

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.
Board of Delegates
Minutes of June 16, 2010 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by FCC Chair Dick Tremaine.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Roll Call

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Bayshore Klatt	Marie Laule
Bear Valley	Laurie Holland
Campbell Park	Mike Spitz
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Paul Benson
Government Hill	Bob French
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Linda Billmyer
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Tudor Area	Sheli Dodson
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler, FCC Manager
Kathleen Liska, Spenard CC member
Tod Butler, Tudor Area CC Chair
Sharon Chamard, Fairview CC Chair
Kathleen Plunkett, School Board member
Sarah Sledge, United Way
Sheila Selkregg, former Assembly member
Bill Hall, UAF Cooperative Extension Service
Melinda Freemon, RurALCap
Tim Kosednar, Alaska Disc Golf Association

Dodson motioned (TACC), with a second by Ruepke (NE) to approve the minutes and agenda, which passed with no objections.

The **Mayor's Office** had no representation.

The Assembly has moved its offices down to the 1st floor of city hall. Dick Traini and Ernie Hall from the Anchorage Assembly were both present and Mr. Hall stated that he is excited to get actively involved with the FCC.

Kathleen Plunkett from the Anchorage School Board was present to give a report. She advised that the West High School/Romig Middle School master plan has passed. In addition, the budget is currently under review and the board is constantly looking at ways to save money and reduce costs, etc.

Sarah Sledge, Director of Community Action for the Anchorage United for Youth program and Sheila Selkregg of their Leadership Team spoke briefly. They requested that the delegates speak with their respective councils about hosting a community conversation regarding the Anchorage United for Youth.

Bill Hall from the UAF Cooperative Extension Service gave a presentation and extended his services to use dialogue, deliberation and facilitation to assist with issues and problems. Mr. Hall wanted us to be aware that the UAF Coop Extension offers training and is a resource the FCC should consider utilizing.

Mark Butler gave his Councils Center Managers report. Ten councils received grants from the State government. The \$70,000 requested for the NUSA 2011 Conference was vetoed by the Governor. Nine council members went to the 2010 NUSA Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Melinda Freemon from RurALCap was in attendance to offer an alternate view to the current Karluk Manor project. She noted that the project is to provide long-term, permanent housing for chronic inebriates at 1104 E 5th Ave in the space known as the Red Roof Inn. The program is designed to be a transition from homelessness, following the tenets of the Homeward Bound program.

The Karluk Manor project is the result of the 21 deaths from the homeless population over the last couple years. There was Homeless Leadership Team established last years by the Mayor in an effort to identify the best possible solutions. In addition, the Housing and Development Coalition was mobilized to accomplish three things:

1. Reduce deaths in homeless camps
2. Reduce violence in homeless camps
3. Reclaim public space

The five areas most affected in terms of resources include emergency rooms, the Anchorage Fire Department, the Anchorage Police Department, Community Service Patrol and the Department of Corrections.

Ms. Freemon stated that 80% of their outreach efforts are centered in Fairview and the cost is approximately \$60,000.00 per year per chronic inebriate homeless individual. Comparatively speaking, they estimate a relative cost of approximately \$21,000.00 to RurAL Cap to house these individuals and make services available to them, however they are unable to determine what the expected reduction in those aforementioned five service areas will be. She re-emphasized that the facility is to be a permanent housing project, and is not temporary.

There will be a strict code of conduct maintained, and no sex offenders will be eligible for housing in the facility. Meals will be provided onsite five days a week and there will be 24 hour staffing. There will be no ongoing case management of the tenants, however outside agencies will be on-site to make service available and provide resources. This housing complex will be considered “wet”, meaning that while they do not provide alcohol, they do not restrict alcohol use on the premises.

These are rental units, and rent is a minimum of \$50/month, and is limited to 30% of the tenant’s income. In terms of safety and security, the perimeter of the property will be fenced with a single point of entry. The concept behind this program is that the people who are chronic inebriates are going to continue to drink; however, this gives them a safe place to drink and will help break the cycle of chronic responsiveness.

Discussion ensued over whether it was appropriate for the Fairview Community Council to bring this issue before the FCC, especially with respect to the fact that we are a non-partisan non-profit who is not to engage in political issues. Paul Benson (FVCC) made a **motion to reconsider**, which was seconded by Todd Butler (TACC). The motion passed with no objection.

There was a **motion to table the discussion indefinitely** by Tamagni (ALCC), with a second by Freeman (ERVCC). Bergerson (SCC) noted that as the chair of the May meeting, he found the issue to be pertinent and applicable to all councils since a similar facility could be located in many of our respective council areas. Paul Benson (FVCC) called for the question. The motion carried with one objection.

Tim Kosednar of the Alaska Disc Golf Association spoke very briefly to advise the delegates that they would be looking for the support of the local community councils in the fall.

There was a motion to adjourn by Freeman (ERVCC), with a 2nd by Spitz (CPCC).