

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Current balance in savings account is 538.08. The treasure made a request for donations. Mary requested reimbursement for \$91.84 for the lighting balls on Muldoon.

Executive Board Report: February 2 meeting report is available on the FCC website. The executive board heard a short presentation from Harvey Prickett w/ Dean Architects regarding a housing development behind Ace Hardware.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettie Davis / Senator Gretchen Guess / Representative Tom Anderson / Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - No legislative reports this meeting.

Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:

- No report. Not present.

Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:

- School bonds have been placed on the ballot, includes a number of east side schools, (Chester Valley).
- Sales Tax proposal in on the ballot. Requires 60% threshold to pass.
- City has a \$2 million bond proposition on the ballot for the purchase of the 4th Avenue Theater. Requires that the public raise a 50% match for every dollar of bond money that is to be spent. The building would be used for public and private (leased) office use.
- Question: Why did Paul Bauer vote against placing school bond on ballot? Ken: Cannot speak for Paul on this issue.
- Question: The theater property is only appraised at 1.8 million. Why is 4 million (2 million public, 2 million bond) needed? Ken: The bonds are proposed at a contingency level. The actual cost will be split 50 / 50 bond / publicly raised funding.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - Not present.
- **Community Patrols** – Aaron explained that the community patrol was desperately in need of volunteers. Please contact the following individuals with questions, or to volunteer for the Community Patrols.
 - Aaron Pascar, Nunaka Valley Patrol, 223-4630
 - Michelle Daugherty, Northeast Patrol, 748-7800
 - Other phone numbers of interest:
 - Junk cars - 729-7878
 - Streetlights - 263-5483
 - Graffiti Busters - 343-4663
 - Potholes - 343-6363
 - Note: Holiday has not provided any funding for this year. There help has been long since spent. The NECC has a \$5000 grant from the State that we are working on getting to the NE community Patrol.
- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Rupke**
 - Community center has a \$131,000 operating grant. Is replacing some of the rugs and chairs.
- **Weed and Seed-** No report

- **Road Construction Updates** Bob Coghill with DOWL answered questions.
 - Creekside Towncenter Parkway. 35% plans are currently under review by MOA. They are available on DOWL website, www.dowl.com. Next public meeting on subject is March 8th.
 - Question: Is this park of the Parkway part of the towncenter, or is it just for the Venture properties? Answer from Bob: Project includes both sides of Debarr.
 - Note: In the 20/20 Comp Plan, the towncenter is identified as the "Northeast Towncenter". However, it is frequently referred to as the Creekside Towncenter.
 - Northeast Traffic Calming Study: The next scoping meeting is February 23rd. Bob needs community input into the desired traffic controls for local streets.
- **Federation of Community Councils** – Bob Rupke
 - FCC reviewed the various bond issues on the ballots.
 - Approx 39 million in bond debt retired in 05/06 fiscal year, another 36 million in 06./ 07
 - February 26th. Public meeting at Kincaid Chalet on park improvements.
 - March 27th. FCC candidates forum.
- **Spirit of Muldoon Community Picnic**
 - Aaron Pascar asked if the picnic would continue. There was no picnic last year.
 - The executive board will be discussing this. The NECC is having a problem with a lack of volunteers willing to organize these activities.
- **Greenhouse Property Update – Don Smith**
 - Not present, no report.
- **Anchorage Police Department – Sergeant Stanton**
 - Email: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us
 - Office hours are 12:00 noon – 10:00 pm at Muldoon Community Center.
 - Presented statistics for 2004 and 2005 showing the number of police reports filed, sorted by type of crime within the NECC service area.
 - Assembly has added a charter amendment allowing non-sworn personnel (such as cadets, or municipal code officials, etc) to write tickets and have vehicles towed.
 - Question on hiring goals: The Mayor and APD determined two years ago that APD was 90 officers short. 12 to 15 officers were added last year. Considering retirements, losses, APD now about 80 officers short.
- **MOA Capital Projects Coordinator – Teri Albrecht**
 - Left brochures dealing with a number of MOA meetings in progress.
- **School Board**
 - Crystal Kennedy was present. Left campaign literature. Is running for re-election, but won't be here for next months candidate forum.
- **Town Center Committee Report –Bill Wielechowski**
 - No report.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Ainslie Phillips: School Bonds Yes! Needs help with this seasons school bond promotional campaign.
 - Peggy Robinson: There will be a public hearing on the 1% art for the Muldoon middle school March 16, 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

