

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of February 19, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM by Chair, Brit Szymoniak.
Meeting quorum established at 6:10 pm.

FCC Delegates in attendance:

Abbott Loop	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Basher	Don Crafts
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid Hillside	Lance Powell
Mountain View	Kep Pierce
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Mark Hill
Spenard	Bob Auth
Turnagain	Bill Wortman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Millsbaugh

Others in attendance included:

Amy Demboski	Assembly member
Dick Traini	Assembly member
Brit Szymoniak	FCC Chair
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
John Laux	NECC member
Sierra Gregg	UAA student

Assembly Report – Amy Demboski

Spoke about the recently passed community council legislation. She had proposed a revision (that passed) that made it optional for individual councils to allow 16 and 17 year olds to participate as voting members of councils.

Assembly member Dembowski also spoke about the legislation that moved the 2017 Municipal election to November. She said that the main reason was turnout - that Assembly elections average only 20% voter participation, Mayor elections average 35% and State elections average 50% participation. It will cost approximately \$300,000 to hold the election in November and will require the purchase of equipment.

Lastly, she asked that all councils send their resolutions to the Municipal Clerk who will distribute them to Assembly members.

Presentations: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

FCC Chair Brit Szymoniak

Need to appoint a Nominating Committee to procure candidates for the election of officers for the FCC. Lance Powell and Harry Need agreed to be members of the committee. Delegates interested in running for one of the seats are encouraged to let one of the committee members know of their interest. The FCC elections are held in May.

Brit signed the grant contract. It is now making its way through the Municipal procurement process.

Officer training is scheduled for Saturday May 1st. Contact Darrel Hess to register.

FCC Treasurer Kep Pierce

Moved \$10,000 from the FCC Corporate Account to the MOA Grant account so that there is enough money to use for day-to-day operations until the MOA Grant monies arrive.

Community Councils Center Manager Mark Butler

Distributed written report.

Old Business:

ALCC Park Grant #12-DM-180

Brit explained that two ALCC park grants were re-appropriated from FCC grant administration, so the FCC has no more involvement in those grants. A third ALCC

park grant was paid in advance by the State of Alaska to the FCC and that money is sitting in the FCC Fiduciary Account awaiting an invoice from ALCC or the MOA Parks Department.

ALCC president Al Tamagni asked once again for the FCC to transfer the remaining funds to another organization in order to ease the process of purchasing parks equipment for installation this summer. Al introduced Ryan Stencil whose organization is now administering the first two ALCC grants. Al and Ryan said that the MOA Parks Department had signed an agreement for her to administer the grant funds and for the MOA Parks Department to manage the project. Ryan said that if the FCC were to continue administering the remaining funds, the project would be delayed and would not be completed this summer.

Brit explained that the FCC had confirmed to the Parks Department three times that the funds were in the account and that the FCC is simply awaiting receipt of an invoice to pay.

Brit stated that the State of Alaska grant administrator in Anchorage, the regional State grant administration supervisor in Anchorage, and the state-wide Director of grant administration are all in agreement that the FCC (as grantee) has complete responsibility for this remaining grant and that the proper procedure is for ALCC or the MOA Parks Department to present an invoice to the FCC for payment.

Nancy Beardsley moved (and Bill Wortman seconded) a motion that the FCC not move the remaining grant money to Ryan's organization, but instead ask that ALCC presents an invoice to the FCC for payment. Nancy spoke to the motion stating that instead of letting the experts in the Municipality manage the process, Al had made some decisions himself on these park grants including ordering the clearing of Municipal parkland without first gaining approval of the MOA Parks Department and purchasing the wrong type of parks equipment. The motion PASSED by a vote of 11-2 with 2 abstentions.

Al asked that the interest that the ALCC grant funds earned while in the FCC Fiduciary account be given to the ALCC for use on this project. It was agreed that this would be done by March 31st.

Brit stated that the MOA Parks Department had recently prepared an invoice in the full amount of the remaining grant monies (\$30,201.00) for the purchase of some needed park equipment but that Al had refused to sign it.

Kevin Fimon asked Al if this was all about Al refusing to sign an invoice. Al said yes, that he had refused to sign the invoice. Kevin asked if the invoice was for a piece of

park equipment that Al wanted in the park. Al said yes.

Al then agreed to sign the invoice. Mark Butler stated that he would get an FCC check signed in the next few days in order to expedite the process and would deliver the check and the signed invoice to the Parks Department. The grant would then be closed.

Expenditure of the \$5,000 in “Additional” Funds from this year’s MOA Grant

Brit stated that the \$1,000 of the funds were to be spent on more postage for USPS mailings. \$4,000 was to be used for more personnel costs. We have increased Mark’s pay from \$3,200 per month (for ten months per year) up \$100 to \$3,300 per month and have increased Betty’s pay from \$10 per hour up \$1 per hour to \$11 per hour. This is their first pay increase in over six years! This will add approximately \$1,500 per year in personnel costs, leaving \$2,500 in funds available for promoting increased participation in council activities. We will put the expenditure of these funds onto the agenda for the next meeting.

Assembly member Demboski suggested that money for P.O. Boxes be included as promotional activities.

FCC Website:

Mark reviewed the features of the website and asked for horizontal photos from each council area so that he can complete the transferring of files to the new website.

New Business:

Dedication of Municipal Parkland

Christine Monette of HOCC spoke about the need for each council to dedicate all the parklands in their council areas.

“PLI-P” is the new designation of dedicated park lands.

Council Sharing: None at this meeting.

Public Comments: None at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Councils Center Manager Mark Butler.