

Fairview Community Council

A Resolution Regarding Establishment of a Reconnecting Fairview Committee as a Permanent Committee of the Council

Resolution 2024-01

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council (FVCC) understands the importance of enduring and successful partnerships to advance the betterment of Fairview's neighborhoods, and

Whereas, the FVCC partnered with NeighborWorks Alaska (NWAK) on an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice (EJ) grant application and were awarded \$75,000 in 2021 with final project paperwork completed in November 2023, and

Whereas, said partnership and joint implementation of the EJ grant required a significant amount of time and energy from Community Council volunteers, and

Whereas, the FVCC and NWAK again partnered on a competitive national grant application (80% Federal/20% Local) to the U.S. Department of Transportation, were notified of a Federal funding award (\$537,660/\$134,416) in early 2023 and received final grant contract agreement paperwork on December 2023, and

Whereas, the "Reconnecting Fairview" goal is to revitalize the Gambell/Ingra Corridor with economic analysis, traffic modeling, greenway design, and robust public engagement including civic dialogues and visualization processes, and

Whereas, the grant work scope and schedule will run through 2025, and potentially beyond, with several initiatives requiring a significant participation and engagement by Council volunteers, and

Whereas, the Council's experience with implementation of the EJ grant indicates a need for FVCC to organize itself for success when tasked to assist with co-implementation of the national grant, and

Whereas, the grant work scope consists of finalizing several long-standing Community Council priorities with substantive working drafts of key documents by volunteers, including planning studies and activities focused on active transportation, economic analysis, winter city design, and the Fairview greenway, and

Whereas, the effort will include robust public engagement activities to welcome diverse voices and involvement from Fairview Community members and Anchorage residents more broadly, and

Whereas, a successful effort will require the sustained commitment of time, energy and focus by Council volunteers with particular knowledge of the background material and grant work scope.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the FVCC formally establishes a Reconnecting Fairview Committee as a standing Committee of the Council for the length of the Reconnecting Communities Grant award and partnership with NWAK, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Chair of the Reconnecting Fairview Committee shall be the formal point of contact for the Council in matters related to the co-implementation of the U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Grant and partnership with NWAK and shall adhere to established protocols for Council Committees including monthly updates to the Executive Board and General Membership, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, per Article XI of the Fairview Community Council Bylaws, the Chair(s) of the Reconnecting Fairview Committee “shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the President.”

This Fairview Community Council after obtaining a quorum of 15 members _____ Approved _____ Disapproved this resolution by a vote of _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstentions.

Attested this _____ day of _____, 2024.

James Thornton, President
Fairview Community Council