

**Federation of Community Councils, Inc.**  
**Board of Delegates Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**April 21, 2010**  
**DRAFT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by the FCC Chair, Dick Tremaine. Tom Freeman was congratulated on winning a 2010 Dodge Ram truck in a recent Iditarod raffle!

**Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.**

**Roll Call**

**FCC Delegates in attendance:**

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Airport Heights	Jon Spring
Bayshore Klatt	Marie Laule
Chugiak	David Baldwin
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Matt Johnson
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Linda Billmyer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Tudor Area	Sheli Dodson
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Betty Adkison

**Others in attendance included:**

Mark Butler, FCC Manager  
Kathleen Liska, Spenard CC member  
Tod Butler, Tudor Area CC Chair

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tom Freeman, with a second by Jason Bergerson. The agenda was amended to add two new orders of business: the notices of meetings and approval of the Community Council Centers lease agreement. The amended agenda passed with no objections. The minutes from the March meeting were amended to indicate that February's minutes were approved by the body. Bergerson motioned, with a second by Bob Churchill to approve the amended minutes and the motion passed with no objections.

**AEDC & Anchorage Prospector**

Erin Ealum with the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) gave a brief presentation on the website [www.anchorageprospector.com](http://www.anchorageprospector.com). She gave a brief background of the AEDC, noting that the non-profit was formed in 1987 and their goal is to grow and diversify the Anchorage economy. Anchorage Prospector was created at an online resource that is GIS based, providing aerial photography that shows available land and buildings in the Anchorage area. Anchorage Prospector will allow you to identify prospective land and buildings based on several factors- location/proximity of trails, schools, fire stations, etc. You can search for specific building criteria as well, such as industrial buildings, retail office space and more. It was noted that the FCC will be using Anchorage Prospector to help us in our fundraising and recruitment efforts for NUSA 2011.

**Anchorage Assembly**

Dick Traini, newly elected chair of the Anchorage Assembly, was in attendance for a portion of the meeting. He stated that we can count on the support of the Anchorage Assembly to make NUSA 2011 in Anchorage a success. He also asked that we research the location of the individual community council flags as he would like to see them restored to their former position in the Assembly chambers.

**Anchorage Park Foundation**

Beth Nordland, Executive Director of the Anchorage Parks Foundation (APF), gave a brief presentation. The Anchorage Park Foundation was created about 5 ½ years ago. Their offices are currently located at 715 L Street (in the basement) and she was there to announce the 2010 Challenge Grant program. If you want a park improvement in your neighborhood, you, your neighborhood and/or organization can be eligible for grants up to \$40,000. She noted that grants require either matching funds or matching labor. Volunteer hours are worth approximately \$20.25/hour and a professional contractor's volunteer hours are worth approximately \$70/hour. The application

deadline is May 14, 2010.

Ms. Nordland advised us that there are currently eight large neighborhood park projects slated for this year, and that the foundation is trying to focus on smaller neighborhood parks rather than the large areas. Small neighborhood parks typically have no restrooms (maybe port-a-potties) and limited parking spaces.

Decisions on the grant proceed recipients will be done by the end of May. She also noted that the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) still had job openings and that youth must be between 16 -18 years of age and that they will be working on trails, neighborhood parks, and waterway projects. She also noted that APF has 12 projects in the state capital budget and requested our support in contacting the governor to support the funding.

More information regarding the Anchorage Park Foundation can be found at their website: <http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org>, and Ms. Nordlund can be reached via email at [Beth@anchorageparkfoundation.org](mailto:Beth@anchorageparkfoundation.org)

### **FCC Budget**

The body moved forward with federation business and updates. The FCC budget contract was funded at \$98,000 for the 2010 fiscal year. Funds for the first and second quarters were received and then deposited in the FCC bank account.

### **NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA)**

A reminder that Jason Bergerson chairs NUSA2011 and all NUSA2010-related activities.

Current NUSA2010 attendees (Little Rock, Arkansas) include:

Jason Bergerson (Spenard)  
Dick Tremaine (Rabbit Creek)  
Mark Butler (Office Manager)  
Sheli Dodson (Tudor)  
Kep Pierce (Mountain View)  
Hazel Blackmore (Neighborworks)  
Tod & Katie Butler (Tudor)  
Lynda Billmyer (Scenic Foothills)  
Kathleen Liska (Spenard)  
Glee Anderson (ACVB)

Bergerson noted that before the delegates leave for NUSA, we need to prepare approximately 36 goody bags for the NOTY (Neighborhood of the Year) Awards. We will also need to prepare a brief presentation for when Anchorage is announced as the host city and the ceremonial passing of the flags. The presentation should be approximately 3-5 minutes and should highlight what Anchorage has to offer. The

ACVB can assist in that area with potential video clips, etc. Bergerson also reminded board members that we need to purchase/procure pins and other Alaska novelty items and find a way to promote attendance at our 2011 conference.

### **Elections**

FCC Elections are coming in May. Tremaine asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the Executive Board and stated that nominations are open.

- Dick Tremaine was nominated for Chair by Tom Freeman
- Jason Bergerson was nominated for Vice Chair by Tom Freeman
- Al Tamagni was nominated for Treasurer by Tom Freeman
- Sheli Dodson was nominated for Secretary by Jason Bergerson

No other nominations were put forward.

### **Other Business:**

Al Tamagni requested that reminders be sent out 7 calendar days in advance, with an email reminder 2-3 days in advance of upcoming FCC meetings.

Jason Bergerson recommended that we have the agenda and all materials prepared a week in advance, and that the Financials (updated to the end of the prior month) be made available two weeks in advance.

### **Mail Contract with Speedy Mail**

The FCC has terminated our current contract with Speedy Mail. Butler presented the terms of the new contract for the board. There was discussion from the board on either extending or amending our current contract with Speedy Mail. There was a motion by Churchill, with a second by Tamagni to renegotiate a two month extension with Speedy Mail, and to utilize that time period to review the cost of in-house production and distribution and also to solicit RFPs for our mail service.

Bergerson suggested that we review our contract with IKON regarding the copier as a factor in how we will handle our future mailings.

Recommendations were solicited for how we can accurately survey residents. Several suggestions were given, including the [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com), Valpak coupon mailings and postcard mail-outs.

### **Anchorage Police Department/Neighborhood Watch**

Anchorage Police Department Officer Welch of the CAP (Community Action Policing) Team gave a brief presentation to the delegates. She noted that long-time and well-known CAP Team member Denny Allen was retiring from APD in late April. Officer Allen was a frequent sight in the Fairview neighborhood and worked diligently with

community council members in that neighborhood (and others) to address the chronic inebriate homeless population and the issues they bring to neighborhoods and residents.

She also identified herself as the officer in charge of the Neighborhood Watch Program and offered her services in putting together a presentation for each council and their neighborhoods. She reminded us that on any given shift, we have only 29 officers on the street doing patrol and that neighbors need to work together for the safety of all. She recommends that we gather approximately 15-20 neighbors for a crime watch presentation. She said that we would need at least 50% attendance and participation in a specific geographic area.

Churchill requested that she communicate a message back to the command at APD to request that they encourage their officers to attend their local community council meetings.

### **Lease Agreement**

Delegates discussed the lease agreement for our office space. Our current lease expires at the end of May 2010. The new lease will increase the rent to \$437.50/month (from \$420.00/month) and is a two-year lease agreement. There was a motion to approve the terms of the new lease by Freeman with a second by Bob Reupke. The motion carried with no objections.

There was a motion to adjourn by Freeman, with a second by Tamagni. The motion carried with no objection and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson, Secretary.