BUSINESS:

(1) Beth Sholom Expansion, Tara Witterholt, Director and Robin Dern, Exec. Director

- Presented rendering of the Beth Sholom temple complex. The temple will be expanding the facilities about 10,000 square feet in the near term, eventually adding 25,000 to 40,000 square feet depending on needs and funding. Expect to spend about \$4 million over a ten year period. Will begin some minor work this summer. Also hope to clear out some underbrush on the undeveloped property to increase safety for the temple and the nearby school. The original stain glass windows were removed because frames were rotting. The glass will be worked into the future remodels.

- Beth Sholom occupies 6 acres, has about 200 member families.
- Would like to offer the use of the facility to NECC and other public organizations during off times.
- The following motion was made:

The Northeast Community Council supports Congregation Beth Sholom in its expansion and new construction. This effort will mean positive things for the citizens of Anchorage in general and for the residents of the Muldoon area in particular. The new CBS building will be a welcome addition to the Muldoon community. We recognize these current efforts of Congregation Beth Sholom as beneficial to our community:

- *CBS serves children of all backgrounds ages 19 months to 15 years via preschool, after school and summer camp programs.*
- *The building has been used by community groups for meeting space and publicly attended events.*
- *They have worked for many years with the Interfaith Council and Food Bank of Alaska for various community initiatives*

We recognize that an expanded congregation space will result it:

- *Expanded services to area families with children of all ages.*
- *Larger space for public events and meetings for Muldoon citizens.*
- *A light grade commercial kitchen to address food delivery and food preparation needs in Anchorage.*
- *A greater ability to partner with other nonprofits to serve Muldoon residents.*

Motion passed: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining.

(2) Northeast Anchorage Water Improvements, Melinda Tsu, Todd Carroll, Mark Queen AWWU

- Presented and described a series of 5 small water projects AWWU has within the NECC. The purpose of the projects are to connect existing water mains together to improve continuity and redundancy within the water distribution system.
- Patterson and Debarr booster station is to be upgraded.
- The Creekside Reservoir is on a leased property. The lease expires in 2008. The tank will be removed at that time.
- A 16" transmission main will be constructed on Debarr when Debarr is next reconstructed (sometimes in 2007 to 2009)
- Anyone who is living along one of the new water mains who is interested in public water service is invited to apply to connect to the new water mains.

(3) Neighborhood Planning Process, Tyler Robinson, MOA Department of Neighborhoods

- Tyler explained MOA Ordinance AO 2005-73(s), which provides a community a method of supplementing the 20 / 20 Comprehensive plan with a plan that addresses the specific desires and needs of a defined neighborhood. (This ordinance is available on the MOA website).
- A neighborhood plan provides a framework for land use and zoning, and specifies desired development, businesses, types of housing, affordability, residential densities, mixes of uses, transportation, recreation, economic viability, character, design guidelines, and a number of other considerations. It considers the present and future impact of the plan on the neighborhood and surrounding community.
- Plans are developed by working with the planning department. In general, it is expected that a volunteer organization would develop a draft plan, and obtain an Assembly Resolution supporting the draft plan. At that point, Planning would work to develop and flush out the plan.
- Sequence of events includes forming a planning committee, identifying a neighborhood area for the plan (must include multiple zonings), formulating a draft plan via a public process, assembly approval, further development with the planning department, additional public process, and final assembly approval.
- One stumbling block with the neighborhood planning process is that planning has no funds to work on these plans. Yet, at the same time, the plans are expected to be very comprehensive documents that are basically subsets of the 20/20 plans. Most volunteer organizations will need to exert a large level of effort to complete a plan.

