

NECC

Northeast Community Council

Minutes – September 15, 2016

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Rick Wood, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier, David Ulmer, Kristi Wood, John Ziv, Carla McConnell, John Laux and Kevin Smestad

Board Members Not Present:

Approval of September Meeting Agenda: Change to the Agenda for #5 to Park Fundraising Updates. Stu Grenier moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by John Ziv. It passed

Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Bob Reupke moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by John Ziv. It passed

Treasure's Report: Stu Grenier reported our current balance is \$1,776.69 in our account with money to be deposited and Rick mentioned money was spent for the picnic.

Executive Board Report: Rick Irwin said we meet 2 weeks and made the agenda. We start at 6 pm on the first Thursday of the Month.

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel: was not there

Senator Bill Wielechowski, started by giving a Legislative award to Stu Grenier. Gabrielle LeDoux joined them up front. The award was given for his hard work for the Community. Mr. Grenier has given his time and hard work for the Northeast Community Council and many of the important issues such as the Muldoon Town Square Park and many others. Thank you Stu!

A couple of items happening, one is from the Resources Committee, the bad news is that the independent company does not believe the gas line is feasible at this time. The good news is there are some tax mechanisms. The Governor has asked from BP a gas plan.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, thanked each of the staffs that took on the task of dropping literature in all of the districts for the picnic and the public safety meeting.

Marijuana Committee Update and the Permanent Fund Divided Tax Credits Update are two items that Ms. LeDoux will be going over. The House Judiciary heard testimonies of the Marijuana in regards to Social Clubs. When people were voting for the initiative they were

thinking about the people walking down the streets or out in public, not for the people in a club inside. The Governor and the board are discussing the social club. Ms. LeDoux said that we are little bit behind in the government and most likely be ready after the New Year. Ms. LeDoux asked the Assembly Persons if the Community Councils will have a role and Forrest Dunbar said that they will have a notification process to give to the Assembly.

Second item, the Governor has been talking about selling the tax credits to the Permanent Fund. The Governor wants to sell the tax credits from the legislature to the Permanent Fund and Ms. LeDoux believes this is a dangerous adventure.

Representative Lance Pruitt, he is on the Civic Committee with Ivy Spohnolz and they are trying to get more people involved in government. How do we get people more engaged and involved? There is a difference in how some of the legislature works and one of the bills is SB91, where police officers are telling him that they will have a hard time arresting people do to the bill. He asks to talk to the other legislatures and the police, so we can go back and make changes as crime are big issues.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, she will not rehash what has been told already. She spoke in regards to fetal alcohol and the dangerous of it. This is important issue as Ms. Spohnolz has adopted a child with fetal alcohol syndrome. Ms. Spohnolz wanted to let people know about the Public Safety Town Hall that is coming up, but she did say that SB91 was only implemented about 2 months ago and not all of the items in SB91 have had a chance to be implemented and worked as of yet. The problem is that we have starved the police department of people and there have been 3 new police academies to help with the attrition. This will help to get more new police officers on the street. Ms. Spohnolz has a news letter with phone numbers to help people with the resources to get people together.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, he will talk about Park and Budget. Mr. Dunbar said that Dan Coffey has agreed to the shared parking for the Park and the Strip Mall. Mr. Dunbar said we need to keep working on Mr. Coffey to make sure this happens. On the Budget, the taxes are little softer than expected. Mr. Dunbar said that there will be additional costs that will be pushed onto the City from the State. The City Bus will lose bus routes, but make more stops.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, on the homeless issue, we have housing first in the City that will help areas like the Fire Department have fewer calls and be better prepared for emergency. A few weeks back Mr. Petersen and Mr. Grenier went out and walked around the different Homeless Camps. The reason they are doing this is 6 months ago they went and did a count and they are going out to do another count to compare the numbers during the winter and summer months for the homeless population. So far there has been 100 tons of garbage taken so far. In regards to public safety, the police numbers are down and their attrition. There has been 3

police academy to help with the attrition numbers. Mr. Petersen believes we are heading in the right direction in bringing up our police numbers.

Assembly Person Bill Starr was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: George Martinez said it takes 18 months to bring a person from the academy to becoming a police officer. Mr. Martinez believes that we will only loose about half of the officers that were expected, because they are working on keeping people. Mr. Martinez let us know that the Mayor has open door on Tuesday to take on topics like homelessness. There are folks in the Parks that are a check away from getting into homes. There are not many supports in the City to help someone to get into a home when they are close. The Community needs to be engaged in thinks like the Trail Watch, Neighborhood Watch and so on. There is not a clear idea from APD, but there is a strategy to build the infrastructure. His email is Martinezg@muni.org.

Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s): Selina Metoyer let everyone know that the Muldoon Farmers Market will be this upcoming Saturday. Bob Reupke there was no FCC meeting. Bob Reupke mentioned that Apple Bee's has shut down.

Business:

1. A revision of the Creekside Subdivision, Tract E Rezone to allow additional height of up to 35 feet: Ms. Michelle Ritter is presenting and she is asking for a revision to the motion that was passed earlier this year. Please see the changes in the parentheses (), see below. The zoning committee looked at this many times and it is reasonable to move forward. There are concerns, but Kristi Wood believes this would be reasonable.

“Resolution regarding the rezone of Creekside Subdivision Tract E from R3 to B3SL on April 21st (Change to September 15), 2016

#1 A deed restriction and a special limitation get placed on Tract E to require a manned APD substation to be placed on site and maintained in perpetuity should a Transit Center be implemented on the property.

#2 Development height shall be limited to two stories or 22 feet, unless proposed development includes a residential (or community use) component, in which case development up to three stories in height, or 35 feet, shall be allowed, and a site plan shall be required and recorded.

#3 If a day care center is implemented, it needs to be made available to people of all races.

#4 The special limitations for this property expressed to the NECC August 2015 need to be implanted in to this rezone.

#5 The implementation must support services important to this community.

Kevin Smestad made a motion to support the resolution and it was seconded by Bob Reupke.

Discussion: Taking place before the motion.

Final Vote: 12 passed, 1 against, 2 Abstaining.

2. ML&P would like to discuss the upcoming grand opening of their new power plant and other issues that impact Anchorage ratepayers, Mr. Mark Johnston presenting. Mr. Johnston is one of our neighbors at the power plant and should be completed shortly. There will be a one week performance test before ML&P passes and takes acceptance. The units are 20% beyond their usefulness. There have 10 instances in the last months that made the power plant to go out of commission. The system needed an upgrade and was ready to get a new system. The City's water supply goes by the plant and this help keep the costs down by using the cool water. They will be harvesting the City's water to give warmer water in the homes of Anchorage residents, which will help the costs of heating their water. The rates will be going up for ML&P owners due to the 300 million price tag for the project. ML&P will also be going out to the street lights that they run and will replace them with LED's and they are speeding up the process as this will save money for the City.
3. Notice of the "Spirit of Muldoon Picnic" September 17th, presented by Kevin Smestad, we have been working for the last few months and we are working on the final stretch. The final agenda will be out Friday. We still need volunteers for helping set up for the picnics. We could also use more pickups as well. One or two people to help Rick Irwin to move the food, tents and other items from the Alaska Native Heritage Center to the picnic. We need coolers as well, we do have ice. September 26th at 6pm at Fred Myers to go over the final additions.
4. Request to Start the Northeast Community Patrol, presented by Kevin Smestad, he said that crime is driving to begin the Community Patrol and has brought many people on board. The idea is to deter crime and not have vigilantes. I would like to make a motion to put the Community Patrol within the Northeast Community Council.

"We, the Community Patrol, request to start the Northeast Community Patrol through the Northeast Community Council. We request having the Community Patrol become part of the NECC through and with its funding. The Community Patrol will define the mission for our area, based on known problems in our community. Set guidelines and establish S.O.P. for Patrol Members. Interview potential Patrol members. We will request background checks for those accepted. After members are cleared, have them do a few ride-alongs with established Patrols and/or APD."

Much of the wording was taken from the Community Patrol guidelines

Kevin Smestad made the motion and Kristi Wood seconded the motion.

Discussion: Do we want put this through the Community Council? It will make it easier for funding issues and being able to roll over the Patrol to new people, if others people move on. We could add this to the bylaws of the Northeast Community Council

Final Voting: 15 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining, Motion Passes

5. Homeless Head Count Update, Mr. Stu Grenier presenting, he said they went out to do a head count of the homeless people. This is important to help get us numbers of those that are camping and where. They went to 8 camps before many had left for the morning.

Community Reports:

Alcohol Committee: Stu Grenier said there is nothing.

Bylaw Committee: Carla McConnell said there is nothing.

CIP Committee: Kevin Smestad said there is nothing. Ms. LeDoux said the Mayor will be going the CIP List with the Legislature and asked if they could get guidance. Mr. Smestad said he will send them the list.

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood said there is no meeting today, it is moved to Friday, same place and time.

Picnic Committee: Kevin Smestad said mentioned above.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer said will be sending at a meeting date

Marijuana Committee: John Laux said there is nothing.

The meeting adjourned motioned John Laux and seconded by Stu Grenier with a unanimous approval at 9:16 pm.