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From: OMBUDSMAN

Subject: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITIZEN NAMING PANEL FOR ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION NO. 3

Attached is the recommendation packet from the Citizen Naming Panel for the new Anchorage Fire Department Station No. 3. The Assembly established the naming panel on March 22, 2016 (AR No. 2016-87). The panel was charged with assisting the Assembly and community in naming the new Anchorage Fire Department Station No. 3 as provided in AMC 3.97.

The naming panel, as required by AMC 3.97, solicited public comments and held a public hearing in Room 155 at City Hall, on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the panel, based on public and written comments submitted to them, voted 4-0 to recommend naming Station 3 for the late State Representative Max Gruenberg.

AMC 3.97 states that "Final action by the assembly shall be no earlier than one year posthumously for naming of a building, facility, or park." Based on the level of Representative Gruenberg's contributions to the community, the panel urges the Assembly to override this code provision by naming Station No. 3 for Representative Gruenberg by ordinance.

The naming panel anticipates, pending Assembly sponsorship, that an ordinance will be introduced at the May 24, 2016 Assembly meeting, with a public hearing scheduled for July 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted: Darrel W. Hess, Ombudsman



May 5, 2016

AFD Station 3 Naming Panel
c/o Darrel W. Hess
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Subject: Recommendation of the AFD Station 3 Naming Panel

Assembly Chair Elvi Gray-Jackson & Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Dear Chair Gray-Jackson & Mayor Berkowitz,

We are pleased to submit to you the recommendation of the Anchorage Fire Department Station 3 Naming Panel (Panel). As reflected in the enclosed minutes of the Panel's May 3rd public hearing, the Panel unanimously recommends naming the new Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Station 3 for the late State Representative Max Gruenberg.

The panel believes that naming Station 3 for Representative Gruenberg is appropriate given his herculean efforts to secure a site and funding for the new facility, and his longtime support for the AFD, and public safety in general. Representative Gruenberg devoted the majority of his adult life to public service, including military service in Vietnam, and more than twenty years of tireless service in the Alaska Legislature.

AMC 3.97 states that "Final action by the assembly shall be no earlier than one year posthumously for naming of a building, facility, or park." Given the level of Representative Gruenberg's contributions to the AFD, his District, the Municipality of Anchorage, and the State of Alaska, the Panel unanimously urges the Anchorage Assembly to override this code provision and name Station 3 for Representative Gruenberg by ordinance. The Panel believes that it is meaningful, and appropriate, to have the station named for Representative Gruenberg when it is dedicated this summer.

In the course of its work, the Panel learned that currently no AFD station or facility is named for any individual. The Panel encourage the Assembly and Mayor to work with the AFD and the Anchorage Fire Department Employees Association to explore the possible naming of other AFD

facilities for personnel who have died in service, or who have made significant contributions to the department and community.

Included with this letter are the notes from the Panel's public hearing and organizing meeting, and letters and emails recommending naming that were received by the Panel. The Panel members urge the Assembly and Mayor to support naming the new AFD Station 3, by ordinance, for the late State Representative Max Gruenberg.

Sincerely,


Sheila Selkregg
Naming Panel Chair

Enclosures:

1. Minutes, agenda, & process overview from the Panel's May 3rd Public Hearing
2. The flyer for the Panel's Public Hearing
3. AMC 3.97 – NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OTHER FIXED FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PLACES
4. Assembly Resolution appointing panel – AR No. 2016-87
5. Minutes & agenda from the Panel's March 29th organizing meeting
6. Letters of recommendation received by the Panel



**AFD STATION 3 NAMING PANEL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
5:30 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, City Hall-RM 155**

The Public Hearing for the naming of the new Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Station 3 was called to order by Panel Chair Selkregg at 7:00 pm. The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the Panel Members and Staff.

