

other ways which help create a positive image and a sense of trust which facilitates an informal communications network.

10. As the Impact Information Center has become recognised as a community resource, persons in the community or elsewhere with questions, problems, or information contact the Impact Center either by telephone or by going directly to the Center. Persons in the community provide information not only in terms of data, but also by alerting the staff to community concerns.

Information collected by the Impact Information Center is disseminated in various ways. People call or visit the Center, some information is exchanged through correspondence, and the staff of the Center give talks to groups in the Fairbanks area. Much information is disseminated through news media coverage of the monthly Impact Advisory Committee meetings.

Impact Information Center staff were involved in a "Community Conference" on 26 April 1975 sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of Fairbanks Council of Churches and Fairbanks Town and Village Association for Development Inc. This forum was described in a brochure as "the day for residents of Interior Alaska to come together to share information and gain a greater understanding of the problems and opportunities which are developing as a result of rapid growth in the interior". The list of topics for group discussion is an indicator of some of the community concerns at this point:

Hiring for pipeline jobs - are Alaskans getting enough pipeline jobs?

Oldtimers and newcomers - what happens when you don't have a pipeline job?

Youth - what is happening to young people?

Congestions and hassles - is it getting too crowded here? - traffic jams, phones, getting things.

Housing crises - can anything be done?

Families - family life under impact - child care, finances, mental health.

Business and commerce - does the pipeline mean more profits