MOA Land Use Plan Update, Title 21 Rewrite Draft #2, Committee Appointments

- The MOA has released the second draft of Title 21 for public review and comment. This Municipal ordinance defines land use and development requirements throughout Anchorage. It is perhaps the most important of all of the Municipal land use codes. The current rewrite of this code is particularly important, as it will define the development of most of the remaining land within Anchorage. A related matter is the review of the draft Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan maps, which depict the types of development desired throughout the various areas of Anchorage.
- The MOA planning department has requested comments on Title 21 by March 3rd, although it is likely this period will be extended. Comments on the Land Use Plan maps are due March 24th, for public hearings beginning in April.
- Glenn Clary volunteered to chair and organize this committee. Genevieve H., Terry Cummings volunteered as well. Glenn will set a meeting schedule for this group. There is room for and need for additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Glenn at 333-6535 or via email to gclary@ancbt.org.
- Note: As reported by Ken Stout, there is some question as to whether or not the 20 / 20 plan is a law, or a set of guidelines. The MOA Attorney says that due to the assembly approval process it went through, it is a law, and the city and others are legally bound by the plan. The assembly may be revisiting this issue.

(4) Northeast Traffic Calming Study, Committee Appointment

- Bob Coghill with DOWL Engineers explained that the MOA is beginning a traffic calming study in northeast. NECC needs to form a committee to offer public input for the study. The first meeting will be March 9th.
- Mary Pedlow volunteered to chair and organize this committee. Vanessa S., Aaron P., Ainslie P., and Mark S. volunteered as well. There is room and need for additional volunteers. If you are interested in working on this committee or providing information to it, please contact Mary at 337-7331 or by email to im4tain2@gci.net

(5) Bartlett High Access Improvements. Bob Adler w/ ADOT& PF

- Not present, no presentation.

(6) Title VI Implications on DOT & PF Activities, Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell, Alaska DOT & PF

- Valeria provided a presentation on Title VI of the Civil Rights code, and answered questions. Essentially, Title VI provides that no person in the United States shall be subject to discrimination from any agency that receives federal funds, nor can those funds be spent in a way that discriminates against a protected group.
- Valerie's office focus on three executive orders, addressing Environmental Justice; Groups with limited English proficiency; and Tribal Relations.
- Federally funded projects cannot concentrate undesirable developments upon a protected group if other, better alternatives exist.

(7) NECC Capital Improvement Plan Review and Approval, Ainslie Phillips

- Ainslie presented the draft 2006 CIP Plan. The CIP is a group of requests each community council makes each year for development of projects in the community. The list is given to the MOA, and the State, and is used to divide monies that the State and MOA receives from DOT, HUD, the other Federal Agencies. The CIP projects are not funded by property taxes. Each community needs to make their needs known so the funding can be distributed to the communities.
- The draft list was discussed in detail, item by item. Minor changes and revisions were made to the list.
- 9:55 Motion to extend till 10:15. Passed, 15 in favor, 6 opposed, 0 abstaining.
- The revised CIP list as a whole was voted on by the membership. The list was approved, 22 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining.

(8) Miscellaneous Items to be Announced:

- 1) Creekside Town Center Road Draft Design Study Report
- 2) 2006-034 Site Selection for ASD Administration Building
- 3) 2006-037 AMATS 2006-2007 Draft Traffic Improvement Plan

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Vanessa S: Ask question concerning status of liquor license at the "Icons" strip club at north Muldoon. Not much information was available, however it appears that this business may be a bar and strip club in separate sides of the same building.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:13 PM

Other Important Notes and Announcements:

1. Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.
2. Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail. Send an E-mail to councils@ak.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.
3. The NECC now has a web page maintained by the Federation of Community Councils. Minutes for the meetings, other NECC documents, and NECC contact information are online on this site at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/Northeast/northeast.html>
4. We are a non-profit organization and receive no funds from the State or Municipality. Our treasurer would be happy to receive your donation.
5. Revised bylaws as approved by the members at the September 15th Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above, and at the meeting.