Panel Members Present:

- Karen Cameron
- John Laux
- Carolyn Ramsey
- Sheila Selkregg (Chair)

Municipality of Anchorage Support Staff Present:

- Darrel Hess

Hess provided an overview of AMC 3.97 – NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OTHER FIXED FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PLACES, and the required public process:

- The Panel was established by AR 2016-87 (approved 03/22/16). Two members were appointed by the Assembly, and two members were appointed by the Mayor.
- The Panel must follow the requirements of AMC 3.97 - Naming of Municipal Buildings, Other Fixed Facilities and Public Places.
- The Panel must consider all names submitted by the public.
- The Panel must hold a public hearing.
- The name selected should be purposeful, suitable and symbolic, and should be connected to the Municipality.
- Consideration should be given to the historical significance of the person, and the duration of their residency in the Municipality.
- Upon agreement of at least three of the four Panel members, a letter advising the Assembly and the Mayor shall be dispatched on behalf of the Panel. If at least three of the Panel members are unable to agree, a divided recommendation may be submitted for Assembly action
- If the Panel recommends naming for a person deceased less than one year, an Assembly Ordinance is required, rather than an Assembly Resolution. In this instance, the letter and Panel report may be submitted to the Assembly with an Assembly Information Memorandum.

- The Assembly must hold at least one public hearing for the Panel's recommendation (AR or AO).
- A minimum of one month is required between Assembly introduction (AR or AO) and the Assembly's public hearing.

The Panel Chair reviewed the Panel's public hearing process:

- Sign in if you wish to speak
- Names will be called in the order that they signed in
- State your name for the record
- 3 minutes per person
- Submit any relevant documents to staff

Public Members Present to Testify:

Ted Madsen: Mr. Madsen testified in support of naming the new AFD Station 3 for Representative Max Gruenberg. Madsen served as Gruenberg's Chief of Staff from 2010, until his passing in 2016. He testified that public safety issues, especially those involving the AFD, had always been a priority for Gruenberg. Madsen noted that Gruenberg had led a bipartisan effort to secure a site and funding for the new Station 3. Given the age of much of Mt. View and Russian Jack's housing stock, and the below average response times for some areas of Mt. View, a new Station 3, closer to north Mt. View, was a top priority for Gruenberg. Madsen pointed out that Gruenberg had led efforts in the Legislature to:

- Purchase a new AFD rescue boat for upper Cook Inlet (the AFD invited Gruenberg and his wife, Kayla, to christen the boat).
- Strengthen arson laws and criminalize conspiracies to commit arson.
- Require carbon monoxide detectors in all new homes.

Daniel George: Mr. George "strongly" supported naming the new AFD Station 3 for Representative Max Gruenberg. George has served as the President of the Mt. View Community Council for the past four years (he was not testifying on behalf of the MVCC), and observed Gruenberg's passion and support for Mt. View and her residents. He has heard similar sentiments from other Mt. View residents. He stated that "Max was a great friend to Mt. View" and that it is "appropriate" that the new Station 3 be named for him. Public safety was always one of Gruenberg's "highest priorities". George serves as Legislative staff and considered Gruenberg a friend, who was always generous with his time; he always made himself available

Bob Reupke: Mr. Reupke supported naming the new AFD Station 3 for Representative Gruenberg. Reupke is active with the Northeast Community Council and the Federation of Community Councils (he was testifying as a private individual). He noted that Gruenberg was "a great guy, and a great Legislator", and that he always attended community councils meetings, and made himself available to his constituents. He also noted that Gruenberg was a great Constitutional lawyer.

Written Comments Submitted:

Following the public testimony, Hess reviewed the written comments that had been received:

State Senator Berta Gardner: Alaska State Senate Minority Leader, Berta Gardner submitted a letter supporting the naming of the new AFD Station 3 after Representative Max Gruenberg. Senator Gardner noted that Gruenberg had dedicated the majority of his life to public service, as a gunnery officer on a tank landing ship in Vietnam, as a family law attorney, and through his many years of service in the Alaska House of Representatives. She noted that naming Station 3 in his honor “will be a meaningful contribution to a legacy that echoes through his district and beyond”.

State Representative Les Gara: Representative Les Gara sent an email supporting naming the new AFD Station 3 after Representative Max Gruenberg. He noted that Gruenberg “was a champion of public safety, and our firefighters”, and that he “strongly believed in neighborhood fire stations”.

