

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of November 16, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Jeffrey Mittman
Quorum was attained at 6:05 p.m.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	John Weddleton
Midtown	Chris Bond
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Carla McConnell
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Jeff Friedman	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager

Sgt.

Agenda

Approved agenda by consent.

Minutes

Approved minutes of October 2011 by consent.

Presentations:

School Board: Jeff Freeman

1. Superintendent Search

150 applications – several from AK

Pick in December, interview in January 2-3 people

Hope to overlap with Carol Comeau depending upon when new person is ready. She has offered to help with new person if they want.

2. Approved bond package \$59 m 77k worth of projects. Larger than what paid off in last 12 month. Over last 5 years paid off more (\$239 m) than asked for.

Approx breakdown:

\$23.8 m district-wide classroom improvements for career tech education

\$23.8 m building life extension

\$2.4 million for renewal of Girdwood k-8

\$9,132,000 for Service High

3. Currently no school board policy for notification of neighbors for new school structures.

Urban Design Commission may or may not let neighbors or community councils know of large school projects in area. Many booster clubs want a large football stadium at each high school. Will put on FCC agenda for next meeting and invite Assembly and Jerry Weaver.

Sgt Mark Reim CAP team at APD – hot spot target location enforcement. Replaced Denny Allen. Small team of 6 members.

Q: If suspect drug house, contact him directly?

A: If in progress, go through dispatch; neighborhood problem call Sgt. Merkrein as well as for nuisance or drug group.

Q: Request to reinstitute police officer to coming to community council meetings (at least quarterly)?

A: He will attend meeting if there is ONE issue of concern but not to answer general questions or a list of questions. Can call him to come to a meeting.

Q: Cybercrimes unit – can they be contacted directly”

A: They prefer come through him and someone will then come to community council meeting

Assembly: Ernie Hall unable to attend due to Mayor’s Education Summit and sickness.

Standing Committee Reports

Chair: Jeff Mittman

Asked about whether State of City event was useful and should do again next year?

Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 21st and asked whether to keep then or move. Executive committee will meet and come up with a date for the December meeting.

Vice Chair: Dick Tremaine

No report

Treasurer: Financial Report Al Tamagni

Expenses: \$52

Budget: \$66

Dispersements:

Corporation account: earned, fees, fees from grants – don't have to be reported to MUNI (FCC Money)

Fiduciary Account does not have to be reported either _ responsible agent for Community Council grants.

Other account is MUNI grant of \$80K which does have to be reported to MUNI

Jason Bergerson – needs to know what grants are due and when.

Secretary: Susan Klein

No report.

Manager: Mark Butler

Written report.

Old Business:

Website upgrade report by Susan Klein

She and Mark Butler contacted three web site vendors. Met with Tex R Us and Design-PT and the differences are:

TexR Us:

Software: In-house proprietary software created originally for FCC about 8 years ago. Upgrade site from 1.0 to 4.a (latest version of software). Includes ability to use on multiple platforms (PC and Mac) and browsers. They have upgraded their content management system include photo gallery capability, better image repository.

Graphics is included in quote (\$1200-\$2200). In house graphic design.

Calendar: could be included but may up the price

Distributed access (Security of each council's the FCC site): Already use a distributed access system (each community council has access to only their pages).

Hosting site: Dallas with a backup of all data in Chicago.

Cost: \$6920 - \$9240 without photo gallery module.

Design-PT:

Software: recommend using either Word Press or Druple and they said that Word Press can offer distributed access. Showed ease of creating new pages, uploading documents and photos. Photo gallery is available, or single photos on a page.

Graphics: They do not design in-house. They can recommend a graphic designer, we can find one or we can use a web page template (about \$70.00) and then can modify to our specifications.

Calendar: Discussed and would be included in price range below.

Hosting site: recommended a company Linden?

Cost is \$95/hour for a low of 73 hours (does not include content transfer or very little transfer) and high of 133 hours (includes content transfer)

Discussion led to suggestion that FCC send a survey to councils to find out what they like or dislike about current site. Also need for new text for FCC home page describing what we do, who we are etc.

Motion made to approve \$12,000.00 for upgrade of website, contingent on presentation by committee on design, company chosen, etc.

A committee was formed to follow-up on this preliminary work. Committee: Cathy Gleason, Gordon Glaser, Linda Billmyer, Jason Bergerson, Kep Pierce, Susan Klein with Mark Butler

NUSA:

Jason Bergerson – NUSA headquarters are hoping to see people from Anchorage helping next conference organizers

Spring board meeting in Memphis

Jason is new national NUSA board treasurer.

New Business:

The Ombudsman, Barbara Jones, question about Community Council FB and Twitter accounts and other social media. Currently no authority to control what community councils' do or write on social media sites. Do we want to provide some guidance?

Discussion. Can't dictate, but can assist in way of advice. Different issue if hosted on our website. Do we need to point out to CCs that FCC has policy of no political messages. Statute 2.40-2. Governs community councils – provide service.

Result of discussion:

One – advise Barbara Jones we do not have authority.

