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Northeast Community Council

Minutes – November 17, 2016

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

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

Board Members Not Present: Rick Irwin and Carla McConnell

Approval of November Meeting Agenda: Bob Reupke moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by John Laux. It passed with amendment of the first presenter to Matt Edge.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Stu Grenier moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by John Laux. It passed with amendment with on the last page of the minutes John Laux was not here with the Marijuana Committee. Change the last sentence to have John Ziv to adjourn the meeting.

Treasure's Report: Stu Grenier reported our current balance is \$967.50 in our account. Receipts were handed to Stu Grenier by Kevin Smestad for the picnic.

Executive Board Report: We discussed the agenda and we went over why more people are not coming to the meetings. We will not meet in December. Kristi Wood gave the report.

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel: was not there

Senator Bill Wielechowski, was not there

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, aide, Courtney was there to present. There was a formation of a non partisan coalition. Ms. LeDoux will chair the Rules Committee. This will be the last Community Council Meeting that they will be in attendance. Ms. LeDoux's number one concern is in regards to the budget.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, they had an election. All the legislators that represented this area are voted back in. There is new House Majority with LeDoux included in that group. The Citizen Task Force met this last week. Bob Reupke mentioned that the Wells Fargo should be renovated and Ms. Spohnolz said that was correct and it will be put out for bid. The bid should be done before the calendar year. Is there word about the current lawsuit from the LIO building from the owners? Ms. Spohnolz said she does not know. Ms. Spohnolz said the Mr. Wielechowski

lost the lawsuit for the pdf, but this was step one out of a possible three step process. John Laux asked how stable is the new House Majority? Ms. Spohnolz said it is strong and went through all of the different people in the new Majority. Ms. Spohnolz will be chairing the Health and Human Service Committee and she is excited to do this.

Representative Lance Pruitt, was not there.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, the Assembly passed a budget and all departments got cuts except for the Police Force. 430 Police Officers is the goal and they have broken 400 Police Officers. The Municipal Bonds that will be out for the voting and the Muldoon Town Park will be on the Bond. Mr. Dunbar said all amendment to increase the budget failed. One of the cuts that will be felt is the bus service will be cut on holiday service. This is on-going and there will be meetings where we can discuss the bus service. Mr. Dunbar believes that there should be more bus service on Muldoon and Mt. View areas as they consolidate the services. Mr. Grenier mentioned that Jewel Lake area is looking to reduce their speed limit and we need to remind the city that we asked for our speed limit on Muldoon to be reduced from 40 to 35, but the State DOT said no.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, attended the monthly AMATS meeting and they will finalize the bus schedules by January. Mr. Petersen mentioned that there were over 90% of the people who were surveyed that said that they don't mind the buses stopping every 15 minutes, which would make them, walk to main streets. Mr. Petersen said there was 50 cents added to every phone due to the cost of 911 and bringing the money in to cover the costs. Mr. Petersen said they are in the process of rewriting the ethics ordinance and he is working with the committee on the rewrite.

Assembly Person Bill Starr was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: was not there.

Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s): Stu Grenier wants to recognize Wes Soper, who was the Spirit of Muldoon Chair for a couple of years. Mr. Grenier introduced a bunch of new items to the picnic and he wanted to congratulate him. Wes Soper wanted to thank everyone and working with everyone on the Community Council whether it was the picnic or park. John Ziv mentioned speeders on Dueben. He has clocked people at least 5 people going over 50 miles per hour and going through stop signs. The Muni needs to look into all the speeders, speed humps are not slowing them down. Kevin McGee is the Vice President of the NAACP. They had received a \$5,000 grant for a project to help save money by developing a solar energy at Begich Middle School. They would like to put solar panels on the roof to help to save money on energy at the school. Community Patrol is looking at a couple of options for getting people a back ground check. Kevin Smestad hopes to have information by the next meeting.

Bob Reupke gave the Federation of Community Council report, they discussed the bus service. They discussed the Long Range Project Committee will be meeting in December. They discussed the Community Crime Map that the Muni has for the crimes in Anchorage.

Business:

1. AMATS Pedestrian Plan Projects (Boniface/Debarr Connecting Sidewalk along Carrs Mall and another sidewalk along Patterson Street) Matt Edge presenting. The Patterson Project is an MOA project and they will be putting a sidewalk down one side, on the east side. When redoing this sidewalk, they will be able to put some traffic calming with a smaller street that will help with slowing down the cars. The Boniface Project is a State project to connect the sidewalk on Boniface along the Carrs Mall. Matt Edge was willing to answer questions on Dueben as well, as he is working on this project as well. Mr. Edge was able to discuss the speeding on Dueben and they are purchasing and modifying the homes down Dueben.
2. UAA – A presentation on Disaster Preparedness, John Brown presenting . As a UAA project they wanted to go over the Disaster Preparedness. The first one to go over is Earthquakes, the Muldoon area is built on good bedrock and would be a better area than the coastal areas during an earthquake. The first thing to do in an earthquake is establish safe zones, phone list and have clothing and blankets. Then have a response or contact list, especially for someone that is out of State, so that people know that you are safe. Things to do today, identify safe and danger zones in your home and make sure the shelving are secure. The next item is in regards to wildfires. Make sure that bushes, trees and any combustible materials around your home are cleared and not next to your home. Have fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in your home. Also, having a fire safe to keep all your valuables. Another item to be prepared with is cold weather and keeping warm if the heat does go out. A disaster is when there are not enough resources to take care of the crisis. Less than 30% of the households in America are prepared for a disaster of any kind per American Red Cross. It is good to have a to go bag ready in case of an emergency. In the bag some of the items to have are three days of food, water, batteries, tools, cash and others. The task they propose is to be prepared for a disaster whether it is a wild fire, earthquake or coldness. Try to do this as soon as possible.

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

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood said working on fundraising.

Picnic Committee: Kevin Smestad said there are a couple of things, looking to send out an email to vote on the next picnic and also hoping to put together a get together for all those that donated.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer said there is nothing.

Marijuana Committee: John Laux said there is nothing.

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 8:56 pm.