State Representative Ivy Spohnholz: Representative Spohnholz submitted a letter supporting naming the new AFD Station 3 after Representative Max Gruenberg. She noted that Gruenberg “was a dedicated public servant with commitment to fire safety and protection”, and that of “particular interest to Rep. Gruenberg were issues related to both our local municipal fire department and to the firefighting profession”. She also noted that he was instrumental in securing funding for the new Station 3, and new AFD light fire rescue boat for upper Cook Inlet. Rep. Spohnholz stated that “Rep. Gruenberg was a consummate statesman who served our state honorably for decades. His personal commitment to leadership and incredible track record of public service make him the kind of person we should celebrate with public naming’s of this sort”.

Captain Ken Murphy: Captain Murphy sent an email recommending that Mike House (firefighter) and Rich Parry (paramedic) be considered in the naming of the new AFD Station 3. Murphy noted that “Both men have made me a better fire fighter and medic; they worked in an environment of more seat than technology”. Murphy did not provide documentation to support his recommendations. Hess had requested more information regarding House and Parry, but none was received.

Hess noted that he had posted the flyer for the Panel’s Public Hearing on the Ombudsman’s Facebook page, and the Facebook pages of the Russian Jack, Airport Heights, Mt. View and Fairview Community Councils. Hess also noted that the notice for the public hearing had been posted on the public notice calendar on muni.org for nearly six weeks (10 days is the minimum notice required). Cameron noted that she had posted the flyer in East Anchorage, and had distributed copies to businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing, and stated that she would entertain a motion. Ramsey moved, based on the testimony, oral and written, that the Panel had received, that the Panel

recommend naming the new AFD Station 3 for the late Representative Max Gruenberg. Laux seconded the motion.

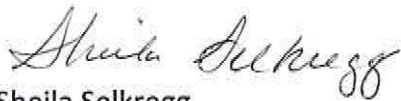
Laux noted that given the lack of detail submitted with Captain Murphy's recommendations, he would not be comfortable supporting those recommendations. He was supportive of recommending Rep. Max Gruenberg for the naming of Station 3.

Cameron concurred with Laux's comments, and noted that Gruenberg's contributions to the community were substantive and worthy of recognition with the naming of AFD Station 3.

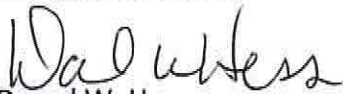
Selkregg noted that Gruenberg was a model of civility; kind, with a sense of humor, and always considerate with the people that he served for so many years.

The Chair called the question, and the motion to recommend naming the new AFD Station 3 for Representative Max Gruenberg was approved 4-0.

The Chair requested that staff draft a cover letter to transmit the Panel's recommendation to the Assembly and Mayor, and that the letter include the Panel's recommendation that consideration be given to the naming of other AFD facilities for persons who have died in service or made significant contributions to AFD and the Municipality of Anchorage. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.



Sheila Selkregg
Naming Panel Chair



Darrel W. Hess
Municipal Staff



AGENDA
AFD STATION 3 NAMING PANEL PUBLIC HEARING
5:30 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, City Hall-RM 155

Panel Members: Karen Cameron, John Laux, Carolyn Ramsey & Sheila Selkregg (Chair)
Staff: Darrel Hess

Welcome & Introductions (Panel Chair)

Overview of AMC 3.97 & Public Process (Staff)

AR 2016-87 (Staff)

Comments/Recommendations Submitted (Staff)

Overview of Public Hearing Process (Chair)

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Public Testimony/Recommendations

Discussion/Action by Naming Panel

Adjournment

AFD Station 3 Naming Panel

John Laux

Carolyn Ramsey

Karen Cameron

Sheila Selkregg (Chair)

Staff: Darrel Hess, 907-343-4783, HessDW@muni.org

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- The tentative date that the new Station 3 will be turned over to AFD is June 15th

Assembly Meetings

- May 10th
- May 24th
- June 7th
- June 21st
- July 12th
- July 26th
- August 9th
- August 23rd



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AFD Station 3 Naming Panel

When: 5:30—7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Where: Room 155, City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue

The Municipality has established a naming panel to recommend honorary naming for the new Anchorage Fire Department Station 3 on Bragaw Street, as outlined in AMC 3.97. The late State Representative Max Gruenberg's name has been suggested as one possibility for naming. The Panel will consider all names that are recommended by the public. Recommendations may be made during the public hearing, or submitted to:

Station 3 Naming Panel

C/o Darrel Hess

632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 160

Anchorage, AK 99501

Fax: 907-343-4464

Email: HessDW@muni.org

Questions: 907-343-4783



Chapter 3.97 - NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OTHER FIXED FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PLACES^[1]

Footnotes:

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Cross reference— *Historic preservation board, § 4.60.030.*

3.97.010 - Purpose.

