

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of February 15, 2012 meeting

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

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Chugiak	Amy Demboski
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Mid-Hillside	Lance Powell
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
North Star	Gordon Glaser
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Dick Tremaine
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
South Fork	Karl von Lührte
Spenard	Rene Haag
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason

Others in attendance included:

Jeff Friedman	Anchorage School Board
Karen Keesecker	Municipality of Anchorage
Ira Perman	Aide to Assemblyman Ernie Hall
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager
Kevin Hemenway	Rabbit Creek CC member
John Laux	
Clinton Hess	

Agenda and minutes approved when reached quorum at 6:15 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Churchill, second by Glaser, unanimous.

Motion to approve January minutes by Freeman, second by Glaser, unanimous.

Presentations:

Municipality:

No one was present to represent the Municipality on general matters nor for the Assembly.

Anchorage School District – Jeff Freidman

The school district budget passed last week and will be in front of the Assembly the end of March. By the end of June they hope to know final state funding. The Council of Great City Schools is conducting a total management review including better ways to organize and supervise. We only have to pay expenses, no consulting fees for the review. It was noted that three members of the FCC met with the review committee today and were impressed with the process. Carol Comeau sent the site plan administration procedures to the FCC. The Board did not pass a resolution. Board members are available to the CCs to discuss the bond issues. The Board hired a new superintendent. The Mayor's Educational Summit is ongoing – this is not a function of the school district and the Board members have not been invited to them.

Anchorage Wetlands Plan – Karen Keesecker, Municipality of Anchorage Planning

The wetlands plan was created in 1982 and revised in 1996 prior to the current revision. It provides mapping, hierarchy, values and strategies for dealing with wetlands. This revision is not major but involves better mapping. The covered wetlands do not include federal lands, state park lands and a few other exceptions. The covered total is 20,136 acres. The General Permit from the Corps of Engineers is renewed every 5 years and this document is important to that process. The draft should be available on the muni web site and is expected to go to P&Z in May.

Anchorage Tomorrow – Jacques Boutet

Advocacy group for parks, road, transit and public safety bonds. There are multiple projects across town. Speakers are available for presentations -- contact Bill Johnson with CRW or Anchorage Tomorrow's web site. This is the smallest road bond in a long time. However, the Municipality has submitted a 300 project list to Juneau for funding.

Treasurers report

The January statements are not available since the accountants are busy this time of

year. There are three accounts: MOA grant, FCC corporate and fiduciary.

Staff report

The Romig Park Improvement District (a water district with Harriet Drummond as chair) donated \$100 to the FCC. The FCC sent 6 proposals to the Legislature all for community patrols. Many people have signed up to work the election polls in April in part due to FCC's publicity of the need for workers.

FCC web site

The current site is outdated. The new one will work seamlessly with all electronic media systems. Several members want the new site to have the ability to allow people to sign up for newsletters but to determine if they are actually CC members or not. This would allow for different lists for newsletters and surveys. Susan Klein is seeking suggestions for linkages that should be on the site. Each CC will have the ability to post on its own page with its own content. A Beta version will be out in the relative near term.

Council Sharing (alphabetical):

NOTES:

- If there are road clearing issues call your Assembly member(s).
- Several groups of councils are working together to have combined candidate forums. However, Mayor Sullivan has notified many that he will be unavailable except for debates at KTUU, the Chamber of Commerce (admission required) and Eagle River.

Abbott Loop: They discussed road projects and grants with their legislative reps and will help Anchorage Tomorrow in their area.

Chugiak: The Eklutna Bridge by Thunder Falls has been deemed unsafe and will be closed. The area has excellent snow removal and the service area has surplus funds.

Eagle River Valley: There is new housing being put in and they discussed the service are budget surplus.

Midtown: Shares concerns on snow removal. They approved 40th Avenue extension to Cordova Street, are dealing with homeless issues and housing prices are forcing homeowners out of the area.

Mid and Hillside East: Upset that the School Board did not pass a site modification resolution.

Mountain View: Passed a resolution supporting One Anchorage, discussed Xmas lights, and allocated funding for clean up this spring. It will probably be the last year for such a clean up program.

North Star: Working with other CCs to have a candidate's forum. Still working on Spenard Road improvement plan and the Mayor just changed his support to 4 lanes from 3. Snow removal in the area is spotty with parts of Fireweed Lane being downright scary including kids and wheelchairs in the streets and 4 schools along it.

Northeast: Working to have the old greenhouse property on Muldoon rezoned in its entirety as park.

Old Seward/Oceanview: They are discussing capital improvement projects, have moved paperwork into the FCC archives and are concerned about the Klatt/Jones roads intersection.

Rabbit Creek: Two road projects (Rabbit Creek at Bear Valley Elementary and at Goldenview Drive) are under discussion.

Roger Park: A survey monkey is being prepared. They passed a resolution in support of One Anchorage and a resolution requesting the School Board to pass a policy on school site selection and modification.

Scenic Foothills: There is an education chair who will be going to schools to educate than on CC matters and to invite the students to attend meetings.

South Addition: There is an Historic survey underway by the muni using KABAT mitigation funds. All property over 45 years of age and not substantially changed is being inventoried in 4 areas of town.

South Fork: The school district has requested a plat variance to not build the connecting road to urban standards which will end up costing the local service are more in the long term. The Department of Corrections is trying to acquire HLB land next to Hyland but claims it will not be used for expansion.

Spenard: They are cleaning out parks.

Turnagain: West Anchorage District Plan goes to the Assembly at the end of February and still has many outstanding issues. The Part 150 noise study at the airport is beginning public meetings. There is a proposal to house mentally ill at the Longhouse Hotel. A tank farm on the west side of the airport will be expanded from 5 to 9 tanks.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Tremaine, FCC Vice-Chair (acting as Secretary for this meeting)