

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of May 18, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 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
Bear Valley	Laurie Holland
Campbell Park	Michale Spitz
Eagle River	Don DeShasier
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Pat Butler
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Elise Huggins
South Fork	Andrew Brewer
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason

Others in attendance included:

Mark Butler	FCC Manager
Elizabeth Giardina	NUSA 2011 Conference Director
Kathleen Plunkett	Anchorage School Board

Agenda was reviewed, and approved, without objection.

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

Old Business

NUSA Executive Team

Intro: Conference prep has been successful, arrangements made, over 250 people registered, no significant deficit.

Elizabeth Giardina, NUSA 2011 Conference Director

- *Written report provided.*

Summary of:

Fundraising – good funds came in – still asking for final amounts

Media – ads are running

Volunteers – many folks signing up, parking arranged, volunteers still welcomed/needed

Venues – all are set

Exhibitor Hall – all set

Tours/Transportation – finalized today – with significant savings

Queries: press – can we get additional interviews – working on it – may be additional coverage; limited retail at Conference; invite friends to public events.

Presentations

Kathleen Plunkett, Anchorage School Board

Graduations, then back to business – new board taking charge, potential new FCC delegate.

Query: compliment on new School spot, HS graduation rate – up this year, but final numbers will be available after “extended session,” available within few months, has continued to rise – East had record number of grads.

Standing Committee Reports

Chair – Dick Tremaine

No report.

Treasurer: Federation of Community Councils – Al Tamagni

Financial Statements distributed, reviewed.

FCC Manager, Mark Butler

Capital project surveys – turn in to Office of Management and Budget

Budget distributed to – look for area items and pass-thru grants, but pending approval by the Governor.

Lobby Governor for FCC and projects in your community council areas!!!

New Business

Christine, Huffman O'Malley CC – In February HOCC was presented projects to move South Anchorage High School from practice fields to Mulcahy. Inquiry was made and told that homeowners were happy – but NONE of neighborhood had been advised.

Officers of CC investigated funding for \$154K and over \$2MM without any public input. Submitted by booster group, checked box re “public process” followed. Urban Design Commission attended by Officers of CC, requesting Public Hearing – but problems ensued.

At May 11th meeting – homeowners were essentially not listened to. Baseball upgrades were privately funded, but football not. Boosters also moved for stadium – PA system, etc. UDC passed side amendment – CC was taking shots at being “corrupt council” for requesting hearing. Anticipating potential problem with council being “overthrown” based on rewrite of bylaws.

REQUESTING FCC assistance in election monitoring. Also – be advised that coming to Bartlett and East as well.

Query: Was ASD aware and pleased? Board was not aware, will take up at next meeting; HOA's are appealing UDC decision. HOA's may sue ASD. Can individual CC's do anything to support? Potentially advise CC's of process – it may have been a different result. “Public process” was foundations, boosters, and Carol Comeau. Other issue is dispute between ASD and Parks Dept. for use of Mulcahy. Additional issue is restrictions on “noise complaints” and 60 decibel limit – “human noise” is permitted. ASD may be required to put trees back into AWWU clear cut space. MOU for re-vegetation.

REQUEST: please forward summary to FCC office – will be provided to CC Presidents. Query: what buffer is required? 15 ft? 100 ft? some issue – may vary depending on project. Title 21 DOES refer to 15ft. South High School has special limitations for that land. So – 15ft IS accurate.

Election of FCC Officers

Open Nominations –

Received – Mittman, Chair; Tremaine, Vice-Chair, Tamagni, Treasurer.

Chair – no others;

Vice-Chair – no others;

Treasurer – no others.

Nominations – Secretary: none at this time.

Nominations - moved close, and nominated as slate. Elected as nominated.

RECOGNITION of service of Jason Bergerson. Round of applause for his service as FCC Chair and Vice-Chair when he turned around the FCC when it had management difficulties.

Next meeting:

June FCC meeting on June 15th – Conference room at 1057 Fireweed will not be available due to extensive renovations; Valley of the Moon park shelter may be available. Recommend a BBQ/Post NUSA meeting. Chair will advise.

Outgoing officers will serve through June 2011. Incoming officers will serve from July 2011 through June 30, 2012.

There will be no FCC meeting in July 2011. There may be an FCC meeting in August 2011.

Mark will be off duty from Thursday June 16th through Sunday July 31st. But he and Betty will be forwarding emails during this time. During most of the six weeks of unpaid leave, Mark will be available via his cellphone at 240-3868.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Mittman, FCC Secretary