- A. The municipality hereby establishes a policy and set of procedures to govern the naming of a public place and the honorary renaming of streets and roads. A sound naming policy adds meaning, significance and uniformity to public facilities, minimizes conflict and provides a forum for meaningful discussion regarding naming. Further, a consistent municipal naming policy lends continuity and a sense of community, and establishes a means of appropriately recognizing prominent individuals and those who have substantially contributed to the municipality, the state or the nation.
- B. The selection of a name that is purposeful, suitable, and symbolic should be approached in a systematic and creative way. This process can generate opportunities to induce dynamic community impact, create sensitivity and lasting public relations, express appreciation, and educate.
- C. For purposes of this chapter, a public place means any building, facility, municipal or park lands, owned by or under the control of the municipality, including interior and component spaces integral to the whole, and excluding Anchorage School District buildings and facilities.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 1, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 1, 9-25-07)

3.97.020 - Policy.

When considering the naming or renaming of municipal buildings, other fixed facilities, and public places, the preferred practice shall be to give public property historical, cultural or geographical significance considering location, function and natural features. The existing name of any public place is presumed to be the best name of that public place. Continuity of name and common usage are presumed to increase sense of neighborhood.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 2, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 2, 9-25-07)

3.97.025 - Criteria.

- A. *Honorary naming.* Naming of a public place will:
 - 1. Demonstrate that the policy objectives under Section 3.97.020 have been considered and will specify findings for an exception;
 - 2. Identify the individual's connection to the municipality if considering an outstanding local, state, national or international civic leader;
 - 3. Consider the historical significance of the person and the duration of residence in the municipality, or connection with the municipality if a nonresident;
 - 4. Consider the history of the location in relation to the history of the present name, when proposing to rename an existing public place;
 - 5. Not change the name of a public place bearing an historic Anchorage family name;
 - 6. Not change historic names of designated landmarks listed on a state or National Register of Historic Places;

7. Limit honorary naming to a one time present use of an individual's name;
 8. Support the preferred practice of honoring individual citizens through naming of internal areas, fixtures, and features integral to public spaces. Naming a public building, facility, or park for a living person is not favored.
 9. Renaming of a public place, road or street should not be considered within 20 years of the previous naming.
- B. *Public places under the jurisdiction of a parks and recreation board or commission.* In naming a public place, including a trail, within the control and supervision of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, or the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors, these additional factors shall be considered:
1. Names of persons who, through exemplary and substantial effort, have made a significant contribution to the community or the parks and recreation department or who have made a substantial donation to acquisition or development of the property.
 2. Organizations that have made a substantial donation to the acquisition or development of the property;
 3. Incorporating the geographic, natural or geological feature as part of the name to assist the public in recognizing the location.
- C. *Honorary renaming of streets and roads.* Subject to the requirements of AMC 21.15.133, AMC 21.80.260, and public safety considerations, the following criteria shall apply in the honorary renaming of streets and roads:
1. The individual whose name is proposed for honorary renaming shall be worthy of long-term recognition by virtue of special efforts, accomplishments, or contributions which have benefited the municipality or the state.
 2. No street name bearing an Anchorage historic family name will be eligible for renaming.
- (AO No. 2006-51(S), § 3, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 3, 9-25-07; AO No. 2008-92, § 1, 9-16-08)

3.97.030 - Procedures.

- A. *Citizen naming panel.* Preliminary action in naming a public place may be initiated by memorandum of the mayor or resolution of the assembly, identifying the proposed public place or individual, for referral to a citizen naming panel. If any request covers a public place in a municipal park, the request shall be referred to the parks and recreation commission or service area board with jurisdiction over the public place either before appointing the panel or by the panel after appointment. The four-member panel shall be appointed to proceed as follows:
1. The mayor shall appoint two members for the panel; and
 2. The assembly chair shall appoint two members for the panel.
 3. The naming panel may be composed of members of recognized boards and commissions.
 4. An informational memorandum shall be submitted identifying the four members of the panel.
 5. Municipal staff support to the panel shall be identified in the memorandum or resolution.
 6. The panel shall review proposed names and public places, hold public hearing, and identify additional potential names or public places as appropriate to the request.
 7. The panel shall review all requests for compliance with policy and honorary naming criteria under this chapter.
- B.

