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COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

1/18/80

Date: 3-11-80

Mr. President:

The Committee on COMMUNITY & REG. AFFAIRS has had CS 453

special appropriation to the Fairbanks North Star Borough for the development of a park strip along the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for 453  same title  
 new title
- and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CHAIRMAN

# Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XV

SENATE C/RA

Side Number 1

Committee

Dates 3/11/80 to --

PRESENT: Chairman Sturgulewski  
Senators Mulcahy, Kelly, Rodey, Stimson

Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 446	SB 453								
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
3/11/80 1:30 p.	005	SB 446	Chairman Sturgulewski, summary
	040		Senator Kerttula, bill sponsor
	137		Sen. Sturgulewski
	198		Mitch Gravo, Anchorage Municipality Repre.
	237		Sen. Rodey
	248		Sen. Kerttula
	262		Sen. Sturgulewski
	293		Palmer McCarter, Dept. C/RA
	348		Sen. Sturgulewski
	398		Hilton Wolfe, Dept. N/R., Div. of Parks
	481		Sen. Sturgulewski - Grant Processing
	493		Sen. Kelly to Sen. Sturgulewski
	514		Mitch Gravo
	528		Sen. Rodey moved to adopt amendment: Delete 60 - meter (Line 12 Delete Campbell Point (Line 13 = No objections
	539		Sen. Rodey moved to pass with indiv. rec.
			No Objections - and SB 446, am passed.
	566	SB 453	Sen. Sturgulewski
	575		Sen. Fahrenkamp, sponsor
	630		Palmer McCarter, Dept. C/RA

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Sen. Rodey moved to Pass "CS" with individual  
rec. There was no objections so CSSB 648 passed.



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on Community & Regional Affairs

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 10, 1980

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy  
Vice-Chairman  
Senator Tim Kelly  
Senator Pat Rodey  
Senator Terry Stimson  
Senator Jalmar Kerttula  
Senator Mike Colletta  
Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Senator Brad Bradley  
All Interested Parties

FROM: Arliss Sturgulewski (AS)  
Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Meetings, Butrovich Room 207, Capitol Building

Tuesday, March 11, 1980 - 1:30 p.m.

SB 446 - An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for construction of a ski jump; and providing for an effective date.

SB 453 - An Act making a special appropriation to the Fairbanks North Star Borough for the development of a park strip along the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks; and providing for an effective date.

Thursday, March 13, 1980

No Meeting set at this time

Tuesday, March 18, 1980 - 1:30 p.m.

SB 370 - An Act relating to fire prevention.

SB 450 - An Act making an appropriation to the Legislative Council for a study of local options for control of the Fairbanks International Airport; and providing for an effective date.

SB 453 - Bill Summary (Fairrenkamp and Bradley)

Summary - Appropriation of \$250,000 to the North Star Borough for the development of a park strip along the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks.

This money will be used for Phase II and the start of Phase III, (see attachments for more details) and this work would begin this summer.

Last year's appropriation went to the City of Fairbanks, wherein this request is to the Borough.

Principal backers - Downtown Business Association.

STATE LEGISLATURE

MEMORANDUM

To: Twila  
From: Robin  
Re: Various projects in C&RA

3/7/80

SB 453. Fiscal detail.

Landscaping: Includes bolstering banks, repairing storm drains, hauling in peat and rock. Based on previous experience, approximately \$40,000 per mile. Estimate 3 miles in project -----	\$120,000
Clean-up: Includes removal of boulders and concrete-----	75,000
Renovation of Yukon 800 staging area and Griffith Park: Includes fencing, barbeque pits, and gravel walkways-----	40,000
Design work for Phase III of Chena Park Strip: Includes design work for amphitheater, bridge, or marina, depending on community needs as identified by that time. Very flexible at this stage-----	15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>

Contact for testimony:

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March 1, 1980

Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

A major priority of the Fairbanks North Star Borough is the economic revitalization of downtown Fairbanks. An important element of any revitalization plan will be beautification of the downtown area, including the Chena River, a long-overlooked community asset.

Last summer, the Fairbanks Downtown Association began work on creation of a park and beautification of the river banks in the area around the Cushman Street bridge. Working with the association, the borough has developed plans for the second phase of this project. Passage of Senate Bill 453, which would appropriate \$250,000 to the borough for this work, will enable implementation of the second phase this summer.