Two – ad hoc committee for guidelines. Dick Tremaine ad hoc chair, Jason Bergerson, Susan Klein

Approved with one (1) abstention.

Community Council Sharing:

Mountain View: Kep Pierce

New officers – all new to community council work

No current issues

Scenic Foothills: Linda Billmyer

CIP working to figure out discrepancy in when CIP list sent to community councils and when they need to be submitted to the Municipality and when needed by representatives in Juneau.

Foothills storage at the corner of Muldoon and 36th is going to include retail sales and DOT permitted access off of Muldoon without input from residents.

(Led to discussion of DOT being unresponsive to community needs and not attending meetings or allowing contractors to attend meetings. In addition not notifying community councils of work in area and making it incumbent on community councils to contact DOT about upcoming projects)

Abbott Loop: Al Tamagini

Road project on 72nd led to redoing some driveway access and ultimately a good road.

Noted that consultants have to ask permission to attend meetings since they charge for their time.

Did a survey of what residents consider important for the community council to work on.

Led to mention that may be able to find monies to conduct surveys on a round-robin way across the city – 1/5th each year.

Eagle River Valley: Tom Freeman

Paving of North Fork Eagle River parking lot

New Parks & Rec liaison

Title 21 presentation by Tom Davis, Planning Dept. at next meeting

Tom was elected FCC delegate for 2 more years.

Rogers Park: Bob Churchill

Dawn Brantley of Office of Emergency Management gave a very good and thorough presentation at last meeting

Passed two resolutions at last meeting: 1. Title 21 process; 2. responsibility regarding UMED transportation issues.

They have a new president and vice-president.

Old Seward/Oceanview: Nancy Beardsley

Johns Road will be repaired in May 2012

Bayshore/Klatt: Bob Laule

AWWU presentation at last meeting. They have many aging systems

Mid-Hillside/Hillside East: John Weddleton

½ acre encroachment in Bicentennial Park

Hillside District Plan – well water report (paid for by area)

Trail service area

Northeast: Carla McConnell

Adam Trombley reported he has \$85K for East Side District Plan. Courtney noted East Side needs to rally behind this and work together

Want to buy Muldoon Park Strip – where Alaska Greenhouse used to be

North Star: Gordon Glaser

Low income housing will not be put in next to Loussac Manor

Issue of Sunrise (Wonderbread) Bakery – parking trucks on residential streets in violation of code/planning and zoning. Old plant but major employer

Rabbit Creek: Dick Tremaine

Development is down in the council

Council takes umbrage with Title 21 process and how long it has taken to be ratified. It affects the fabric of our communities

Ditto for the transportation plan that allows KABATA to take money from other projects.

BLM property on corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Seward Hwy has squatter in it that BLM will not evict. Working on this.

South Addition: Bonnie Harris

Work on the Veterans' Memorial on the Park Strip has begun

Four older neighborhoods including South Addition are receiving mitigation money from KABATA. South Addition is using the money to survey and inventory the historic properties in the area. Government Hill has already done this so are using their monies to work on a plan for the community.

Huffman-O'Malley: Christine Monette

South High football stadium issue. Homeowners association nearby is ready for litigation since when the school was built they received a letter stating no football stadium would be put in there.

Presentation by Chugach Electric on possible sites for new transmission station. Mainly showed area should be happy with Haines St. location. Met with DOT regarding Huffman and Elmore intersection where there have been 12 bad crashes in last year. Result looks as if there will be more roundabouts in the area.

Now meeting at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Spenard: Jason Bergerson

Title 21

Vandalism at Northwood Park – either eliminated amenities or replace them. Are working with CAP team to reduce.

Have been working on abating dilapidated properties for 12 ye3ars. Now Municipality says there is no money to bulldoze the properties. Suggests talking with Assembly members about the issue.

Tudor: Tod Butler

Email from Bob French regarding coming to council for presentation on KABATA

Talking with United Way about presentation on graduation rate.

Would like handbook for FCC representatives

Midtown: Chris Bond

Walmart liquor license granted during summer while community council did not meet
Okayed Buffalo Wildwings

ML&P substation at Bering and Benson

Rep. Berta Gardner is working with them regarding DOT issues

Also against Mayor's proposed ordinance on sitting on sidewalks

Pro ordinance banning panhandling

University Area: Susan Klein

APU Master Plan

UAA Sports facility

Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission rezone to PL1 and need to include other properties to be correct size for PL1 property

Taku Campbell: Jeffrey Mittman

Extension of Dowling – includes overpass over railroad
Seward Highway off ramp at 92nd

Additional Agenda item:

Jamie Kenworthy brief presentation on fallacies of KABATA's projections for toll income with resulting deficit of \$1.1 billion between 2013 and 2035. He and/or Bob French will attend community council meetings to make a full presentation on KABATA funding sources and how the Knik Arm Crossing's inclusion in the MTP could well mean a major reduction in the amount of money available for the transportation needs of neighborhoods in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted by FCC Secretary Susan Klein.