Upon agreement of at least three of the four panel members, a letter advising the mayor and the assembly chair shall be dispatched on behalf of the panel. The letter shall include reference to each criteria identified in 3.97.025 and how the panel considered those factors in its recommendation. The panel's letter shall be attached to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for the assembly. If at least three of the four panel members are unable to agree, a divided recommendation of the panel may be submitted for assembly consideration.

- C. Final action by the assembly shall be no earlier than one year posthumously for naming of a building, facility, or park. In all naming or renaming, the assembly shall set the proposed resolution addressing the panel's recommendation for public hearing at least one month after introduction to ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public prior to final action by the assembly.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 4, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 4, 9-25-07; AO No. 2008-92, § 2, 9-16-08)

3.97.040 - Changing of names. (Repealed)

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 5, 6-20-06)

3.97.050 - Naming facility for other than an individual. (Repealed)

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 6, 6-20-06)

3.97.060 - Applicability of chapter.

This chapter shall not apply to the naming or renaming of facilities which were donated to the municipality contingent upon assignment of a specific name or to any facility constructed or purchased from money or property donated to the municipality for the specific purpose of securing a name for the facility. Further, this chapter does not apply to the naming of streets or roads, except in the application criteria for honorary renaming in Section 3.97.025, or to naming rights for municipal buildings, facilities or public places sold pursuant to Title 7, which shall be subject to assembly approval.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 91-173(S); AO No. 2005-114, § 1, 9-13-05; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 7, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 5, 9-25-07)

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBERS PETERSEN,
Demboski, Evans, Flynn, Gray-Jackson, Hall,
Honeman, Johnston, Starr, Steele and Traini

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: March 22, 2016

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 3-22-2016

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2016-87

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTING A**
2 **CITIZEN NAMING PANEL FOR ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION NO. 3.**
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4 WHEREAS, by 2014, after more than 50 years of service to East Anchorage and
5 the area-wide community of Anchorage, Anchorage Fire Department Station No. 3 had
6 run its course at the Airport Heights location and required replacement; and
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8 WHEREAS, substantial funding to purchase land and construct the new 3-Bay
9 replacement station came from legislative grants and state capital funding, secured
10 through the efforts of the Eastside Delegation, working hard for Anchorage constituents
11 and the Municipality of Anchorage in Juneau; and
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13 WHEREAS, construction of the new Fire Station No. 3, located just south of the
14 Bragaw/Glenn Highway interchange, began in May 2015, is expected to be completed
15 June 2016; and
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17 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a naming panel as set out in AMC
18 Chapter 3.97, and customary to name a new fire station in honor of a person whose
19 civic leadership and contributions to the community may be recognized in association
20 with the fire station; and
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22 WHEREAS, before passing away on February 14 2016, State of Alaska
23 Representative Max Gruenberg was instrumental in securing state funding, initially for a
24 major station rebuild, and then for the replacement station, after it was determined the
25 former site on the old city dump would not support the major renovations; and
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27 WHEREAS, Max Gruenberg is one name to be considered, along with any other
28 names nominated for consideration;
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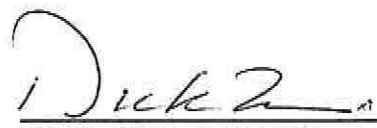
30 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:
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32 The Anchorage Assembly requests that a citizen naming panel be convened to
33 assist the Assembly and the community in naming Anchorage Fire Department Station
34 No. 3, as provided in AMC Chapter 3.97, as follows:
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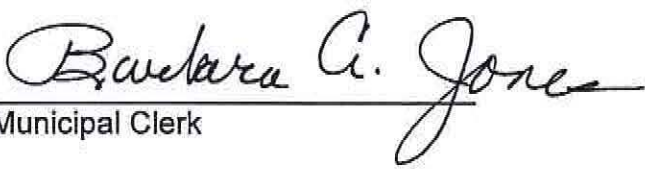
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1. John Laux and Carolyn Ramsey, both long-time East Anchorage residents and each active in the community, are selected by the Assembly for service on the Naming Panel.
2. The Mayor's Office designees to this Naming Panel are former East Anchorage Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg and Karen Cameron, a long-time East Anchorage resident.
3. Municipal Ombudsman Darrell Hess will provide municipal staff support to assist in coordinating the work of this citizen naming panel, assisting the panel in holding a public meeting, facilitating deliberation, and preparing the panel's recommendation.
4. The naming panel's recommendation will come back to the Assembly for public hearing and final action in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22nd day of March, 2016.


