

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

DRAFT Minutes of March 16, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Dick Tremaine

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Mike Spitz
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Linda Billmyer
South Addition	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
Sheli Dodson	NUSA 2011 Conference Coordinator
Kathleen Plunkett	Anchorage School Board
Clare Stockert	Development Director, Anchorage Public library
Joseph Perkins	President, Library Foundation
Tom Davis	Municipal Planner

Agenda was reviewed, and approved, without objection.

Minutes: Motion to accept February 2011 meeting minutes: MOVED, Seconded, Approved without objection.

Presentations

Kathleen Plunkett, Anchorage School Board

In the middle of Bond Approval process. Also, working on Procurement Policy – changes made will go before next Board Meeting and approved in April, allow efficiencies in audit.

Query – how do Bonds look? Many positive comments, some skeptics re increase in taxes.

Clare Stockert, Development Director, Anchorage Public Library

Joseph Perkins, President, Library Foundation

Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, and Library Advisory Group have decided to form a joint Advocacy Committee, and going to any Anchorage gathering to discuss how important the libraries are. The Anchorage Public Library receives more visitors than any Anchorage facility – 871,000 per year - more than twice as many as Sullivan Arena. While the recently opened Mountain View Library is the crown jewel of library system, after its opening, Dimond branch was closed.

More than 60% of Anchorage residents have library cards – we need Anchorage citizens to encourage our representatives to resist further library cuts – especially branch closings. We can fund building improvements (Loussac needs maintenance), and a new RFID system for materials management and efficiency.

Probable Bond Package in 2012 – we should support it. Library donors will be contacted for private fund donations. (Donors include: Rasmuson, BP, Gottstein Family, Atwood Foundation, Crews Family, and others.) But note – our Library is seriously underfunded.

Facility Master Plan will help determine what the “Library of the Future” will look like.

Significant materials needs: assistance for youth and adults learning English.

We should have a downtown library. Funds have been donated to operate it – we need state funds for construction. (Estate of \$5MM would cover annual costs.)

We need PARTNERS – either with cash, or voices, or any constituency.

CONTACT: Clare at 343-2983, or stockertce@muni.org.

Additional resources: see online resources and reports at Anchorage Library Foundation website: www.AnchorageLibraryFoundation.org.

Comment: use 4th Avenue Theater as downtown library.

Comment: Library should “blow its horn” more – people need to know how good the Library is – and disseminate in “not the usual places.”

Tom Davis, Municipal Planning Department

Update on Municipal Planning processes (including Title 21). Assembly should adopt this year.

Title 21 is tool by which we guide development of Municipality. Current code is from 1960's. We are now looking at redevelopment, in-fill development, and other that will IMPACT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. Comprehensive plan for Anchorage Bowl recognizes City will have to grow in a new direction. First step – update Title 21. Process (including multiple public reviews): comprehensive plans (Anchorage 2020), nationally known consultant retained to develop a diagnostic of our code, prep of Annotated Outline, draft Code modules produced (citizens advisory committee, community council, developer/contractor review), 2005 rewrite, economic impact analysis, Assembly Title 21 Committee meetings and provisional adoption of sections, 2010 clean-up, review by former Assemblymember Coffey.

Some HIGHLIGHTS of provisionally adopted Code: mixed use districts, hierarchy of centers matching scale of served areas, zoning pressure on neighborhoods should be reduced, will fix inadequate buffering and improve height transitions, WALKABLE city – to front door from street, reduction of parking requirements for some uses.

Next steps: users' guide, training, Chugiak/Eagle River chapter.

- **PowerPoint (expanded version) – will be on Title 21 website.**

Query: are there provisions for real-time updates to Code? Most towns review more continuously. Not required. Process for amending is more clearly laid out.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURVEYS: went out in late February to CC's – intended as annual survey, for feedback – requested back by April 25.

Comment: survey should go to individuals – not just CC's.

Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer: Federation of Community Councils – Al Tamagni

Financial Statements distributed -

Moved, seconded to accept Financials.

Binders with ALL financial statements are available in FCC office – these are public documents and ANYONE may review.

Old Business

NUSA Executive Team

Elizabeth Giardina, NUSA 2011 Conference Director

Intro, review of fundraising, sponsorships, exhibit hall, volunteers and volunteer recruitment, marketing for attendance, venue layout, A/V issues, tours and transportation, centerpieces, google calendar for management of deadlines and payments

- *Written report provided.*
- *Detailed Event Checklist – available for review, and discussed*

Comment: make calendar available for FCC mailing list.

Sheli Dodson, NUSA 2011 Conference Coordinator

Report on housing/hotel status; FCC Delegates directed NUSA team to cancel rooms at Hilton held for Birmingham delegation not attending.

Query: who is coming – other delegates discussed.

How are fees processed – FCC/NUSA process reviewed.

Moved, second, approved to extend meeting for complete NUSA report, and finish meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Mittman, FCC Secretary