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Board of Delegates Monthly Meeting September Meeting Recap



Hello Delegates & Presidents,

Thank you to all who attended this month's meeting. We had so many attendees and great conversation.

For those of you unable to make the meeting, don't worry. You can click the video to watch it.



FCC Board Information

[September Agenda](#)

[September Minutes](#)

Welcome to the **new FCC Treasurer** - Kelly Ittenbach of Fairview CC. Though she has only recently joined the Board, she has agreed to step up as Treasurer until the next election. Thank you Kelly!

The **Bylaw Committee** formally introduced the draft Bylaws. The Bylaw Committee met from May to September and the members were Mike Edgington (Chair), Sarah Preskitt, Evan Leaf, Kaitlyn Jackson, Paul Schneider, and Darrel Hess. There was some feedback from the Delegates and great conversation. The Committee will be meeting again to consider changes and submit an updated version at the October meeting.

If you have additional comments on the draft, please submit them by October 3rd.

The FCC's **Core Purpose & Core Values** were passed! Originally begun in March 2025 as part of strategic planning, this project is important for the FCC to have a clear vision for the future. Below is what was passed by the body.



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PURPOSE

**Foster & Support
Neighborhood Engagement**

VALUES

Service

Support & Resources

Responsibility

Transparency & Integrity

Empowerment

Uplifting & Educating

Stewardship

Continuity & Archival

Representative Reports

Mayor's Office

There was no report from the Mayor's Office.

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Ad-Hoc attendance can still be requested on specific topics by [filing out this form](#) or by emailing mayor@anchorageak.gov

[Request Mayor's Office at your meeting](#)

Assembly

Vice Chair Brawley attended the meeting and provided an update. Based on some questions from the Delegates, Assembly Member Brawley provided a written response and some resources.

Follow Up from AM Brawley

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ASD School Board

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Planning Department

Paul Hatcher provided this month's report from Planning. He reported on the [Zoning Fee updates](#) and answered questions on the [Transit Supportive Development Overlay](#).

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Title 21 & Land Use Updates Page

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Common Topics Among Community Councils

In order to better serve Community Councils during FCC meetings, staff held a conversation around common topics discussed during Council Updates.

Click the button below to see the notes taken during the meeting or [watch the recording](#) to hear the conversation and see the notes.

Live Topic Notes

If you have ideas for future presentations you would like to see at the FCC meetings, reach out and let us know!

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New Bylaws

As a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster and support neighborhood engagement, the Federation of Community Council serves as an important advocate and organizer for Community Councils. The Board of Delegates has been in a long process to improve organizational capacity and create a successful support network.

The draft bylaws were created through a multi-step process, which allowed for multiple opportunities for input:

- **Sept. 17, 2024 - Board Roles & Responsibilities, Pt.1:** Delegates provided training on the purpose and expectations of nonprofit boards.
- **Nov. 12, 2024 - Board Roles & Responsibilities, Pt.2:** Delegates reviewed training and discussed core values, decision making, and the traits of a successful board.
- **Mar. 15, 2025 - Board Strategic Planning at 2025 Summit:** Delegates spent a full day learning and preparing for strategic planning. This included the outlining of core purpose & values, as well as identifying a need for bylaw updates.
- **Mar. 19, 2025 - Board of Delegates Meeting:** FCC Board Chair calls for the establishment of a bylaw committee.
- **April thru September 2025 - Bylaw Committee Meetings**
- **Aug. 20, 2025 - Bylaw Worksession:** Bylaw Committee hosts a worksession to informally introduce and take feedback on the draft bylaws. Small edits provided by attendees
- **Sept. 17, 2025 - Formal introduction of the draft bylaws**

Use the link to read the Draft bylaws that were presented at the September FCC Board meeting.

[Draft Bylaws](#)

Based on the core purpose and values approved by the Board, there was conversation amongst committee members on how to have the bylaws prioritize **service, responsibility, stewardship, and empowerment**. These new bylaws bring the FCC in compliance and clearly outline the roles & responsibilities of the organization.

