

**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by the Chair, Merten Bangemann-Johnson. The Agenda and Minutes were approved. The Chair stated that there had been requests for a tighter meeting, so comments would be limited to two minutes with one comment per person per topic. This should allow the meeting to adjourn at 8 PM with Council Sharing continuing for those who wish to stay.

APD Sgt. Cindi Stanton from APD reported that the average is 32 calls holding in Dispatch at any one time, so take this into consideration as you wait for an officer unless it is an emergency situation. The graduation for 17 - 18 new Academy officers is set for October 27th, who will then train on the streets with another officer for 3 to 4 months. The next Academy is scheduled for the beginning of January. She is being transferred into the Community Relations Department.

MOA Michael Johnson from the Mayor's office told us that the Municipal Budget would come before the Assembly on October 25 and November 8. It is a two-year budget, which the Mayor and his staff believe will be a more efficient way of dealing with it and allow for more time to be spent on other issues. It is online if anyone wishes to see the details. It is largely a status quo budget with increases for public safety.

Budget Worksessions will be October 21 from 10 AM - 2 PM and November 4th from 2 - 4 PM.

Title 21 Land Use maps are due out November 14, and the second draft of Title 21 is due the end of November. Boards and Commissions annual rotation is coming up. If you want to serve on one of them, get your resume in to him.

Assembly Not present.

Assisted Living Homes Jerri Van Sandt explained that she worked for the Public Health Division of the Health and Human Services Department, which licenses Assisted Living homes. These homes do not have licensed nurses, but they are required to provide a homelike environment for elderly persons or others with mental or physical disabilities (who need assistance with the activities of daily living). The division establishes standards that will protect residents while promoting an environment that will encourage resident growth and independence. There are 298 licensed homes in Anchorage.

Web Site Victor Bakumenko, Tex "R Us, provided a short demonstration of how our new Web site will look and how easy it will be for Councils to update their information. There were some suggestions from the Delegates, but overall, the conclusion was that it was an outstanding product. It should be completed in 2 - 4 weeks. There will be a training class for the office personnel and then for Community Council officers and members.

Finances Al Tamagni questioned how or if the Certificates of Deposit were staggered to mature at different times to take the most advantage of interest earnings. Kim MacBeath will research it and report back next month.

Community Councils Center Debbie Bauer, Office manager, presented the new Community Councils brochure and passed out the Council Sharing form that will help the Secretary get Council information into the Minutes. Because the tapes of our meetings are often unintelligible and that part of the meeting goes so fast, the Secretary cannot get it all down. Niki Burrows expressed her gratitude for the help. Debbie then gave a Power Point presentation of pictures taken at the recent Open House.

Old Business

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. There was a quorum, so we were able to take a vote on both items. An email with copies of both documents attached was sent out after the last meeting. It was moved and seconded that the Bylaws be approved as approved by the Committee of the Whole approved at the June meeting. No objections or abstentions. It was moved and seconded that the Articles of Corporation be approved as approved by the Committee of the Whole approved at the June meeting. No objections or abstentions.

Council Sharing

Airport Heights - Mark Fish. Their issues continue to be crime and traffic.

Campbell Park - Sandy Traini. The proposed Folker St. light removal needs to be left for access to Tudor Rd. Too much traffic would be funneled through residential neighborhood if Folker light is pulled. Sex offender (not convicted yet, but released on bail) is in the neighborhood, and neighbors are concerned. Call of the Wild is fighting against the license restrictions that were approved by the Assembly.

Downtown - Kim MacBeath. No news.

Eagle River - Bob Gossweiler. They are horrified by the clearing of the 10 acres above Tips Bar and want to know why it was allowed (MOA determined that since the individual lots are less than 2 acres, no permit or public notice was required). The builder will have to submit plans and get approval before he begins building the site condos.

