

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.

Board of Delegates

Minutes of February 17, 2016 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kyle Stevens.

Quorum achieved. New delegates!

FCC Delegates in attendance (17):

Abbott Loop	Ray Metcalfe
Airport Heights	Teri Penn
Bayshore Klatt	Bob Laule
Campbell Park	Skip Myers
Eagle River Valley	Tom Freeman
Fairview	Harry Need
Government Hill	Kyle Stevens
Huffman/O'Malley	Christine Monette
Mid-Hillside	Lance Powell
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Ocean	Nancy Beardsley
Rabbit Creek	Mindy Willis
Rogers Park	Bob Churchill
Scenic Foothills	Jamie Lang
Spenard	Jed Smith
Tudor Area	Jake Tuckerman
Turnagain	Cathy Gleason
University Area	Al Millspaugh

Others in attendance included:

Dick Traini	Anchorage Assembly
Amy Coffman	Mayor's Office
Felix Rivera	Mayor's Office
Officer Robin Nave	Anchorage Police Department
Collin Hodges	MOA Transit
Burt Rudolph	MOA Transit
Jon Cecil	MOA Planning
Jacques Boutet	Anchorage Tomorrow

Lisa Parker	Rasmuson Foundation
Cassandra Salzer	Rasmuson Foundation
Marie Alfonsi	AFACT
Annette Alfonsi	AFACT
Lenee Mills	AFACT
Mark Butler	FCC Manager
Paul Strang	UACC
Miranda Mvotka	UAA
Elaine Morando	UAA
Lynsey Johnson	UAA
Melissa May	UAA
Jevan Robinson	UAA
Eric Montoya	
Rich Berzberg	

Agenda Approved – Jones and Reupke.

Minutes: Approved with correction of the date.

APD Officer Nave spoke about an informal survey that she has put together for the CAP team. Asked delegates to take the survey form back to their councils and send them to her.

Assembly Report: Chair Dick Traini spoke about the proposed ordinance about the regulation of marijuana establishments and community councils. U-Med District Road Plan.

School Board Report: No report.

Mayor's Office Report: Amy Coffman and Felix Rivera said that there are a total of three police academies in progress or scheduled. Homeless count "Point in Time" went well with 140 volunteers finding 22 total camps. "Spice" drug summit. Transit Center remodeling. Mayor holding open-house hours in City Hall and in Eagle River. Mayor focused on getting money for the Port of Anchorage project. Needs letters of support from councils. Asking councils to complete the CIP process for their council, focusing on the single most important item in each category.

Standing Committee & Officers Reports:

FCC Vice-Chair Stevens: FCC Chair Harris is out of town but is scheduled back for the March FCC meeting.

FCC Outreach Committee: Kyle Stevens continues to work on outreach to groups around the community and is working with councils that are not experiencing great success.

Presentations:

Merger of Hillside East and Mid-Hillside Community Councils – Jon Cecil of MOA Planning explained about the proposed merger of the two councils and asked if there was any opposition to the merger. There was no opposition vocalized.

Bonds on the Municipal Ballot – Jacques Boutet of Anchorage Tomorrow spoke about the bond proposals on the upcoming April 5th Municipal election ballot. Some existing bonds are being retired, of course, and some are being refinanced at a more favorable rate.

Anchorage Talks Transit – Collin Hodges of the MOA Transit Department spoke about the department's plans to ask for comment on transit routes and services.

Discussion of Options for State of Alaska Fiscal Challenges – Gunnar Knapp, Institute of Social and Economic Research spoke about the State of Alaska 's General Fund deficit. The huge deficit is draining the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund. We need to change our approach.

There are two "Non-real" options:

1. That the deficit will disappear with an oil price increase.
2. Doing nothing.

There are four "Real" options:

1. Cut spending.
2. Increase revenues by taxing ourselves or taxing industries.

3. Reduce Permanent Fund dividends.
4. Save less of the Permanent Fund income and use some for the cost of government.

Plan4Alaska – **Cassandra Stalzer of the Rasmuson Foundation** spoke about the research the foundation has done on the issue of public opinions about the State of Alaska fiscal gap and the need for solutions. Their public surveys found a growing awareness of the fiscal problem. There is a two to one agreement that we should do a combination of cuts to spending and new revenues. She suggested that we contact our legislators and tell them to act.

Oil Taxes Option - **Ray Metcalfe** is a former Alaska State Representative and an advocate for increasing taxes on the oil industry in Alaska. He narrated a presentation on the levels of oil taxes in our state. He believes that many of the fields are very profitable for the oil companies and not so for the owner of the resource (the people of the State of Alaska.) He stated that other governments set up taxation policies far more favorable to themselves. He used the nation of Norway as an example.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

FCC Officers Elections Committee - Delegates were asked to serve on the FCC Elections Committee. Lance Powell (MHCC), Tom Freeman (ERVCC) and Bob Reupke (NECC) were appointed to serve on the committee. Nominations are now open for the FCC Chair, FCC Vice-Chair, FCC Treasurer and FCC Secretary positions. Kevin Fimon is termed out as Treasurer and can not run again for that position.

Delegates are asked to contact one of the committee members to express their interest in running for a position. Nominations remain open until the May FCC meeting when the election will be held.

Council Sharing:

Eagle River Valley – commercial marijuana businesses.

Turnagain – Marijuana committee and changing Parks from “designated” to “Dedicated” status. West Anchorage Candidates Forum.

Public comments: None.

Adjournment: 8:12 pm

Minutes by Sam Moore and Mark Butler