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



AGENDA
AFD STATION 3 NAMING PANEL
5 PM, Tuesday, March 29, 2016, City Hall-RM 150

Panel Members: Karen Cameron, John Laux, Carolyn Ramsey & Sheila Selkregg
Staff: Darrel Hess

Welcome & Introductions

Overview of AMC 3.97 & Public Process

- Questions?

Election of Panel Chair

Process & Timeline

- Public Outreach
- Soliciting Nominations for Naming
- Public Hearing
- Panel Deliberations & Decision
- Panel Tour of New Station 3
- Other Items?

Next Meeting

Adjournment

Public comments may be submitted to Darrel Hess, at HessDW@muni.org



AFD STATION 3 NAMING PANEL
5 PM, Tuesday, March 29, 2016, City Hall-RM 150

Present: Panel Members Karen Cameron, John Laux, Carolyn Ramsey & Sheila Selkregg
Staff: Darrel Hess

Hess welcomed the group, and following introductions, provided an overview of AMC 3.97 and the public process required for naming of Municipal facilities. Hess noted that:

- The Naming Panel must consider all names submitted by the public.
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Following Hess's presentation, the Panel elected Selkregg as Chair. Hess provided the Panel members with copies of the packet recently submitted to the Assembly by the Robert O. Robertson Naming Panel. The Station 3 Naming Panel can use the documents to help guide the preparation of their recommendation and Assembly packet.

The panel addressed several action items:

- The Panel's Public Hearing will be held 5:30-7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 3rd. Hess will reserve RM 155 at City Hall.
- The Panel will deliberate and vote a recommendation immediately following their public hearing.
- The Panel's recommendation and draft AO or AR will be presented to the Assembly at their May 10th meeting, for public hearing on June 21st (AMC 3.97 requires a minimum of one month between Assembly introduction and public hearing).
- Recommendations for naming will be submitted to Hess, who will compile them and email them to the Panel once a week (every Friday).
- Hess will develop a flyer/poster advertising the public hearing, and convert it to PDF and JPG for distribution (including social media).
- Hess will provide the Panel members with an email template that they can use to solicit recommendations.
- Hess will provide the flyer/poster and the AR creating the Panel to the Federation of Community Councils. Panel members will reach out to individual community councils, especially those served by Station 3.

- Hess provided the Panel with photographs of the plaques at the Alaska Firefighters Memorial that honor four Anchorage Firefighters whose deaths were service-related (Thomas Dunnigan, Charles Whitethorn, Andrew Mullen, & Jeffery Bayless). The Panel unanimously voted to recommend to the Assembly and Administration that consideration be given to naming AFD Stations after each of these individuals (who may not be recommended for the naming of Station 3).
- The Panel will not meet again until their public hearing on May 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Notes submitted by Darrel Hess, March 31, 2016

Public recommendations for the naming of AFD Station 3 may be submitted to Darrel Hess at HessDW@muni.org, Fax 343-4464, Mail 632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 160, Anchorage, AK 99501

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March 18, 2016

Dear Station 3 Naming Panel,

I am writing this letter in support of the late Representative Max Gruenberg, respected attorney and member of the Alaska State House of Representatives, in the naming of AFD Fire Station 3.

Representative Gruenberg dedicated the majority of his life to public service. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Viet Nam War, as a gunner officer on a tank landing ship—service that earned him three battle stars. After the military, he worked as a family law attorney in Anchorage, and helped families reach resolutions through his own brand of empathetic advocacy and a mastery of the law. During his long legislative career, he served as the House Majority Leader in the 1980s and was a member of the House Judiciary Committee for decades.

