

**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates
Meeting
16 November 2005**

Attendance:

Abbott Loop, Al Tamagni Sr; Airport Heights, Mark Fish, Bayshore/Klatt, Bob Laule; Chugiak, Merten Bangemann-Johnson; Downtown, Kim MacBeath; Eagle River, William Gossweiler and Charles Horsman; Fairview, Justina Meyer; Mountain View, Kep Pierce; Northeast, Bob Reupke; Old Seward/Oceanview, Hank Hosford and Vicki & Steve Klassen; Rogers Park, Bob Williams, Sand Lake, Robert Hayes; South Addition, Bonnie Harris; Spenard, Robert Auth; Tudor, Diane Etter; Turnagain, Cathy Gleason; Secretary, Niki Burrows

Mayor/Staff Teri Albrecht
Anchorage Police Dept Sgt Cindi Stanton
CC Center Deborah Bauer
CC Center Ed Leach
Anchorage School Bd Jeff Friedman
Anchorage Assem Janice Shamberg
Anchorage Assem Dan Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by **Chair Merten Bangemann-Johnson**. Everyone introduced themselves.

Because we did not have a quorum, we met as a Committee of the Whole.

The **Assembly Report** was given by **Janice Shamberg and Dan Sullivan**. They, along with all of us, were saddened by Stu Hall's untimely death. He will be missed. He was an active participant in many of Anchorage's organizations.

The **Assembly** will be taking action on a **two-year budget** at its next meeting, but will probably revisit the 2007 portion next year as an adjustment action. In addition, they will be addressing **assisted living facilities and businesses in residences**. The question is where do we put them? The large animal ordinance is coming up again after much work by community members. The Assembly left the **LRTP** 98% intact - **Transit** was funded 100% and is 16% of the whole budget. They did change some wording. They believe we need to plan for connecting the grid.

There was some discussion on a new **South Anchorage dog park** and whether letting dogs off leashes without being fenced in a large area was breaking the leash laws.

Bill Gossweiler stated that the site **condos behind Tip's Bar in Eagle River** are an eyesore and psychologically devastating due to the short platting rules. It should never have been allowed to happen, and that loophole in the law should be addressed immediately. Janice Shamberg has submitted a revision she hopes will close that loophole.

Merten Bangemann-Johnson asked if the **funding for the operations of the Federation of Community Councils** was in place. Dan and Janice both assured the Delegates it was so far.

Dan Coffey has proposed a **change to the parking enforcement** to allow for ticketing by employees other than sworn officers. This will free up officers to take care of more serious

offences, and get tickets written where needed. He is also putting in language that we will NEVER have photo radar.

The **Park Plan** is coming up soon and they expect to make only tiny tweaks to it.

We achieved a **quorum**, and the meeting was called to order. Al Tamagni wanted time under new business.

The **October Minutes** were approved as written. The Chair presented the letter from Cecilia Hildago resigning as Treasurer due to family needs (her husband had a serious accident recently and will be a long time recovering). Merten has asked Justina Meyer to serve until elections in May. There were no objections, and Justina was appointed Treasurer.

Sgt. Stanton from APD told us that the Chief has created a new department to incorporate her position of liaison to the Community Councils. There will be an additional 4- 6 employees who will focus on issues brought up at meetings. The January Academy has been moved to February. They are working on more steps towards Community Policing.

Jeff Friedman from ASD reported that the budget process is beginning, and they are looking for areas they can cut to use the funds in the classrooms. They are trying to find ways for the principals to get out more, and he thinks the Community Council meetings would be a good place to start. There are 125 Principals and Assistant Principals. 85% of their budget goes into salaries and benefits. Their budget for supplies is virtually nothing. In answer to Bill Gossweiler's question he told us that retiring teachers can and do come back at a 49% Plan.

Merten Bangemann-Johnson stated that the Voice of the Times had done a great article on **Stu Hall** and asked the Staff to send out the notice of his impending funeral for those who wish to attend.

Teri Albrecht, CIP Coordinator, has moved to Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) out on Bragaw - closer to the action on CIP issues. She has responses to our CIP lists. They want Community Councils to work together, and cited how Fairview, Downtown, Government Hill and South Addition are working together on plans that affect them all, in order to make better decisions and reach more positive conclusions.

Tom Nelson from the **Planning Dept.** stated the **Neighborhood Plan Ordinance** did pass on Sept. 27th. Anchorage 2020 calls for Neighborhood Plans and this is a mechanism to accomplish that. Since the Planning Dept. is over-extended, outside assistance has been approved. Community Councils or neighborhood organizations recognized by the Assembly can get help with their plans. They can be very specific or can be a vision plan, but they must contain a land use plan map for the district. Even if you don't have much vacant land in your Council area, there is a need for a plan: future development will be in-fill development and redevelopment. Therefore, you need specific criteria for what you want it to look like. As the community gets older there may be particular elements that need to be preserved.

Any future changes to zoning in Title 21 must agree with the Comp Plan - if not the Comp Plan must be changed. Neighborhood Plans will specify what characteristics must be preserved and cannot be changed.

Next, Mr. Nelson reported that the **Assisted Living Ordinance** changes would be in front of the Assembly at their December 13th meeting. It was developed by the Planning Dept. and addresses a wide range of services and issues. There are no large institutions, so the State licenses about 300

assisted living locations. Small residential facilities are allowed in residential area - up to 8 clients are allowed by right in residential zones. More than 8 must get a conditional use permit. The Federal Fair Housing Act supersedes any Municipal laws.

Under **New Business**, Al Tamagni recommended we send a Certificate of Appreciation to Kevin Meyer for getting the \$25,000 last year.

The next deadline for public comment on Title 21 is due the end of November. Land Use maps from P & Z are due out the end of January.

Debbie Bauer gave the **Community Councils Center** report. She said Teri Albrecht had commended them for a job well done. She handed out Advent calendars to help us get organized between now and Christmas, so we can get everything done! As for Training, Merten's class on the role of the Federation of Community Councils and the Community Councils Center is next, but there is no date set yet.

Al Tamagni moved that there be no December meeting. Kep Pierce seconded. It carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The following Councils turned in their concern sheets:

Downtown - The Presidents of Downtown, South Addition, Fairview and Government Hill got together and formed a Coalition of Community Councils to discuss common issues.

Spenard - #1 Getting the Harding Road/Van Buren Road project funded, designed and built.
#2 Ensuring that Northwood Road project, which was scheduled for construction in 2005, actually gets built in 2006.

Turnagain - Subcommittee has met on the Turnagain Slide Redevelopment project and drew up a list of concerns as well as requests for information from the consultant, AWWU, and the Municipality Project Manager of the road project. Assembly Representative Pamela Jennings informed the committee that the Muni will pay an outside consultant \$5,000 to review the geotechnical data that was gathered by Shannon & Wilson, whose results indicated the slide area that moved in the '64 earthquake is now stable enough to develop. The outside consultant will not do any additional testing: they will just make sure the methodology that was used in the previous testing was current.

Clarification - Road Loop is Marston to Foraker Drive (not McKenzie).

Rogers Park - Maplewood Street Sidewalk Improvements Special meeting tonight to inform residents of project's status.

E Northern Lights sound barrier design. Resident Tom McGrath feels the Rogers Park Community Council should sue the Municipality to force compliance with ordinance that stipulates sound barriers will be built to a standard that greatly exceeds the standards of the sound barrier construction proposed by the Muni.

Rogers Park Community Council discussed and distributed the new Rogers Park By-Laws which were adopted 10/5/05.

New Community Councils Web site received enthusiastic support.

Assisted living houses.