

**Federation of Community Councils
Board Meeting Notes
November 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Dick Tremaine, Chair with guests and delegates in attendance.

Roll Call

Roll was call was taken with 11 members in attendance. **No quorum was established.** J. Bergerson proposed calling a meeting of the whole. It was agreed that the meeting would continue although no action could be taken without a quorum in place.

Members in attendance:

Bayshore Klatt	Northeast	Russian Jack
Bear Valley	Old Seward/Oceanview	Spenard
Eagle River Valley	Rabbit Creek	Tudor
Mountain View	Rogers Park	

The agenda was reviewed and amended to allow guests to speak prior to committee reports.

Guest Speakers:

There was no representation from the Anchorage School Board
There was no representation from the Anchorage Assembly

John Pattee and Sylvia Villamides, (President and Executive Director, respectively) of Anchorage CHARR, (Anchorage Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant & Retailers Association) gave a presentation on the ordinance proposing an extended “Safety Hour” at the bar’s closing time.

They state that the purpose of the Safety Hour is to give patrons a safe, warm place to wait for alternate transportation (rides from friends/family or a cab service). It also gives patrons an extra hour to “sober up” before leaving and possibly driving. They cite concerns over predators who wait for intoxicated patrons to leave the restaurants and bars, long waits for cabs (which deters people from driving under the influence), and large crowds of people on sidewalks and parking lots. They believe a safety hour will create a “trickle” effect and give cabs a better opportunity to serve the public, reduce DUI’s and crime (sexual assaults, robberies, vandalism, etc).

There was active discussion and several questions over the proposed ordinance. Pattee and Villamides also point out that the proposed ordinance has a sunset clause (one year trial period), is available initially only to 15 establishments, which must apply and be approved, and requires that the lights come on at the normal time and that all music

and entertainment end. They also point out several states with similar legislation (New York, Indiana, Arizona and Wyoming).

Finance Committee: Treasurer B. Bradley reviewed the financial status of accounts. We have received the 4th installment of our quarterly grant funds from the Muni. Of the 4th quarter proceeds, 10% was withheld by the Muni until we submit our quarterly (year end) report.

It was noted that travel expenses came from the FCC Corporate Funds and not from Muni grant proceeds.

Bradley also clarified a shift in funds to indicate that after discussion with the Eagle River Consortium, approximately \$11k in reserves belongs to ERC for their prepaid legal expenses. Two large checks were cut last month totaling approximately \$12k from grant proceeds on behalf of Airport Heights CC.

Bradley indicated that the Finance Committee will be meeting to project our year-end expenses in relation to our budget. Dodson indicated that the Finance Committee has had a vacancy on the three person team for many months and that we need the position filled. Dodson said that she had discussed the situation with Al Tamagni of Abbott Loop CC by phone earlier in the day (Al was unable to attend the November FCC meeting) and he is willing to fill the position. Chair Tremaine noted that 25% of our expenses are related to USPS mailings from councils, which segued into discussion "Old Business" on the agenda.

Managers Report:

Compiled and provided separately.

Old Business:

Both Bradley and Dodson of the Finance Committee had done research and discussion with Speedy Mail. Tremaine announced that new guidelines are being put into effect immediately to reduce the expenses from the Postal Service. Councils are restricted to one two-sided page of either 8.5x11" or 8.5x14". Councils were instructed to leave an area approximately 8" x3.5" (1/3 of a folded standard page) blank for Speedy Mail to work with for addresses, etc. If councils do not submit minutes/agendas in the proper format, THEY WILL NOT BE SENT OUT VIA USPS mail. It is acceptable to submit two sets of minutes -- a longer version for web posting and the shorter version for mail-outs. Discussion over deadlines for submissions was discussed, but no final decisions were made.

With respect to the FCC budget and the need to obtain sizable grant funds to reduce dependence on Muni funding and support the budgetary requirements of hosting NUSA 2011, Bergerson recommended a "bundle" approach to the legislation (and other grant sources) to meet the needs of the individual councils, as well as the FCC. Bergerson noted that he has discussed funding with several legislators who indicated the desire to see a "unified front" in our requests for funding. Tremaine concurred with Bergerson's

suggestion. It was noted that last year, the legislature provided no state grants to any community councils or community patrols.

Butler was instructed by Tremaine to draft a letter in the next week's time period to all community councils requesting that they provide the FCC with a list of their legislative needs and priorities. Tremaine asked if any council could report any immediate requests. A few councils present made their needs/desires immediately known (signage, community patrol funding, increased outreach, etc)

- MVCC – funding for community patrols and Weed & Seed
- TACC – sandwich boards to promote meetings and increase outreach
- Federation of Community Councils
 - Computers
 - \$20-25k to send a delegation to Little Rock, AR for NUSA 2010
 - \$10-15K for funding for the coordinator for NUSA and marketing purposes
 - Additional funding to be able to extend a formal invitation to the Mayor and key Assembly personages to attend Little Rock in May 2010 and accept the NUSA flag.

Tremaine instructed the NUSA committee to draft a budget of projected expenses for review at the next FCC meeting

New Business:

NUSA 2011 Theme discussion ensued. Delegates were instructed to take the following information back to their respective councils and brainstorm suggestions and ideas so that we can decide and move forward with a theme and slogan for NUSA 2011. NUSA stands for Neighborhoods, USA and neighborhoods and community are integral to the NUSA mission and theme. The slogan and theme must be submitted and approved by NUSA prior to proceeding with any marketing pieces.

When the delegates brainstormed for ideas and themes around Alaska and the FCC and communities, the following ideas/images/themes were prevalent:

Neighborhoods

Diversity

Alaska

The Last Frontier

Community

Roots (from the FCC

logo)

Aurora

Strengthen

Educate

Support

Midnight sun

North Star

Northern lights

Wild/Wild Life

One idea that was suggested was “Neighborhoods of the Last Frontier”. It was briefly considered to use the theme/slogan “Wild about Neighborhoods” which was used at the last conference Anchorage hosted in 1992.

Delegates were asked to use the ideas above as a springboard to discussion with their councils, and to get this information out as quickly as possible so that members who attend their community council meetings will already have had a chance to brainstorm and think of ideas. Any and all ideas are welcome and asked to be shared with the FCC at the next meeting. Individuals interested in learning more about NUSA were encouraged to visit their website, www.nusa.org and see what has been done in the past for themes, slogans and ideas.

Budget discussion continued. Tremaine was at the Assembly meeting. Although public testimony was closed, he was asked to answer questions about the FCC and our budget and expenses. The vote was passed 7/11 to recommend a \$98k budget for the FCC. It was recommended to put the budget of the FCC back under the Clerk’s Office. A final decision has been/will be postponed until mid-December.

Council sharing ensured. As previously discussed, delegates are required to submit their council sharing in Microsoft Word format so that it can be posted with the board meeting minutes on the website.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.