

Preparing for the Next Boom July 13, 2006

Present at meeting: Amy Baldwin, Jim Dodson, Brad Johnson, Deb Horner & Ann Shortt

By September '08 FNSBSD can expect 1,800 more students from Hawaii (mostly) - this is a best guess from the Army.

We defined a "boom" as:

- Influx of military (expansion)
- Gas pipeline
- Expansion of Fairbanks city limits occurs - FPD will need to grow by 30% to accommodate this expansion of services

FCSA is building a new 120 bed facility. This will house very dangerous children (murderers, child predators, arsonists, etc.) who are currently housed in the lower '48 which costs the state of Alaska hundreds of millions of dollars. This will change the dynamic of our community. About 60 of the dangerous children that will be housed here will be similar to the North Star Center and can choose to leave. Completion date not known.

We need to better dialogue with the Army so we have a better understanding of what is going on.

When Stryker comes home from Iraq there is a 90-day stay-put then they can transition out and new Styker transitions into Fairbanks.

16 years ago Fairbanks led the average income - today we're 20 out of 50 yet our cost of living has continued to increase.

Fairbanks has had a 50% energy increase in the last 2 years.

Our issues:

Governance - we'll meet 1 time with Community Economy group

Next meeting: July 25, 7am at FEDC