Fairview - Justina Meyer. They are concerned about the highway-to-highway connection and are working on their Neighborhood Plan. There are issues at 13th and Gambell - crime, drug dealers - the residents and businesses have formed a coalition to address these issues.

Mountain View - Kep Pierce. One block between Park and Klevin on Mountain View Drive has been done as a pilot project to see how it works (and how people like it) before continuing the renovation to Bragaw next summer. The Council is talking to the Post Office about relocating a drop mailbox within the boundaries of Mountain View. The Arts and Cultural Steering Committee continues to meet and things are beginning to happen. A Power Point presentation is being shown.

Northeast - Bob Reupke Walmart

Old Seward/Oceanview - Hank Hosford. He is the new FCC Delegate and the Web page volunteer. They are concerned about the South Anchorage Coastal Trail Extension.

Rabbit Creek - Diane Holmes. They want to know how to can get their own Title 21 like Eagle River.

Rogers Park - Bob Williams. Will soon begin Bylaw revisions per the new Muni regulations. They passed a resolution opposing any taking of residential land from their area for the construction of the highway-to-highway freeway connection, and proposes maintaining and improving the current barrier between the Seward Highway and their residential area. Fireweed and Latouche upgrade updates will be presented by DOWL Engineers monthly. The project will include a permanent solution of the north Juneau St. drainage quagmire. They had good returns of their survey. They will be discussing issues raised about the Oxford Houses at their next meeting.

Russian Jack - Ed leach. Crime - Weed 'n Seed funding has been received. Planning some private security for hotspots at specific times. The Community Patrol has doubled its membership. Concerned that the proposed Bragaw Extension will lead to high-speed traffic on Bragaw on the north side. They realize that extending Bragaw is necessary to improve access into the University Area, but at what speed? They want to develop 3 more neighborhood parks - Reka and Pine, Taku (near Davis) and 8th and Hoyt. P&Z Commission Resolution 2005-058 to reduce commuter traffic, P&Z wants a traffic parking study that includes parking price increases for the high intensity centers (Downtown, Midtown, U-Med, Creekside/Muldoon, and Dimond.)

Sand Lake - Robert Hayes.

South Addition - Kathy Weeks. Concerned about a professional engineer who is conducting research on radioactive isotopes as a "home occupation" in an R 2 zone fronting on the park Strip, and who plans to manufacture isotopes in 2006. Is this a home occupation and how will the new Title 21 handle it? Knik-Goose Bay Bridge.

South Fork - Bob Gill. Title 21 rewrite - they want a separate chapter for the Eagle River/Chuguiak area, or at the very least an overlay district for downtown Eagle River. Open space requirements! Council members and most of the Eagle River residents were horrified to see the trees behind Tips Bar removed without any public discussion because of a loophole in Title 21. They want specific requirements for developers for public and private space. Eagle River High School and growth issues.

Spenard - Bob Auth. Northwood Drive improvements - the project has been delayed until 2006 for construction. This will be bid out during the winter. Brown Jug conditional use permit approved for a new package store at Spenard and Northern Lights. Discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan - they are against the 8 lanes proposed for Minnesota.

Tudor Park - Diane Etter. Traffic congestion in the UMed - LRTP - there is nothing addressing traffic.

Turnagain - Cathy Gleason. Turnagain Slide Redevelopment - residents concerned about construction traffic starting next spring for the loop road from Marston Drive to McKenzie Drive and 22 lots being developed. Where property boundaries next to the Inlet ends - all the way to the Inlet or not? The issue will probably go to a court to decide. Working with the Spenard Community Council on the Airport proposal to expand the general aviation tie-down lot in Turnagain (into the bog closer to Turnagain residential area). This is being done outside the General Aviation Master Planning process, which was supposed to evaluate need, community concerns and input.

University Area - Susan Klein. Gospel Mission and homeless people. Piper Street extension. Tudor Road traffic calming measures. Bragaw extension/link between Northern Lights and Tudor Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.