

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of January 20, 2016 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Bonnie Harris.

Quorum achieved. New delegates!

FCC Delegates in attendance (17):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Sharon Cissna
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	Deborah Jones
Downtown	Corey Hester
Eagle River	Kimberly Collins
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman/O'Malley	Matt Burkholder
Mid-Hillside	Lance Powell
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Russian Jack	Sherry Wright
Scenic Foothills	Jamie Lang
South Addition	Bonnie Harris
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly
Tam Agosti-Gisler	Anchorage School Board
Amy Coffman	Mayor's Office
Felix Rivera	Mayor's Office
Danny Wright	RJCC
Leah Levinton	
Casey Reynolds	Columnist
Tom Davis	MOA Planning
Rick & Chris Euscher	Tinderbox

Deena Mitchell	Great Alaska Schools
Cheryl Bowie	Bowie Consulting
Theresa Collins	Potluck
Nick Miller	Alaska Buds
Annette Cartier	RPCC
Howard Levine	TCC
Maeve Nevins	Leadership Anchorage
Teresa Arnold	SACC
Heather Knowlan	SACC

Agenda Approved – Jones and Reupke.

Assembly Report: Chair Dick Traini spoke about the bonds that will be on the ballot. Waldron Lake Park was purchased and dedicated as permanent park status.

School Board Report: Tam Agosti-Gisler spoke about ASD financial situation. The bond package of \$49.3 Million on the April 2016 ballot has life safety projects in 36 different schools. Public surveys indicate support for modest and most dire needs. Grand opening of the West High Career and Technical Center. **Deena Mitchell** of Great Alaska Schools mentioned “Public Education Appreciation” Week.

Mayor’s Office Report: Amy Coffman gave out the Mayor’s Office line of 343-7100 and mentioned Eagle River/Chugiak Mayor office hours. **Felix Rivera** said that the Municipality is only requesting \$290 Million of Capital Budget funds for the Port project – no other projects. Perhaps bonding as an option. Boards and Commission vacancies were filled in October. Some more will open during the year. Then another group next October.

Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda by moving the FCC Outreach Committee to the Standing Committee Reports was made by Bob Churchill seconded by Lance Powell. Passed.

Minutes: Motion to approve the November minutes made by Bob Churchill with a second by Kyle Stevens.

Standing Committee & Officers Reports:

FCC Chair Harris:

FCC Outreach Committee: **Kyle Stevens** looking into getting on the “Pick Click Give” program list. Extensive application process. Police Public Relations Task Force meetings on February 12th and March 11th.

Presentations:

Cell Phone Towers in Anchorage - **Annette Cartier** (Rogers Park) & **Howard Levine** (Turnagain) provided a handout of contact list where comments on the issue can be sent, as well as the *Resolution Supporting the Citizen's Suggested Changes to the (Title 21) Working Draft 11-18-15 Cell Tower Draft Ordinance* submitted to Planning & Zoning Commission for their recommendations and would like an opportunity to visit with other councils. They offered a warning that GCI is not providing factual statements in regards to their cell tower plans in neighborhoods. Working hard as a citizen taskforce to make sure that these towers are done in a way respectful of the people who have invested so much in their neighborhoods. **Deborah Jones** (Chugiak CC) had a bad experience with GCI on a tower in their area.

Municipal Land Use Map – **Tom Davis of MOA Planning** said that the Municipality has not yet released the “Public Review Draft”. There will be a two month review for each council. Will release “storied maps” soon, as supporting documents.

Old Business:

FCC Marijuana Committee - put together a packet that will go out to the Council president's. Interested people have a filing date of February 24th. Chair Bonnie Harris spoke about her council allowing the officers to address requests for startup marijuana businesses, if the regular council meetings would not allow regular voting. Fairview CC provided a handout on a proposed *Neighborhood Responsibility Plan* and the *Fairview Community Council Resolution concerning marijuana establishment applications for special land use permits*.

New Business:

Discussion of Council Mailing Lists Policies – Bonnie Harris (FCC Chair) mentioned the Constant Contact program the FCC has used for emailing services for the last

seven years. There is a fee schedule of 5 to 10,000 names for a great price of only\$850/year.

Dianne Holmes (Rabbit Creek CC) spoke about the Constant Contact program that provides emails of council participants. She would like the list to be purged of non-functioning emails. The council discussed developing standards and will develop a President's orientation on this issue. **Kevin Fimon** (Campbell Park CC) said that we should be more concerned about getting more people on the lists, than culling people off the lists.

Council Sharing:

Abbott Loop - meeting location will be at Steam Dot this month

Old Seward/Oceanview - Concern about Railroad easement

Airport Heights - Marijuana How To's / Why's

Rabbit Creek - Title 21 assisted living - only council that testified about this. Spoke about an AWWU issue that was amenablely resolved.

Eagle River - excited about the public engagement

University Area - Cell Tower resolution, new President - Paul Strang

Eagle River Valley - didn't get a quorum at their last meeting, working on outreach

Huffman/O'Malley - fundraising / outreach

Turnagain - West Anchorage ____ Forum

Mid Hillside - resolution on cell phone towers, info on marijuana, merger of councils

Northeast - worked on by-laws last week, will have Gunnar Knapp at their next meeting, Title 21/cell phone issues, Patterson road improvements

Campbell Park - elections, marijuana rules, homelessness

Government Hill - Orchard project

Russian Jack - Boniface / DeBarr sidewalk project, needs info on outreach reimbursement

Fairview - optimism / vigilance - Merrill Field plan concerns re: wetlands, expansion, Urban Design Commission resuscitation, elections, Dan Duquot new rep - this was Harry's last meeting

Councils Center - showed an Abbott Loop Community Council map and asked if everyone wanted one - all delegates indicated they did. These can be used at meetings when discussing specific projects to point out the areas being discussed.

Public comments:

Maeve Evans - Civic Academy envisioned - one of the modules includes Community Councils - would like to schedule 1 hour visits with Councils

Teresa Collins - Marijuana industry in AK - hopeful for a good industry and is aware of concerns like child safety

Chris & Rick Usher - cultivation / manufacturing marijuana. Chris has a medical background working with oncology patients. They are looking for a building and interested in setting a higher standard.

Cheryl Boey – Has a project on states that have legalized marijuana - education information on a facebook page. Desire vs fact

Nick Miller - Anchorage Cannabis Business Association - plans to open a store in Fairview, willing to come and visit councils.

Heather Nolan - supporting cell tower discussions - view sheds, separation distance from homes - hold the industry accountable - work with MOA to enforce current regulations.

Levinson - Family plans to open a marijuana business. She expressed a desire to work in and with the community.

Bonnie expressed thanks to all who participated in tonight's meeting

AI moved to adjourn. Tom 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Adjournment: 9:05 pm

Minutes by Shelly Wright and Mark Butler

