

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of September 21, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Jeffrey Mittman

Roll call was taken.

Quorum attained at 6:30 PM

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Ernie Hall	Anchorage Assembly
Kathleen Plunkett	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	FCC Manager
Chris Kosinski	AWWU
Mark Corsentino	AWWU
Michelle Beason	Red Zone
Mark Hill	Scenic Foothills CC
Beth Nordlund	Anchorage Parks Foundation
Anne Brooks	Anne Brooks and Associates
Gary Katsion	Kittleson & Associates

Motion to approve agenda made by Bob Churchill and seconded by Dick Tremaine. Approved by all.

Motion to approve May minutes and June and August notes made by Bob Churchill and seconded by Cathy Gleason. Approved by all.

Presentations:

Ernie Hall, Assembly Report

There is currently \$80,000 in the budget for the FCC. Not set in stone yet.

Current issue before the Assembly is the taxicab ordinance regarding sex offenders introduced by Dick Traini. It is similar to a NY ordinance that is working well. Will be voted on on September 27th. There is a Public Safety Commission meeting on the ordinance on Thursday, September 22nd.

Questions to him:

1. Will budget be cut as much as last year? Responded that the Mayor's Office has not presented the budget to the Assembly yet, but expects a reduction in the budget.
2. When will municipal grants be reviewed? Responded that usually occurs around the first of the year and there will probably be a reduction but hasn't seen the budget yet.

Kathleen Plunkett, School Board Report

Busy with Superintendent replacement activities. A survey has been sent out via the Community Council and other means to ask residents what they would like to see in a new superintendent. The Board is interested in feedback from the public so fill out the survey. They will start looking at applicants after September 30th and will most likely interview 3-4 candidates in person. They hope to make a decision by the end of January.

Enrollment is increasing but is not up to their Fall projections (less than 49,000 students). Base schools have fewer students than expected. This means teacher positions are going empty. The official count ends in October. High school has a higher enrollment than the elementary and middle schools and the base schools are lower than expected.

Beth Nordlund of Anchorage Parks Foundation (APF)

Anchorage Park Report Cards

In 2010, 1000 volunteers assessed 52 parks using a standard form. From that the APF prioritized and 27 parks received major renovations. Projects for 2012 have been determined. Committees for renovations have been formed for Sand Lake Park and Minnesota Park.

2011 assessment for 2013 projects is ongoing and due at the end of September. In addition, there are now apps for the iPhone and Android to conduct the assessments with so can also take photos of problem areas and send directly to the APF.

Requested a letter of support from FCC (and Community Councils) to the legislature for the work the Anchorage Parks Foundation is doing in assessing, repairing, renovating, upgrading and promoting Anchorage's parks.

Anne Brooks of Brooks & Associates and Gary Katsion

Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Name changed from LRTP to MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) to comply with Federal regulations. Combines both Chugiak-Eagle River and Anchorage Bowl into one plan.

Public review draft to be released end of September (currently being approved by AMATS policy and technical review committees). Draft is online at www.amatsinfo.org. Comments are due in October (One month after release.)

After public review, draft will be worked on by staff and released as public hearing draft and go to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Includes projected revenue sources for projects. Uses Knik Arm Bridge Authority (KABATA) traffic projections.

Chapter 7 – Recommended projects for short-term (2011-2023), long-term (2024-2035) and illustrative (those with no funding source).

- 80 road projects of which 24 are illustrative (road projects also include trail/bike/pedestrian enhancements)
- 115 bike/pedestrian/trails projects of which 6 are illustrative
- 24 public transportation projects of which 1 is illustrative

Public Involvement

Will be elicited through flyers in various newspapers, translated into several languages

3 open houses

- Oct 24th in Anchorage, Noon to 4PM
- Oct 24th in Anchorage, 6 to 8PM
- Oct 25th in Eagle River

Can also come to community council meetings.

Comments to AMATS and cc Planning and Zoning Commission

Chris Kosinski, AWWU Public Info Officer, Mark Corsentino, AWWU Project Manager, Michelle Beason, RedZone Robotics AWWU Sewer Assessments

AWWU has contracted with RedZone Robotics to use two different sized robotic sensors to inspect sewer lines in Anchorage. Currently testing the **Solo** (8-12" diameter pipes, video only) in Muldoon, Patterson and Midtown areas. Shipping **Responder** (36-81" diameter pipes, laser, gas sensor and video) from lower 48 to use on large pipes. Contract has a maximum amount in it. Will be conducting surveys on areas of town that are deemed higher risk.

Standing Committee Reports:

Chair – Jeffrey Mittman

No report

Treasurer – Al Tamagni

Distributed financial statement. Noted FCC currently has 2 checking accounts – One (fiduciary) account for grants and one for the municipal grant account. FCC needs a Federation of Community Councils, Inc. (corporate) account as well. Motion made by Kep Pierce, seconded by Dick Tremaine and approved by all to open a corporate account.

Other Reports:

NUSA Conference – Kep Pierce

Conference went well. Lots of fun, tours went off, workshops were well attended. National NUSA board satisfied with our performance. **Al Tamagni** – We spent about \$30,000 of FCC corporate funds on the NUSA conference.

New Business:

Proposal to Upgrade the FCC Website (communitycouncils.org)

Al Tamagni – May have funds from the municipal grant to update the website. Current FCC corporate account has \$3300 and anticipated monies from grant administration fees is \$8-9,000.

Dick Tremaine – Purpose of FCC is to facilitate information from FCC to community councils and back. Future-looking website software architecture is needed to better serve the FCC and community councils. Current website is outdated and increasingly expensive to maintain.

Mark Butler – 7-8 year old website, slow to upload, not compatible with all computers and web browsers. New operating system will be at least \$6,000 (perhaps up to \$10,000 if we include the ability to upload unlimited number of photos). Will include a new “front end” (what you see when you go to the site.)

It was agreed that the FCC would come forth at a later date this year with a firm proposal to redo the website.

“State of the City” Forum

The next FCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 19th at Wendler Middle School. Our regular FCC delegates meeting will start at 6 p.m. A presentation on the status of Title 21 by Tom Davis of the Municipal Planning Department will follow.

The “State of the City” Forum will begin after that. We are asking a select few community leaders to speak for a few minutes about their perspective on key issues facing our community and ways in which residents can become involved to create a better Anchorage.

Other Discussion:

Mark Hill Scenic Foothills CC President suggested re-instating the Sharing process at FCC meetings. Is there enough money to do mass mailings to residents as a way to get more involved?

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Klein, Secretary Pro-tem.