

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of March 21, 2012 meeting

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

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Airport Heights	Beck Kurtz and Geran Tarr
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Chugiak	Amy Demboski
Fairview	Dan Loring
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
Sand Lake	Talbot Chang
Scenic Foothills	Lynda Billmyer
South Fork	Karl von Lührte
Spenard	Jim Bowers
Taku Campbell	Jeffrey Mittman
Tudor Area	Tod Butler
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
University Area	Susan Klein

Others in attendance included:

Jeff Friedman	Anchorage School Board
Mark Butler	Community Councils Center Manager
Jeff Manfull	South Addition CC member
Katie Rumery	UAA Social Work student

Began with introductions of those present.

Agenda and minutes approved when reached quorum at 6:05 pm

Motion to amend agenda order to move financial section after school board, approved.

Moved and approved minutes without objection

Presentations:

School Board: Jeff Friedman, School Board member

Handed out flyer on School bonds

Spoke to proposal to adopt National Common core standards as curriculum on School Board agenda. Will be able to compare with other cities and states. May have different program, but what expected to learn will be the same. Currently Anchorage has subjective standards. Would have more concrete objectives for each task (i.e. Keyboarding at a certain level within each grade) with new standards. Began with national governors' association to come up with common standards for the nation.

Transit system presentation – Jed Smith, Anchorage Transit Board Member

Transit has a nine member of board which will be looking at Metro transportation plan and looking for increases in service for FY 2013. Want input from each neighborhood about what transit needs they see.

Benefits of public transportation – cheaper alternative to driving; cleaner water and air.

As gas prices increased in 2008 there was a concurrent increase in ridership.

Current statistics of transit system:

- 14 routes, 66 van pools, (15-passenger vans, MOA van)
- 4,104,850 rides 14265 rides per day
- Annual \$21,531,959.00 budget
- 71.6% on time includes delays due to weather, construction, detours, accidents
- Ridership increased 8.5% Feb 2011 to Feb 2012 –monthly ridership
- Anchor rides – up 6%
- Preventable accidents down
- Share-a-ride (car pooling) up 7.6\$ from last year
- Pass sales are up – both downtown and online
- Van pool up – mostly from Mat-Su valley

Challenges:

- no service in ER and South Anchorage. Need the MTP to pass and will be before the Assembly April 10th. The MTP looks at all transportation issues through 2035.

The Board has looked at what in the plan can be implemented over time. Of 14 routes, only 5 run every ½ hour.

Highest priorities are:

1. Implement 30-minute headways on all routes
2. 15 minute headway on peak routes during peak services
3. Restore Eagle River service
4. Add a South Anchorage express bus in addition to current local route 60

How to pay for above additions is still in works. State legislature – public transportation match possibly put to federal match that could be applied toward operating costs (in the past only received money for capital expenditures)

Other items in the works:

Possible relocation of transit center to midtown (mayor’s suggestion). Would be easier to provide service to the airport. Looking at potential site selection.

Other questions to Jed:

How many use bike racks on buses? Sometimes both are taken

Is there a system to know when bus will arrive? Information on when bus will arrive on smart phones

How many people from Mat Su - ~15K

Valley mover – private venture – has full buses

www.muni.org/transportation

There is a nopeoplemovercuts Facebook page

Email individual members of board to give feedback:

Member	Term	Email
Ms. Carol Wren	2/1/12 10/14/13	CWren@citc.org
Ms. Sally Spieker	10/14/08 10/14/11	spieker@ptialaska.net
Mr. Jedediah Smith	4/14/11 10/14/14	akjedediah@gmail.com
Mr. Patrick Reinhart	11/12/09 10/14/10	patrick.reinhart@alaska.gov
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Mr. Jay Dulany 12/16/08 10/14/10 dulany@ak.net
Ms. Diane Blumer 9/27/11 10/14/12 dkkiesel@yahoo.com

Standing Committee Reports

FCC Chair: No report

FCC Treasurer

Handed out financial statements.

Office audit by Finance and Budget committee - Fiscal policy suggests fiscal policy audit at end of year. The committee took fiscal policy in FCC manual and made comments on each item. Suggest changes to financial policies (strictly housekeeping). Went through report line by line.

