, 83 warrant services, and 63 welfare checks. Overall, there were 1,425 calls-for-service from Fairview in August.

Les Gara asked how this compares to other neighborhoods. Sgt. Stanton replied that in Midtown, there were 1,001 calls-for-service in August; Bear Valley had 10, and Rabbit Creek had about 400. Robert Lloyd asked about the worst problem encountered, and if it is drugs or alcohol-related. Sgt. Stanton said that drugs and alcohol are involved with lots of crime, but what is "worst" depends on each person. Allen Kemplen asked if there are plans to make community council-level calls-for-service available on the Internet. Sgt. Stanton said that there are currently hot spot maps on <http://neighborhood.muni.org/>, but calls-for-service by address are not made available to the public.

### **Allan Tesche, Anchorage Assembly**

At the municipal level, there are four important things going on now:

- 1) Walmart rezoning in Boniface/Muldoon
- 2) The Ethics Code re-write – Ken Stout and others will soon be having a work session to devise a new code for municipal employees
- 3) Title 21 – a revised schedule was approved on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be released in pieces to the Assembly, not all at one time
- 4) Proposal to lower parking meter fines from \$20 to \$10. This is opposed by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership because it will decrease parking meter turnover. Also, a \$10 fine may not be enough to deter people from parking all day at meters.

More specifically for Fairview, the Capital Projects list will soon be reviewed. Mark Begich will release the list next week, and the Assembly will approve it within two months. Mr. Tesche commented on the Neighborhood Plan, encouraging the Council to move quickly and get the plan in front of Planning and Zoning and the Assembly.

### **Les Gara, State House**

The gas pipeline contract has not gone forward. It is estimated that the contract would give away \$13 billion in tax concessions. Mr. Gara said he doesn't think the companies that control the North Slope should also control the pipeline, but that another company should do it. All proposals should be put on the table and the best one picked.

With respect to Fairview, Messrs. Gara and Ellis got state funding for local projects: safety upgrades at 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell, Fairbanks Park, Fairview Elementary, the Fairview Community Patrol, and the Fairview Community Recreation Center.

Allen Kemplen asked what is happening with state pensions. Mr. Gara said that estimates of how much is needed depend on the markets. There can be a shortfall. But the state has no option but to pay it; they made a promise to employees. Clyde Burt asked about the wide discrepancy between estimates in the Anchorage School District budget for the pension shortfall. Mr. Gara said the new estimate was a result of a new actuary, and that there should be a third actuary hired to go over things. Compared to other states, Alaska's state pension plan is well-funded.

### **Marc Robinson, Fairview Elementary School**

This was a quick report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). A more detailed report was given at the General Membership Meeting in August. The school made AYP in 26 of 28 categories. The two missed categories are due to non-English-speaking students. Overall, proficiency is going up. The school will be putting together the Fairview School Improvement Plan; a meeting to discuss it will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Questions from the membership concerned the transiency rate and tutoring support. Dr. Robinson explained that the transiency rate is about 50%, but this is lower than last year. Students have to be in school at least 200 days to qualify for AYP testing. Missing two categories of AYP makes the school eligible for tutoring support in the form of extra tutoring by teachers, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program, Saturday School, and private tutoring available free. But this free tutoring may pull students away from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program and Saturday School because parents will be able to send their children to Sylvan for free. Les Gara commented that the transiency rate of 50% means the school is stuck trying to teach students they haven't taught before, and teaching students that will leave the school before they are tested.

**Tim Rawson, Alaska Pacific University**

Dr. Rawson, a history professor at APU, is working with BGES in an historical survey of Fairview. His job is to compose a written history of the neighborhood. The municipality is interested in the status of pre-Earthquake properties. Currently, field surveyors are going out, looking at maps, and taking pictures of older properties. Dr. Rawson is looking for help putting together the written history.

**Allen Kemplen, Fairview Neighborhood Plan**

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 have been discussed in depth at previous General Membership Meetings. No one had any questions about those chapters, so the discussion proceeded to Chapters 4 and 5, "the meat" of the Plan. The Plan will be introduced formally at the October General Membership Meeting with a resolution supporting its passage. In November, it will be brought up for discussion, action, and passage. Allen began with Chapter 4, reading through each of the goals and objectives with short comments about each. Throughout this, he asked for feedback from the membership.

Dan Loring congratulated Allen and the rest of the Neighborhood Plan committee for the public outreach. He said that public opinion is accurately reflected in the Plan. He also thanked Allen for recognizing in the Plan that education is important, and calling for the need for a more comprehensive education plan. Darrel Hess said he likes the objectives concerning life-long education and increasing family locational stability. Les Gara pointed out that future Assemblies or Mayors are not bound by the principles in the Plan and urged that it be made more specific so that future elected officials cannot just disregard these principles. Allan Tesche supported this view, saying that it is important to be specific as a way of reminding people about the intentions of the neighborhood and the Assembly at the time. The Plan will be an official component of the Comprehensive Plan, as a tool to carry out Anchorage 2020, so make sure you include previous things written about the neighborhood's desires on the Fairview Parkway into the Neighborhood Plan. Noel Rea asked how people can contact Allen Kemplen. Allen replied that his phone number and e-mail address are in the Council newsletter and on the Council website, and there will also be a second Council-wide mailing going out soon to advise people that the Plan will be voted on in November. People have to attend at least one meeting prior to voting. There will be lots of time for people to review the plan and give comments.

Discussion continued on Chapter 5. Allen said the Northern Neighborhood Overlay Zone and Design Guidelines are two tools to make the neighborhood a place where people want to be. Allan Tesche said he thinks the public safety section is good, and that it would be useful to contact Angela Liston from AFACT, as this group is working with APD to amend its strategic plan to allow for community policing. Mr. Tesche thanked Allen and the committee, saying that this is a great example of a neighborhood plan, and Fairview is far ahead of any other community in Anchorage. Darrel Hess encouraged people to read the Plan, pass it on to their friends and neighbors, and make comments. Dan Loring asked if someone wants to make recommendations to the change the draft, if they should do so at the October meeting, or come to the next

Neighborhood Plan committee meeting. Allen Kemplen said it depends. Tweaking the draft would not be a problem, and could be done by coming to the committee meeting. But a major change would run into opposition because the Plan is a result of a lot of public input. Dan Loring said he likes the slogan at the bottom of each page – “Creating Winter City Neighborhoods of Choice.” Darrel Hess commented that people are thanking the committee, but most of the work was done by Allen Kemplen, who has put in hundreds of hours.

Community Comments and Concerns:

Harry Deuber said that the Council bulletin board at the Rec. Ctr. needs to be updated.

Dan Loring told the membership that the National Indian Educators Association will be meeting in Anchorage on October 19-20.

Daretha Tolbert reported that the PTA meeting and open house will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Fairview Elementary.

Committee and Community Reports:

**Education Committee, Dale Myhill**

The Education Summit will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Safety Committee, Sharon Chamard**

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services will be sending a team of nine people to a Community Leadership Institute in Houston. The CLI team will be implementing a project to establish a resident-run code enforcement program in a community in Anchorage, most likely Fairview or Spenard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary.