

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of October 21, 2015 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris

Quorum achieved.

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Samuel Moore (NSCC) and seconded by Deborah Jones (CCC). Motion to approve agenda passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting was made by Kyle Stevens (GHCC) and seconded by Deborah Jones (CCC). Motion to pass September minutes passed unanimously.

FCC Delegates in attendance (16):

Basher	Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Birchwood	Dave Wolfe
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	Lance Powell
Mountain View	Daniel George
North Star	Samuel Moore
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Russian Jack	Daniel George
Scenic Foothills	Forrest Dunbar
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
Spenard	Jason Bergerson
Taku Campbell	Jeff Schmitz
Tudor Area	Jake Tuckerman
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly
Amy Coffman	Mayor's Office
Mark Butler	Councils Center Manager
Cathy Gleason	Turnagain CC member
Anna Shaw	Anchorage Parks Foundation
Beth Nordlund	Anchorage Parks Foundation
Ira Perman	North Star CC member
John Laux	Northeast CC member

Mayor's Office report:

We welcome Amy Coffman from the Mayor's Office. Lots of openings on Municipal Boards and Commissions. Proposed fees and fine increases are the first since 2001. No quick fix to the Spice drug problem. Especially bad among the homeless community.

Assembly Report:

Assembly Chair Dick Traini said that the SAP accounting software project has now spent \$36 million, way, way over budget. Trying to help the APD with the Spice problem.. Dick asked that some council folks come to testify at the budget hearings.

Assembly member Ernie Hall said that on November 20th the State-run Marijuana Control Board (MCB) will issue it's draft rules and regulations. The Municipality will review these draft State rules and come up with their own land use regulations. All community councils need to be aware that there will most probably be a flood of applications for retail and manufacturing operations in the neighborhoods. Each council should form a marijuana committee that will be able to gather information about the applications. There will be a short turnaround period on each application.

School District Report:

None.

Presentations:

Anchorage Trails Initiative on Wayfinding Symbols

Beth Nordlund, Anchorage Parks Foundation

The foundation developed a series of symbols for each neighborhood that will help guide people to different parts of town. Please review them and get back to us.

Available for presentations at individual community councils.

Fish Creek Trail Improvements

Mark Butler (FCC) read a note from Carrie Connaker of CRW Engineering about proposed improvements of the trail along Fish Creek in the west side of town. They will soon make presentations at both the Spenard and Turnagain councils.

Officer Reports:

FCC Chair Bonnie Harris – The resolution by the FCC that proposed Bob French as our FCC delegate to the AMATS Citizen Advisory Committee was forwarded on to AMATS.

FCC Treasurer Kevin Fimon – Written handouts.

Community Council Center Manager Mark Butler – Written report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Proposed Council Relations Committee of the FCC – It was agreed that we would create this committee. Kyle Stevens (GHCC) was appointed Chair. Sharon Cissna (AHCC) and Bob Reupke (NECC) were appointed to the committee as well.

Council Sharing:

Spenard – Proposal for five towers to be built in ten acres of peat. 450 square foot residential units. 680 units over all. Needs a rezone.

Basher – By-laws passed.

Old Seward/Oceanview – Robbery solved in neighborhood. NextDoor software was key.

Taku-Campbell – Sewer upgrade. Homeless camp mitigation. Call APD for active camps. Call ARBRA for clean-up of in-active camps.

Huffman/O'Malley – Stadium issues continue. Not enough money to do everything called for in the agreement with the ASD. HOCC is looking for an agency to enforce the agreement.

Scenic Foothills – Working on the design of the new Muldoon Town Square Park.

Birchwood and Chugiak – Held “The Bash” public open house as a way to get access to many local decision makers and organizations.

Mountain View – Brown Jug liquor licenses need conditional use plan, tour of pedestrian routes, inebriate problems.

Public Comments:

None.

Move to adjourn Tom Freeman, Seconded by Kyle Stevens.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Samuel Moore and Mark Butler.