Kudos from Jeff to Budget committee (Al Tamagni, Bob Churchill and Tom Freeman) and Mark Butler for keeping good records. More of a policy audit, not an accounting audit.

Questions:

What is status of staff being non-exempt and going to bi-monthly system of payment possibility of missing overtime? Currently Betty only works 10 hours a week or 20 a pay period so no possibility of overtime missed.

Does MOA do an audit? Only if suspicious – probably 25 years ago.

Finance and Budget Committee proposed bylaws changes from Bob Churchill:

Follow in FCC Corporate Operating Manual:

Tab 4 – under VIII Finances – change from fiscal year to calendar year

Tab 5 – Article VI – Leaves of Absences –

6.02.01 Change pronouns from masculine to gender neutral

6.04.3 Change pronouns from masculine to gender neutral

Tab 6 – Fiscal Policy and Procedures

Article IV – Cash disbursements

- A. 4. Change language to bi-monthly
- B. 3c. Need to eliminate wording “petty cash”

Article VI – Payroll

- A. 1. Change from weekly to bi-monthly

Article XIII – Grants and Contracts

New language to reflect change of procedure (Probably to item 2 in this section): “Payments on grants will be made on the 1st and the 15th of the month.

Article XV – Other

- A. Accounting firm currently performs this
- B. Accounting firm currently performs this
- C. Change to reflect one audit done on a calendar year basis

Tab 8 – Appendix C – Scope of services

Appears current # 3 needs to be changed to “B” and listed services made current and subsequent numbers changed in the appendix

Reference to ongoing training in this section needs to be resolved, as it is no longer being done.

Moved and seconded to make changes above changes and will be brought up for voting at next meeting. Motion to table for 30 days and approve and discuss at next meeting.

Manager’s Report

Written report

Request for FCC executive board candidates for April meeting, elections in May

(Treasurer is termed out, all others executive committee members are not termed out)

General question about when the FCC will discuss NUSA attendance – Mark will send out information on when need to pay. Jason Bergerson is on the NUSA Board.

Community Council sharing:

North Star – Gordon Glaser

Problem with Wonder Bread zoning violation in where park trucks. No company investment into the bakery, but also provides jobs

OneAnchorage resolution supported.

North Star school wants to put lighted sign up. Suggested put in newsletter and vote next time.

Want Spenard Road safety improvements.

Tudor Area – Tod Butler

Assembly MTP plan up for Assembly vote April 10th. KABATA may take money away from other road plans. Encourage all to make resolution to remove KABATA from MTP.

Huffman O'Malley – Christine Monette

South Anchorage High School sports facility. Homeowners associations have sought legal resource from school district, sports boosters, and high school principal

Spenard –

Long House – proposal to be sold to Mental Health Trust to Alaska Community Mental Health non-profit – to turn into housing for chronic mental health minimum of 50 people – can include those with criminal background. No treatment, no therapy, no supervision.
West Anchorage District plan

Spenard Road upgrades? – when??

How do others community councils deal with boundaries and legislatures and assembly members or staff attending community council meetings?

Northeast – Bob Reupke

Prop 5 – 80 people from Alaska Baptist Temple showed up

Legislative caucus meeting was held

Oil tax information is of interest to community council

Chugiak – Amy Dembowski

Eklutna Bridge meeting as bridge is not passable by large trucks. Load limit low 16000
Overpass has been hit so repairing that bridge at the same time will cause problems

Two legislative town halls since last meeting.

One fire hall had roof collapse. Gotten \$6,125million for the fire station through state house and senate – awaiting governor’s signature

Hazardous walking path near Chugiak Elementary School. DOT filled in ditch and people now people walk in road. The path is essential for elementary school and Chugach Senior Center. Photos of situation were used to persuade governor of need to fix hazardous situation

South Fork – Karl von Lührte

Community engagement with Assembly re bad plat by ASD and to Supreme Court

Consolidate testimony and have everyone who supports stand.

