

Minutes of the Federation of Community Councils Board Meeting September 16, 2009

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) council delegates and guests met together for the August 2009 meeting of the FCC. Chairman Dick Tremaine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken from the sign-in sheet -- 17 delegates were in attendance, meaning a quorum was in place.

Members in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Birchwood	Gail Davidson McCain
Campbell Park	Peter Hamlett
Eagle River Valley	Thomas C Freeman
Fairview	Paul Benson
Huffman-O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Berni Bradley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Lance Pruitt
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler, FCC Manager
Jeff Friedman, Anchorage School Board

Agenda was presented for approval. Churchill moved and Gleason seconded to approve. Several changes in presentation order were made. The amended agenda was passed unanimously.

August minutes were presented for approval. Churchill moved and Monette seconded. A question was asked concerning pre-paid legal expenses. These are for an Eagle River grant.

Guest speaker – Jeff Friedman, Anchorage School Board. He had nothing to report directly but did answer questions.

- The ASD will hire 53 teachers and aides using State funding.
- The Zangle system for tracking students is working but there were some implantation data deficiencies and people are still getting use to it.
- Police officers in schools seem to be having a positive effect. By being in schools they have closer contact with youth and obtain more information that often leads to pre-emptive actions rather than responses to occurrences.

Finance Committee – Bradley

- There is a total of about \$44,000 that is obligated to NUSA for staff, cancelation penalty and hotel reservations and the finances need to reflect that. The only unrestricted FCC funds are in fund 1005, money market.
- Motion to earmark as a trust account \$36,500 from fund 1005 as projected NUSA obligations moved by Tamagni seconded by Churchill. Bergerson and Bradley explained that this would consist of \$1,500 for travel to the fall NUSA board meeting, \$10,000 in cancelation penalty and \$35,000 towards required staffing costs. The staffing and cancelation penalty are mutually exclusive. The motion passed unanimously.
- The financials will be adjusted to reflect two pass through grants as liabilities.
- The FCC continues to spend much of its budget on mailings, the most expensive of which are council wide mailings. There have been two of these so far this year and any more would threaten the budget. The March 1978 guidelines outline how CCs need to operate. Outreach and contact with CC members is encouraged. Tamagni noted that the Abbott Loop CC did an area wide survey in 2001. The survey was well organized and comprehensive and the results are still useful. He believes an area wide mailing is only necessary every 5-6 years at most. Churchill noted that much of the cost of mailings is preparation rather than postage. The group discussed the need to prepare a breakdown of monthly snail mail versus email by CC.

- Motion to institute a moratorium on area wide mail-outs until the end of the year made by Tamagni seconded by Holland. After discussion it failed 6 to 10.
- Motion to require Board approval for any area wide mailings until the end of 2009 made by Churchill seconded Holland. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Draft 2010 budget was reviewed. Motion to approve by Churchill second by Holland. It was noted that the total budget is the same as that for 2009 but several categories have been changed to better reflect actual expenditure patterns. It was noted that in the past the FCC received state grant(s) for equipment to assist in mailings and this may be an avenue with pursuing again. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA)

- Butler presented a series of slides from the 2009 NUSA convention in Spokane.
- Bergerson discussed the obligations the FCC is under in order to host the 2011 annual NUSA convention. This list includes:
 - send a delegate to 3 NUSA Board meetings,
 - prepare 6 progress reports,
 - send a delegation, including an elected official, to the 2010 convention in Little Rock AR to receive the NUSA flag,
 - hire a conference coordinator from October 2010 until the following July (typically a city employee in other areas),
 - host an October 2010 NUSA Board meeting in Anchorage, and
 - produce 3 mass mailing to NUSA membership.
- FCC will need to construct budgets for all these obligations as well as prepare a list of sub-committees that must be formed from local volunteers. This needs to be done by the NUSA committee in the near future.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Members sharing issues following the formal adjournment noted that there has been a marked increase in vandalism in several (many) areas of town during the past summer. This includes breaking into cars, walking into houses, etc. Typically cash, jewelry and guns are all that is taken. It was noted that August and September typically see an increase in this type of activity but some felt the increase this year was abnormally high.