

Federation of Community Councils

Board of Delegates Meeting

September 21, 2005

Attendance: Bayshore-Klatt, Bob Laule; Birchwood, Nanette Belk; Campbell Park, Sandy Traini; Chugiak, Merten Bangemann-Johnson; Downtown, Kim MacBeath; Eagle River, William Gossweiler; Girdwood, Ron Burson; Mountain View, Kep Pierce; North Star, Harriet Drummond; Rabbit Creek, Dianne Holmes; Rogers Park, Bob Williams; Russian Jack, Ed Leach; Sand Lake, Robert Hayes; Scenic Foothills, Anne O'Brien; Tudor, Diane Etter; University, Susan Klein
FCC Secretary, Niki Burrows; CC Ctr Manager, Deborah Bauer; Anchorage School Board, Jeff Friedman; Anch Police Dept., Sgt. Cindi Stanton

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by Chair Merten Bangemann-Johnson. Because there were only 15 members present, it was moved and approved that we would serve as a Committee of the Whole.

Jeff Friedman, Anchorage School District, reported that school enrollment is up slightly this year. Winterberry, the new Charter school, is not open yet as it needs building permits.

Sgt. Cindi Stanton, Anchorage Police Dept Liaison, stated that Community Council meetings have started back up for the fall and so she is attending several meetings on meeting nights. She would appreciate a heads up if your Council doesn't have any issues, so she can spend her time where she is most needed. She would also like a heads up via a phone call or email if you have issues, so she can come prepared to report on her findings. Also, if you would allow her to give her report as soon as possible, she can then move on to her next meeting. She is now in the Public Affairs office in the main Police Station. On October 8th, they will conduct the next testing for the police academy, which begins in January. You must be 21 years old - no upper age limit if you can pass the physical and background check, have a drivers license, no college degree is required - you cannot have any felonies.

Christopher Schutte of the Downtown Partnership gave a quick overview of the plans for the new E Street Corridor - their hope is that E Street will become a destination and not just a way to get from Mid-town to Ship Creek. They have had the first round of public meetings and more are planned in October and December. "Downtowns need to be their own communities - government is good here, but it needs to be diversified." The Downtown Partnership and the Municipality are working together to address the panhandling problem with the "Change for the Better" program. They are trying to get people who give to the homeless to give instead to the nonprofit services for the homeless. It is now illegal to stop in traffic and give to street people.

Gary Olson, founder of the Alaska Moose Federation, gave a presentation on addressing the moose in the city problem - it is dangerous around schools. Testimony from young Hannah Strubbin, who survived a moose stomping, was a gruesome reminder that we live in close proximity to moose habitat. The Alaska Moose Federation supports transplanting moose to the bush. Merten Bangemann-Johnson urged the Board members to take the issue back to their Councils for further discussion.

Chair Bangemann-Johnson thanked Deborah Bauer and Ed Leach for a very successful Open House the night before. There was a good turn out and lots of good food. He reported that according to several Assembly members, our funding is not in jeopardy this year as it has been in the past.

Deborah Bauer, Community Council Center Manager, said that 60 people had signed the guest book, and she knew there were at least 10 there who didn't sign in. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Community Council officers who attended. She presented Susan Klein from University Area her Certificate.

Ed Leach reported that a contract has been signed for the Web site. and it should be up and running by next month. Prior to October 30, the committee will go through a process to determine where it will be hosted.

Harriet Drummond suggested that we declare Community Council Delegate seats vacant and inactive to lower the needed quorum so business can be taken care of in a timely manner - i.e. the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. These documents as they stand today will be resent to Council Delegates for consideration at next month's meeting.

Council Sharing:

Rabbit Creek, Dianne Holmes: They have tried to get the Hillside District Plan funded. There is minimal money in the budget for neighborhood Plans, but they are waiting for the Assembly to pass the mechanism for groups to be able to sponsor them. Rabbit Creek is frustrated with the lack of implementation of the 2020 Plan on new plats.

University Area, Susan Klein: Piper is being pushed through to 36th from Tudor. The light at Tudor will be moved from Folker to Piper in March.

Rogers Park, Bob Williams: Sidewalk and traffic calming projects have been delayed again.

North Star, Harriet Drummond: They are surrounded by future upgrade plans

Birchwood, Nanette Belk: They are reviewing Title 21 and trying to get a large piece of land dedicated to

Russian Jack, Ed Leach: San Antonio Park has been dedicated and crime is down.

Girdwood, Ron Burson: They are looking for an appropriate land use plan for their Title 21

Eagle River, William Gossweiler: Seven acres of forest has disappeared for 91 new apartments, and the Community Councils didn't hear about it until it was too late. They are concerned about violations in assisted living houses and want to hear what other Councils know about any violations. Also about Sweet Lorraine's Halfway House.

Scenic Foothills, Anne O'Brien: They have had officer elections. The developer working on the curve at Tudor and Muldoon is not doing a good job. It is not draining properly and is causing flooding.

Mountain View, Kep Pierce: New officers were elected at the September meeting. The City is doing a sample road project on one block of Mountain View Drive between Klewin and Park. They are narrowing the lanes by a foot and widening the sidewalks and putting in crosswalk paving. There will be new streetlights as soon as they arrive. They took out the Street calming barrier on Klewin and made half of it into parking spaces - it is now one-way in.

Downtown, Kim MacBeath: Please read the brochure on the E Street improvements. She thinks it will be a great improvement and hopes F Street will become a pedestrian friendly street.

Sand Lake, Bob Hayes: The gravel pit housing well water is getting muddy. The Strawberry Road improvements are going in.

Chugiak, Merten Bangemann-Johnson: They are working on the Chugiak Comp Plan. They want to get it updated before Title 21 goes into effect. They are worried they won't be able to have large animals on their properties.

Rabbit Creek, Dianne Holmes: There will be a new MOA computer system land use issues, code enforcement issues and eventually ordinances.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.