Most importantly, Representative Gruenberg cared deeply about his community, and contributed his life's work to improving his district and lives throughout Alaska. Outside of his legislative work, he and his wife Kayla held numerous roles on volunteer projects, and they were both known by his constituents as hard-working and caring individuals.

I highly recommend that AFD Fire Station 3 be named in honor of Representative Gruenberg. This will be a meaningful contribution to a legacy that echoes through his district and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Berta Gardner".

Senator Berta Gardner

Hess, Darrel W.

From: Rep. Les Gara <Rep.Les.Gara@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 12:57 PM
To: Hess, Darrel W.
Subject: Station 3 Naming Panel

Station 3 Naming Panel
C/o Darrel Hess
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Darrel and the Station 3 Naming Panel:

I am writing to state that I support the proposal to name Fire Station 3 after former Rep. Max Gruenberg. He was a champion of public safety, and our firefighters, and I would think this would be a fitting tribute. HE strongly believed in neighborhood fire stations and fought for this in and near his district.

Let me know if I can be of further help. My Best.

Attached is an op ed I wrote about Max after his passing for the Alaska Dispatch news.

<http://akdemocrats.org/gara/021516> note from gara.htm

My Best,

Les



Representative Ivy Spohnholz

*Serving House District 16: College Gate, Russian Jack, and Nunaka Valley
Committee Membership: Education, State Affairs, Military & Veterans Affairs*

Dear Fire Station #3 Naming Panel,

I am writing to urge you to name Fire Station #3 in honor of the late Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr. He was a dedicated public servant with a commitment to fire safety and protection who passed away suddenly after decades of service to Anchorage and Alaska.

Rep. Gruenberg served in the legislature from 1985-1993 and again from 2003 until his death on February 14, 2016. At the time of his death, he was the most senior member of the Alaska State House. Throughout his lengthy legislative career, Rep. Gruenberg passed numerous laws and amendments. He likely had a hand in creating more statutes than most legislators and governors in our state's history.

Of particular interest to Rep. Gruenberg were issues related to both our local municipal fire department and to the firefighting profession. This commitment was demonstrated by his instrumental role in securing the funds for both Fire Stations #3 and #6. He also secured funding for a light fire department rescue boat for upper Cook Inlet which he and his wife then christened when it was ready to go into official service.

Rep. Gruenberg also passed many important laws related to arson. For example, in 2012 he passed legislation ensuring that arson could be prosecuted as a crime of conspiracy. Prior to the passage of this legislation if one person bought the matches and the gasoline, and another person lit the fire, the first person could not be charged with a crime related to the arson.

In 2004 Rep. Gruenberg sponsored legislation mandating that all dwellings built within the state have carbon monoxide detectors installed during the building phase. He wanted to help save lives and has no doubt helped achieve that goal through this important legislation.

Finally, Rep. Gruenberg was a consummate statesman who served our state honorably for decades. His personal commitment to leadership and incredible track record of public service make him the kind of person we should celebrate with public naming's of this sort.

For these reasons, I support naming Fire Station #3, located off of Bragaw St., after the late Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivy Spohnholz".

Ivy Spohnholz
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-----Original Message-----

From: Capt KenM [<mailto:capt.ken.murphy@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2016 4:28 PM

To: Hess, Darrel W. <HessDW@ci.anchorage.ak.us>

Subject: Naming Station 3

I recommend my favorite fire fighter (Mike House) or paramedic (Rich Parry). Both men have made me a better fire fighter and medic; they worked in an environment of more sweat than technology.

I know most naming is posthumous but better for the men that work in a house to see it named before they are gone.

Thanks for the consideration,

Capt. Ken Murphy

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available when on shore.

Panel— Start Small, Think Big: How individuals can influence pay equity

1. What advice would you give someone early in their career about how to make sure they are being paid fairly and given equal opportunities in their workplace?
2. Can you think of an instance in your career or in the career of someone you know where lower pay in a previous job impacted long term goals?
3. Let's say in your current position you have very little influence on the overall practices of your company. What is one step you can still take to advance gender pay equity in your workplace?
4. What can you discuss or do with family and friends to help close the gender pay gap?
5. What do we need to do to make sure that young people understand the issues around the gender pay gap?