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**Northeast Community Council**

**Minutes – October 20, 2016**

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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, Carla McConnell, and Kevin Smestad

**Board Members Not Present:** John Laux and John Ziv

**Approval of September Meeting Agenda:** Stu Grenier moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by Kevin Smestad. It passed with amendment of moving Rep Gabrielle LeDoux up in the agenda.

**Representative Gabrielle LeDoux**, she is at AFN currently. For next year priorities for next year Ms. LeDoux would like to get the top two candidates move onto the general election from the primary. With the respect of health care, they are looking into a bill what the pharmacist can do, so they can proscribe medication without going to the Doctor.

**Treasure's Report:** Stu Grenier reported our current balance is \$747.14 in our account. Mr. Grenier and Rick Irwin had a meeting with Wes Soper about the treasurer. Mr. Grenier asked where the money went as we had over \$1,700. Mr. Irwin mentioned that the money went to the Picnic and we have reimbursements coming.

**Executive Board Report:** Rick Irwin said made the agenda and had hoped to have a candidate form, but we cancelled it before the agenda was sent out. We start at 6 pm on the first Thursday of the Month for the Executive Board and everyone is welcome to come.

**Legislative Reports:**

**Senator Giessel:** was not there

**Senator Bill Wielechowski**, we are 30 days until election. There is no legislation to report, but there have been a few events. Fire Station 3 was dedicated and Traffic Calming. The traffic calming that has happened, speed humps on Boundary, Oklahoma has traffic calming, East Debar has traffic calming and there are 10 radar signs that were purchased. The fire department likes the radar signs over the speed humps.

Bob Reupke asked about SB91 and what was happening about the change where some crimes now would be misdemeanors. Mr. Wielechowski said that 90 percent of the crimes are drug and alcohol related and 60 percent had mental health problems. There was some studies done and one of the studies in West in Texas and they were spending hundreds of thousands of

dollars, but they lowered some of the sentences and raised others. This is what they based SB91 on and other successful places that made changes.

**Representative Ivy Spohnolz**, there nothing happening in the legislature as they are off and many are running campaigns. Ms. Spohnolz is working on the Civic Council and they have been having testimonies about what people have been doing throughout the state. The Council is looking to get people more interests and excited in the civic process. They will be meeting in November and then they will give a report in January. They have been doing some items to honor Max Gruenberg, one was the Fire Station that Mr. Wielechowski mentioned and the other is last bill that Mr. Gruenberg sponsored, which was the pet bill and it was signed by Gov. Walker into law.

**Representative Lance Pruitt**, is also been involved in the Civic Council. What do people offer and creating discussions with people about what civic is. There are a lot of questions that many children knew the answers to and many questions that children did not know the answers too. This has been a fun process. Mr. Pruitt discussed in audit about how the marks were missed in regards to education in spending and he hopes it gets released.

#### **Assembly Reports:**

**Assembly Person Amy Demboski** was not there.

**Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar**, on Tuesday they passed a resolution to set up a naming panel. Rick Irwin, Stu Grenier and Jerriane Lowther will be on the panel and it will staffed by Steve Rafuse. Also, on the Park has an additional ½ million dollars on the bond for the City's Budget. He is hopefully that it will be there. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Dunbar meet with the Mayor about Capital projects for East Anchorage and went over some different bonds for the projects in the area.

**Assembly Person Pete Petersen**, there were told today that the tax cap goes up or down based on different items. The tax cap was released and people's tax will go up \$12.67 per one hundred thousand dollars. They plan on using the 9 million surpluses on next year's budget. They are expecting that snow removable will be slower than normal and they will be doing less than normal. They were hoping to have vote by mail for 2017, but because of the RFP process and lead time for the machines they moved to 2018. Mr. Petersen mentioned a bill that passed in regards to a home owner that has a fire can now have up to 120 days to file or fight their property taxes to make it more tax friendly.

