

Fairview Community Council
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2006
Fairview Recreation Center

Meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Sharon Chamard (Secretary), Harry Deuber (Treasurer), Dave Brossard (At-Large), Allen Kemplen (At-Large), Lee Ross (At-Large)

Other Persons Present: Dale Myhill, Julie Riley, Claris Syren

Apologies: Darrel Hess (Chair), Justina Meyer (Vice Chair)

Sharon Chamard

Darrel Hess regretfully accepted the resignation from Celeste Benson, a long-time board member and officer. Lee Ross agreed to serve out the remainder of Celeste's term. This appointment was approved by the Executive Board over the past two weeks. Sharon thanked Lee for his service and welcomed him as a new board member.

Dale Myhill

Dale introduced Julie Riley, the new administrator of the Gateway Learning Center (GLC). Julie asked the board for some ideas about how the GLC can team up with the Fairview Community Council (FVCC). Sharon Chamard suggesting contacting Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, as one of their properties, Merrill Crossing, is next door to the GLC, and there may be potential clients there. Allen Kemplen suggested reaching out to other large-scale properties in Fairview, such as Chester Park Estates, and marketing the GLC services to ethnic and minority groups. He asked if the GLC keeps track of service usage, because it would be good to know how many users are from the neighborhood to establish a benchmark. Sharon congratulated Julie and Dale on the Mayor's Diversity Award given recently by Mayor Mark Begich to Nine Star.

Claris Syren

The alleys are badly in need of grading. There was discussion about ways to encourage Street Maintenance to grade these alleys. One suggestion was to include pictures showing the potholes and depressions in the alley surface with requests for alley grading, as this is a quick way to document the problem. The pictures could also be sent to our Assemblyman and the Mayor.

Dave Brossard

One of the staff members at the Rec. Ctr., Marcus, will be transferred to the Lydia Selkregg Chalet at Russian Jack Park. His replacement will start soon.

The Fall Festival is on October 27th, from 6:00-8:30 pm. Charles and Kali are organizing it. There will be a talent show ("Old School vs. New School") in conjunction with the Fall Festival.

Harry Deuber

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance 08/14/06 **\$7,844.05**

Deposits

09/12/06	Lee Ross	
	Beautification Committee	<u>50.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$50.00

Expenses

08/15/06	Check #1068	
	Let Them Eat Cake – Block Party	125.00
08/22/06	Harland Checks – Deposit Slips	31.32
08/28/06	Check #1057	
	Walmart – FV Rec. Ctr. Computer Lab	160.00

09/06/06	Check #1069	
	ACS Patrol Hotline	19.32
09/08/06	Check #1070	
	AK Best Water	<u>39.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$374.64
09/15/06 Ending Balance		\$7,519.41

Regarding the Beautification Committee, Harry reported that all the flowers have been taken out of the diverters in preparation for winter. Flowers at the corner planting locations will be removed soon. Allen Kemplen said it would be good if more neighborhood residents could get involved in beautification. He also said it would be good to have winter lights on the diverters; perhaps nearby residents could run power cords from their houses to the diverters. Sharon Chamard asked about the procedure for interesting Fur Rendezvous organizers in Fairview Lions Park as a possible venue for the snow sculpture contest. Allen said the Mayor's Office would be a good place to start.

Allen Kemplen

Regarding the Neighborhood Plan, most people have received the flyer sent out recently announcing the final draft of the plan and schedule for voting on the resolution to transmit the plan to the Planning Department.

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services approved the re-tasking of the \$1,000 awarded to Allen for a Community-Building project along 16th Avenue Terrace; the funds can now be used to support the Neighborhood Plan.

The 2007 United Way "Day of Caring" project will be done in Fairview, at Fairview Park, Fairview Lions Park, and Fairbanks Park. There will be about 5,000 people involved in the project. A committee will be set up soon to talk about what will be done.

On the 13th and Gambell project, members of the Executive Board met last week with Dowl Engineers and the Municipality regarding progress on these improvements. The FVCC has been emphasizing the need for more landscaping at that corner. The current plan calls for "Fairview signature" fencing along the north side of the rear Carrs Gambell parking lot and along the east side of their front parking lot. In the rear lot, there will be landscaping at the ends of the rows of parking stalls to indicate more clearly the parking rows and driving lanes. The median on 13th Avenue will have five trees, a power drop for lighting, and a gateway element.

The design phase for the 16th Avenue Terrace project is done. The recommendation is that two lots on the north side of the alley between Medfra and Nelchina Streets be taken and the alley widened along that block to full street width. The project is estimated to cost \$1.9 million.

Regarding the 9th Avenue project, the Muni is moving forward with a design that doesn't address the FVCC's desire for 3-laning. The Mayor has directed Project Management to revisit the 3-lane concept. A local resident who is opposed to the 4-lane design is circulating a petition in the area.

The Highway-to-Highway project has been opened by the Department of Transportation; the first phase is reconnaissance. Someone suggested inviting the project manager to come to the Executive Board to discuss the desires of the FVCC regarding this road project.

Sharon Chamard

The Community Patrol will soon purchase a digital camcorder using funds awarded from the Legislature. Tim Rawson, a historian at APU who is working on an oral and written history of Fairview, will probably use the camcorder occasionally to record interviews with long-term residents.

Next week's General Membership Meeting will include the presentation of the final draft of the Neighborhood Plan to the membership, and the first reading of a resolution concerning the transmission of the final draft to the Planning Department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Secretary