

Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes 16 March 2005

Attending: Abbott Loop, Al Tamagni; Bayshore/Klatt, Bob Laule; Birchwood, Nanette Belk; Campbell Park, Sandi Traini; Downtown, Kim MacBeath; Eagle River, Charles Horsman; Eagle River Valley, Tom Freeman; Girdwood, Ron Burson; Glen Alps, Cecilia Hidalgo; north Star, Harriet Drummond; Northeast, Dean Syta; Rabbit Creek, Dianne Holmes; Rogers Park, Robert Williams; Russian Jack, Ed Leach; Sand Lake, Robert Hayes; Tudor, Diane Etter; Turnagain, Doreen Schenkenberger; University Area, Don Hadley.

Visitors: Former Mayor Rick Mystrom, Officer Cindi Stanton, Janice Shamberg, Jeff Friedman.

The Minutes of the 16 February 2005 were corrected to read Sheli Dodson from Tudor Community Council and approved.

Former Mayor Mystrom presented information on the history of our Museum and the expansion plans if the Ballot measure passes. It will enable us to display more of the 2000 priceless artifacts now being stored at the Smithsonian. The new entrance will be on C Street with a mini park with trees in front. With this and other improvements to our city, people will choose to live here for the quality of life we offer. Robert Hayes asked about the possibility of angle parking along 7th and 8th to accommodate more cars and people. Mayor Mystrom said he would take the idea back to the planners.

Janice Johnstone reported that despite the recent email, the Ordinance 2005-1 pertaining to Community Council recognition and bylaws, etc., will be on the Assembly Agenda March 29th. The public hearing begins at 6 PM.

Officer Cindy Stanton told us that she tries to email ahead if she isn't able to attend your Community Councils meeting. Let her know if you have issues before your meeting, so she can research it before she gets there. The Trail Watch meetings are beginning, and they need volunteers to just report what they see as they walk the trails - you don't have to be the cop and try to take care of the situation. Keep your cell phone handy. Cars are being vandalized at trailheads. The perpetrators watch from the nearby woods until you leave and then pop your trunk. Ed Leach asked about an ancillary force he has heard about being able to write tickets - particularly for jaywalking. He had heard certain Municipal employees were authorized to write tickets to help the police.

Jeff Friedman, School Board Representative, announced that March is concert month in the schools. The budget is going to the Assembly on March 29th. Site selection for a Southwest Anchorage elementary school is with the P & Z Commission. There is a student art show at the Museum beginning the Wednesday after Spring Break.

Dean Syta explained that Anchorage Tomorrow is a nonprofit registered with APOC to support bond issues. They are recommending "Yes" on Proposition 4 & 5 - the transportation and road bonds. They will go a long way towards helping with traffic in the Anchorage Bowl.

Robert Heffle from UAA informed us that the 2020 Plan requires more density and a UAA survey is asking what the communities think about it and how they think it could be implemented - or not. They are also asking about social service group homes for people with special needs. He expects to bring the results to our April 20th meeting. Check out www.surveymonkey.com.

Ed Leach, office staff, reported that he is going through all the mailing lists. When an email comes back "Unknown" he tries to track it down and put it in the right list. The postal mail lists are

coming down. Since our Web site is limited to 25 mb with ACS, and the plan is to not only put today's info on our Web site, but also archive documents, the Committee is looking into other options for hosting our Web site. More on that as they make decisions. Ron Burson from Girdwood is putting together a bid for what we all want the site to do and how we access it. No password to view it, but there would be to make changes; so there will be control, and we won't get into the position we were in on the old site. He is asking for volunteers from the Councils who could help - they now have more questions than they have answers.

Janice Johnstone asked about looking for cheaper space with more room. Merten is looking into the availability of space and will report back as soon as he has some definite information. We now pay \$1.30 per s/f for 754 s/f and have an option to renew at the end of May. There will be new rates. He has talked to United Way about their space in the Success by Six building. They are quoting 87¢ per s/f and have roughly 1100 s/f coming available. It will be written into any lease that we would be released from the lease contract if we lose our funding. That was not in the current one; hence we are staying to its end May 31, 2005. A straw poll resulted in 14 supporting a move to the new location, 2 against, and 4 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report. Cecilia Hidalgo reported that we are OK at the moment and expect the Municipal contract to be executed soon.

FCC Bylaws. There was discussion of what has been done to date. Stu Hall pointed out that he had received a copy from Al Tamagni that didn't reflect all the last changes the Committee made. Al says the Committee can meet again to make a clean draft. Ron Burson requested it be put on the Web site to be viewed and commented on. Merten suggested we look at the basic structure so we can get to the mission of the Board of Delegates which is information sharing.

Sandi Traini moved that we dissolve the old Nominating Committee and appoint a new one, which would look at the structure issues. The motion failed. Ed Leach suggested we accept the current Executive Committee and then appoint a committee to look at some structure issues. Sandi Traini observed that it would be senseless to change and then change again. Kim MacBeath stated that some fundamental changes need to be made and should be incorporated into the Bylaws.

Making recommendations for changes can be submitted by email and the submission of the cleaned up version should go through the Chair.

Don Hadley wanted to know what we are going to do about the election of the Executive Committee and asked if the Bylaws were being changed just to approve the recent election. He felt changing the Bylaws after the fact to accommodate the current elected officials was BAD policy. Robert Hayes moved to postpone the discussion to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.