Below are some visuals to help explain the differences and the similarities between the old version and the new version.



Let's compare Bylaw Models

Existing Model	Updated Model
1 Delegate per Council (Alternates can be appointed)	1 Member per Council (Alternates can be appointed)
Delegates have full non-profit board responsibilities - legally and fiduciarily	Members are not responsible for the non-profit
Delegates elect officers (executive committee of up to 4 delegates)	Members elect a Board of Directors (of 7-11 directors). Directors elect officers.
Officers serve 1 year terms & up to 2 consecutive terms	Directors serve staggered 2 year terms & up to 3 consecutive terms
All actions of the body must be approved by a quorum of Delegates	All actions of the body must be approved by a quorum of Directors
Monthly meetings are both for the nonprofit & councils - limiting time and access to both.	Monthly meetings are now the Coalition of Members, focused on Council business.



The Bylaw committee is meeting on **October 6th at 12:30pm on Zoom** to discuss the

suggestions from the September FCC Board Meeting. [Click here for Zoom link.](#)

Written comments should be submitted via email by October 3rd at 5pm.

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Current Activities



Assembly Legislative Services



LOCAL LENS: Assembly Legislative Services

Wednesday, September 24 @ 6:00PM | Zoom
The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) is hosting a conversation with the Assembly Legislative Services and you're invited. Learn how this group supports the Assembly and helps keep civic engagement alive in Anchorage.

After the presentation, stick around for a live Q&A session this is your chance to get your questions answered and better understand how local government works for you.

[Register for the Zoom](#)



NEIGHBORHOOD FLIX FEST

Thursday, September 25
For the Muniversary we're reigniting the joy and magic of our community with the beloved Neighborhood Movie Night! In collaboration with local organizations, including the FCC, we're empowering every neighborhood to create their own unforgettable Flix Fest. Imagine the excitement, the shared smiles, and the warmth of coming together under the stars—this is more than just a movie; it's a celebration of our community spirit. Visit the website now to discover if there's a movie night near you or to find out how you can host your very own! Let's make memories that will last a lifetime—together.

[Visit the Website](#)

Better Public Meetings

The Federation of Community Councils, YWCA, and Assembly Members Baldwin-Day & Brawley



are bringing an exciting civic engagement project to Anchorage.

Staff introduced the project at the [August Board of Delegates](#) meeting. [See a sample Civic Scorecard](#)

Watch the [Assembly worksession](#) on Better Public Meetings

After lively discussion at the September 9th Regular Assembly Meeting and the introduction of two S-versions, the resolution was postponed to October 7th.

A second worksession is scheduled for September 26th at 12:30PM.

Stay tuned fore more information!

PM&E Requests Feedback on Community Council CIP Process.

Thank you for participating in the annual community council survey of capital project priorities earlier this year!

As the annual budget cycle continues, PM&E ais looking for feedback into how the process and survey went for you/your council in order to make it better next year. Or, if you weren't able to participate, what were your barriers to participation?

Please submit feedback by:

- email (if appropriate, feel free to include the FCC staff and Taylor Keegan, Parks & Rec Superintendent, cc'd here, in your response)
- phone call (907-343-8446), or
- we can schedule a meeting for members of your council to all discuss the feedback together.

If you're interested, Chelsea can provide you with feedback from a Public Works perspective on the list your council submitted this year.

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Community Council Boundaries

The Community Council Boundary maps passed Planning & Zoning Commission. They Planning Department will be bringing the maps to the Assembly. Further information will be shared as we receive it.

Check out the full website by [clicking here](#).
Need the sample resolution? [Click here](#).

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Next Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 6PM - 8PM
In Person at FCC Office or online via Zoom

**Add FCC Meetings to Your
Calendar!**

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to our office.

- *Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director*

FCC Executive Committee:

Mike Edgington, Chair
Sarah Preskitt, Vice Chair
Kaitlyn Jackson, Secretary
Kelly Ittenbach, Treasurer
Evan Leaf, Member-At-Large

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