

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

DRAFT Minutes of December 15, 2010 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair, Dick Tremaine

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Eagle River	Don DeShasier
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Carla Hadley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Linda Billmyer
South Addition	M. Elise Huggins
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeff Mittman
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler, FCC Manager
Dick Traini, Chair of the Anchorage Assembly
Kathleen Plunkett, Anchorage School Board

Agenda was reviewed, and approved, without objection.

Minutes: Motion to accept November 2010 meeting minutes; one change requested (**add NUSA Coordinator name to motion on signatory change**). MOVED, Seconded, Approved without objection as amended.

Chairman's Report:

South Fork Community Council: Chair and FCC Manager assisted with election, great turnout, and good process with FCC assistance.

Presentation: Kathleen Plunkett, Anchorage School Board

Main issue is 3 Bond Issues to be voted on April 2011 Ballot

- \$47MM – Service High School
- \$17MM – Career VocTech
- \$16.8MM – Design, Building Life Extension

Total - \$81MM – \$9.31 per \$100K assessed value

Next step: to Assembly early January, Final Vote: Feb 2, 11

FCC Manager Report – Announcement: NUSA Competition for 2011 Neighborhood of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of the 2011 MOA Grant:

- Our proposed budget/grant to fund FCC for 2011 is \$80,000. Proposal – put forward similar contract/budget to last year's with minor modifications, to be submitted to Assembly Thursday, 12/16, to seek actual funding check ASAP. Major modifications: reduce printing costs/mailing lists.
- *Note – some changes from 2 years ago: reduction in personnel/salaries; significant cuts in newsletter; reduction in rent; major reduction in conferences.*
- *Note: potential to re-apply in spring for additional funds. While in the past we have not applied for adjustments, we may consider doing so next year.*
- Contract/Budget to be submitted as presented: MOVED by Jason, Seconded by Kep, approved without objection.
- Additional discussion – are there further cuts that could be made, revisions to USPS mailing lists, deletion of old/unused names.

Executive Session – discussion of personnel/salary issues. Chair called Executive Session.

NUSA 2011 Conference

- End of Year review on the status of planning for 2011 NUSA Conference in Anchorage:

Volunteer Coordinator – Susan Klein – met with team, ongoing meetings for workshops, engaging community, etc., will help with updating website – which

receives a good bit of mail (to be forwarded to Jason/Shelly) – and positive feedback.

- News: Birmingham, AL is planning on sending over 100 people to the Conference.
- **Fundraising** – a bit behind on getting funds in, but significant activity occurring, awaiting approval on workshop proposals, will confirm with submittors, fundraising letter revised, sponsorship elements confirmed.
- Kathleen has withdrawn from some coordination – working to transition smoothly.
- **Expenditures**) – minimal expenditures to date, but – some significant deposits will be required Action plan – will re-focus on task management, commitments on funding and work products; national delegate communication to be sent shortly; then requests for funding and in-kind support.
- **Laurie and Linda – special recognition for tours and workshop work.**
THANK YOU!
- Workshops to be finalized within next week.
- Tours are looking good, some additional details being fine-tuned – but we have plenty (some consolidation may occur).
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – get them to Susan Klein! Susan@NUSA2011.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase of Canon printer/copier for the FCC Center

Exec Board has requested permission to purchase a Canon C2550 – limited color use, lesser monthly charge, ability to collate, staple, etc. Upgrade machine (7 years old), and have functionality at low operating costs. MOVED by Kep Pierce, Seconded by Susan Klein, discussion, and approved without objection. Funds are available in this year's budget.

Capital Requests by Community Councils

Councils may request grants from the Capital budget. Recommendation – ask for low dollar amount grants!!! Remember that Community Council should provide Resolutions in support of schools, parks, requests. Do it soon, the legislative session is short.

Council Sharing

South Fork – Development issues are coming before CC and may be applicable to other CC's.

Assembly Chair Dick Traini

Review of funding for FCC; suggest – find alternative funding as next year's MOA budget will likely be limited.

Chair Traini was asked to approve Contract on Jan. 11th.

Brief discussion of Anchorage School District bonding requests.

Potential issue to be raised: fluoride in the waters.

Discussion of potential excise tax on alcohol – awaiting legal opinion. Further discussion of social impacts of excessive alcohol use.

Legal review of 500 foot safety corridor around stop lights.

National League of Cities – free cards to residents for discounted pharmaceuticals for non-insured consumers – working on providing to Anchorage residents. Request to FCC/CC's to assist in distribution. Purpose – all pharmacies should agree to provide to cash customers.

Changing Ombudsman – will announce in January 2011 – on 1st floor.

Comments

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Mittman, FCC Secretary