Traffic study was key part of winning the case

Worried about expansion of Highland Correctional facility

University Area – Susan Klein

Winterberry School planned in area formerly owned by Baker

Passed OneAnchorage resolution

Taku Campbell – Jeff Mittman

Chugach Electric new plant at Minnesota and International

Mountain View – Kep Pierce

Spring cleanup will happen this year, but now costs \$10K – contributions of food, gloves, etc. by local business. Kep is in charge.

Rogers Park – Bob Churchill

Discussion of process recommended by school board about facilities.

Prop 5 presentation and Arliss Sturgelewski gave legislative history of Prop 5 – generally supportive.

UAA Sports facility traffic is a concern.

Bayshore/Klatt - Bob Laule

Removal of sign at park, prosecution and restitution

Scenic Foothills - Lynda Billmeyer

OneAnchorage presentation made in February – no opportunity for other presentation. Brought resolution which passed by narrow margin. In March a concerned citizen group showed up and brought opposing resolution that passed. Scenic Foothills president wants clarification on how to address this type of issue within the bylaws. If there are experienced councils would like to hear from them. (See below at end of sharing regarding assistance for community councils.)

Spenard - Jim Bowers

Spenard had similar presentation with OneAnchorage. Tabled to March, motion made and tabled till after election. Spenard requires you to pay dues and be a member for 30 days.

Fairview – Dan Loring

Just sitting in tonight

Sunday 4:00-5:00 pm - candidate forum at Central Lutheran Church

Sunday 5:00-6:00 pm – community conversation about education at Central Lutheran Church

Old Seward/Oceanview – Nancy Beardsley

Gearing up for redo of Johns Road – clear of snow

Snow removal the worst ever. People mover small truck got stuck on railroad. Can't see.

Requested help for Johns and Klatt intersection as people use Klatt as bypass.

Turnagain – Nick Wortman

Last meeting: Heritage Land Bank plan – Long House Hotel – proposal to be sold to Mental Health Trust to Alaska Community Mental Health non-profit – to turn into housing for chronic mental health minimum of 50 people – can include those with

criminal background. No treatment, no therapy, no supervision. Mental Health Trust, Long House folk said had gone to legislature and had done community meetings. Didn't do well.

Airport noise study – mostly computer model and will also put monitors out in summer and winter. Relying on computers than actual noise.

Airport Heights – Becky Kurtz and Geran Tarr

Airport Heights bought cameras for Tikishla Park with a grant. They keep track of goings on at rink and parking lot. Want to turn responsibility over to Municipality. Have Memorandum of agreement with Muni to remove the cameras. FCC President or executive board signs MOA and Community Council Center Manager and FCC President will make sure it is followed through.

Geran Tarr – suggested having community council awareness week with a Compass piece and workshops on Roberts Rules, how to run successful community council meeting. Suggested for a Saturday and Sunday and have tables at each mall with handouts. Suggested wait till end of summer to do this. If you are interested in helping contact Geran at ahccpresident@hotmail.com. An ad hoc committee was appointed – Tod Butler, Lynda Billmyer and Mark Butler. (Also see below on assistance from FCC/CCC staff)

Mid-Hillside – Lance Powell

Resolutions on MTP, KABATA, Title 21

40 parcels where people are claiming parkland as their own. Working with Municipality on this.

Noticed that planning should be aware of Hillside District Plan

Abbott Loop -- Al Tamagni

Commodore Drive and O'Malley Drive

Purchased park equipment through grant from state – will talk with Parks & Rec about where to put it.

Applied for two more grants for some parks

Encourage councils to get grants for various parks in each CC

Have all road projects in House and Senate budgets

More on assistance to Community councils from FCC board and Community Council Center staff:

Community Council Center/ FCC does not mandate a specific set of bylaws – some require payment, some say on agenda one month and vote next month). FCC will meet with any community council to walk through processes. Some CCs require you to attend twice in the last six months. Only one person can represent a business or non-profits for voting at council meetings

Discussion on what other community councils do – membership, etc. Need handbook for each community council to have. How to run a meeting. (Mark will send out). Model by-laws for community councils.

Moved and seconded to adjourn 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Susan Klein, FCC Secretary.