**Assembly Person Bill Starr** was not there.

**Special Assistant to the Mayor:** George Martinez said the Mayors budget was released and he was going to touch on a couple of items. The two pieces are the mayor's grant and the arts grant. The current budget is \$137,500 for the arts and it will be cut by 36% for next year. The Mayor's community grants has \$750,000 is being removed from next year's budget. These fund gap

areas in the community. The APD crime survey is out and the submission survey is due Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. This gives us feedback about Community Policing. The city is looking into grants to get kids jobs. This will help with work development for the youth numbers.

**Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s):** Carla McConnell made a suggestion with Anchorage Works to where they are at and they have done that and it is fabulous. Ms. McConnell had the homeless camp removed from behind her home and there was a light added and she was happy. Bob Reupke thanked Kevin Smestad for the successful picnic. Kevin Smestad mentioned Community Patrols and he is figuring out the background checking as APD is not doing them and the State Troopers office is where to go do them at a price. Mr. Smestad will update everyone after he discusses with Aaron. Genevieve Holubik mentioned that there was RV parked in front of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The RV took 8 months to finally moving it. Mr. Dunbar said he will look into it. John Brown with UAA was assigned a task for finding out what communities have set up for disasters. Mr. Brown wanted to go over the plan or lack of plan for the community.

**Business:**

1. Discussion of Building a Muldoon Community Center which includes a permanent home for the Muldoon Boys and Girls Club with Ms. Kristi Wood presenting. We passed a resolution in support of the Muldoon Library in a better facility. There are problems such as the no bathrooms and they cannot build out and so on. As Ms. Wood was doing the research and realized that the Boys and Girls Club is in the same problem. It would be great to have a Community Center with the Muldoon Library and the Muldoon Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Wood wanted to get feedback from the people there about the Community Center with the Muldoon Boys and Girls Club and the Library. Genevieve Holubik said that Begich Middle School and the Fire Station between the two was the space where they were supposed to be where the library was originally supposed to go. There was supposed to be money set aside to build this, and she wonders where the money went. Stu Grenier said that you need this conversation with the Bill Wielechowski as he involved in the original plan. If you are interested in doing this it does not look like we are using our money wisely, because we have the Middle School and the Church and other areas that have uses for kids. Carla McConnell said that Pete Petersen worked with Bill Wielechowski and might now. Pete Petersen said to build the fire station there was deal made with the school district that changed the landscape. Mr. Petersen said we will not have the money from the State. Ms. Wood is not worried about the how, buy why would we move forward with this. Forest Dunbar mentioned building this with a Charter School, library and Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Holubik spoke about how there open spaces that are not being used properly. Kevin Smestad said that maybe we should ask the kids from places such as Begich Middle School or Bartlett and find out what they need to make sure they come to a Community Center. We can use John Brown from UAA as a way to help get a younger crowd.

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes:** Carla McConnell moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by could not hear. It passed

**Community Reports:**

**Federation of Community Councils:** Bob Reupke reporting that Middle and Hillside Community Councils are looking to combine and be one less Community Council. He brought three fliers for everyone to grab.

**Alcohol Committee:** Stu Grenier said there is nothing.

**Bylaw Committee:** Carla McConnell said there is nothing.

**CIP Committee:** Kevin Smestad said there will be a meeting and kick off doing a new CIP List for next year, look for an email.

**Parks Committee:** Kristi Wood said kicked off fundraising for the Park. There will be a four tiered approach to get fundraising for the park.

**Picnic Committee:** Kevin Smestad said he will be sending out an email in regards to getting days for next year's picnic, please look for an email.

**Trails Committee:** David Ulmer said he spoke with Tyler Robinson about getting Cook Inlet to pay for a trail and even light up the area near the Senior Housing.

**Marijuana Committee:** John Laux said there is nothing.

The meeting adjourned motioned John Laux and seconded by Stu Grenier with a unanimous approval at 9:23 pm.