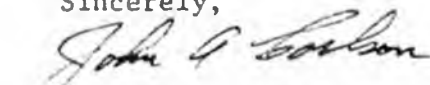
Cleanup of the river banks will be required, as many unsightly boulders, concrete slabs and other debris must be removed. Some bolstering of the banks is necessary, and city storm drains opening into the river must be repaired or replaced. Following this work, the banks will be landscaped, trees will be planted and benches will be installed.

Funding provided by SB 453 also will allow work to begin on the third phase of this project, which is development of major park facilities. These include a bike path along the river with rest areas equipped with benches and picnic tables; development of a small amphitheater near the river's edge for public performances by local artists and musicians; construction of pedestrian bridges across the river to promote foot traffic and accommodate bike travel across the river; and development of a small municipal marina for small boat traffic on the Chena.

Communities across the country have gained tremendous benefits by developing and utilizing existing assets. Your introduction and support of SB 453 is deeply appreciated and will facilitate the beautification of the Chena River so that it will become a major community drawing card.

Projects of this nature require extensive cooperation and coordination, and we will continue to work with the Fairbanks Downtown Association through all phases of this park development. If I can be of further assistance to you on this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Carlson  
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## fairbanks downtown association

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March 6, 1980

Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

The Fairbanks Downtown Association is embarking upon a revitalization program for downtown Fairbanks. One of the most unique untapped resources we have, is a river running through our city. Last summer this association began work on the banks of the river, drains were bolstered, landscaping started, and a small park was built by the bridge. All of which was well received by the community.

We would like to see phase two of this project begin this summer. With the passage of Senate Bill 453, which would appropriate \$250,000 directly to the borough for implementation this summer, this would be possible.

Beautification of the Chena River will help give downtown Fairbanks a more enjoyable environment and greatly improve its visual tones. This will enhance the opportunity for the city to develop to the full extent of its potential, both culturally and economically.

The Fairbanks Downtown Association lends its full support to the passage of S.B. 453. We look forward to working with the Borough through all phases of this park development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karen L. Menefee'.

Karen L. Menefee  
Director

RLS/sn

3/11/80

Arliss:

History to go with SB 453 - concern of dollars delay to municipality

Following the last session, Dept. C/RA became aware money was appropriated to the City of Fairbanks, which was to go through their Dept. - apparently as a result of FCC SB 53 (Budget) passage. They did not know who the players were, who the money should go to, etc., and when Fairbanks was contacted the first time - June 8 - Fairbanks did not even know..

Fairbanks started on the idea of having a public hearing - they had some extra dollars given from the Legislature - then the Downtown Businessmen Group stepped in, said hey, this is our money...

Dept. C/RA now knew the players. July 17 they wrote Mayor Wood requesting program outline, scope of services, etc., and sent a cc to Sen. Fahrenkamp and Ms. Karen Minefee, of the Downtown Business Group. No acknowledgement was received from the latter two; however, the city did return the questionnaire July 30.

August 3, Dept. C/RA sent out the contract; contract was returned and warrant was sent August 28.

Basically this was the event outline per the Dept. C/RA, Mr. Palmer McCarter's folder. There were some phone calls, some general memos, etc., that I have bypassed; but it appears in all instances the Dept. tried promptly to give this money away and letters were sent with a two day time period after correspondence was received by their agency from the City of Fairbanks.

Incidentally, the City of Fairbanks did go past their deadline date of Oct. 31, 1979, and has been granted an extension to June 1, 1980.

Also, the city had requested backpayment initially in the warrant to go back to July 1. Robin in Sen. Fahrenkamp's office had originally said work had begun in May.

PROCEDURE followed by Dept. C/RA - when money - direct grants - are to go to a municipality, they request a breakdown of the project plans and figures from the municipality, and then they send a contract, which is based on the guideline sent to all departments last year from Budget and Management, "Contract of Services." Once contract has been signed by all parties, the warrant is sent to municipality.

In event money goes to unorganized areas, nonprofits, etc., a more extensive contract is required.

Usually the above procedure should not take very long - if bills could be passed wherein the department would know immediately who to contact and what the program is about.