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**Northeast Community Council**

**Minutes – January 19, 2017**

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Call to Order: 7:06 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Introduction of the Board:**

**Board Members Present:** Rick Irwin, Stu Grenier, David Ulmer, Kristi Wood, Carla McConnell, John Ziv and Kevin Smestad – John Laux came in late.

**Board Members Not Present:** Selina Metoyer and Carla McConnell

**Approval of November Meeting Agenda:** Could not hear who moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by could not hear who it was. The Agenda was approved

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Could not hear who moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by could not hear who it was. Change the minutes to show that Carla McConnell was not there and on the Bylaws committee, make the change to say someone said there was nothing. The minutes were passed with changes.

**Treasure's Report:** Stu Grenier reported our current balance is \$967.50 in our account. We did receive \$100 checks from many of our elected officials.

**Executive Board Report:** We discussed the agenda and Rick mentioned the upcoming elections in April.

**Legislative Reports:**

**Senator Giessel:** was not there

**Senator Bill Wielechowski,** the first day of the session was on Tuesday. The Governor had everyone at Centennial hall and went over the oil production and the projections. Oil Projections is expected to go down by 5% per year. Even with new projects the long term trend is for oil to go down. The oil tax credit needs to look into some fixes. Mr. Wielechowski is putting a bill to put the pfd in the Constitution. He feels that there is a way to do this without hurting the budget. Mr. Grenier asked if it is put into the Constitution will it take 2/3 of the votes from the legislature and Mr. Wielechowski said yes. Mr. Ulmer asked that the oil discoveries came at time when they wanted and was convenient and Mr. Wielechowski said that Conoco Phillips knew about their discovery for some time.

**Representative Gabrielle LeDoux,** start of a different session. The House Majority is made of Democrats, Independents and Republicans. There are big decisions to be made. There will be new revenue sources, pfd and some type of cuts for the budgets. The House is fast tracking a bill for survival benefits for the wives and children for the emergency protectors. John Ziv

mentioned that they should look at fixing SB91 and Ms. LeDoux said they will. Bob Ruepke said that it was mentioned that if someone got pulled over in a stolen vehicle that they would not be taken into custody and Ms. LeDoux said that there is a lot of misinformation in regards to SB91.

**Representative Ivy Spohnolz**, I am part of the House Majority. Getting a fiscal plan done is the highest priority for the House Majority. Her role is the Chair for the Health and Social Services Committee, this is one the biggest cost drivers for Alaska.

**Representative Lance Pruitt**, was not there.

#### **Assembly Reports:**

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

**Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar**, the budget came in about where they thought. There were a few that came in less and some that came in more. An update of the SAP project, the build phase has been completed. They will be entering the test phase and they hope to be done in July. The Homeless Camp head count, wanted to thank us for having a flier for the upcoming head count. This will be good to check versus the summer count.

**Assembly Person Pete Petersen**, the budget was passed. The most recent meeting the ASD Bonds were passed for the ballot. There were will be a slight reduction in property taxes if the ASD Bond is passed with other debts being paid off. There are two sales taxes, one from the Mayor and one from Bill Evans, but Mr. Petersen thinks they will not make the ballot. They were dealing with Municipality Ordinance to demolishing the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theater. They did not want to demolish theater, but wanted to make a change in heating system. It was postponed indefinitely. There was a record of 911 calls this last year and is one of the reason we need more police officers on the streets. A taxi ordinance passed with Mr. Petersen and Mr. Dunbar on different sides and there was transportation committee started and Mr. Dunbar will be the chair.

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

**Special Assistant to the Mayor:** was not there.

**Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s):** Stu Grenier mentioned that the Homeless Head Count was coming up. If you care enough to go to your Park to count the homeless, this is your one chance. Genevieve Holubik brought up about parking in Nunaka Valley that is by the curve and there is a car and truck there now currently, but last year there was camper without a license plate. This is on a bus route and hoping that there would be better signs or take the signs down, but let's find a way to not have parking on the curve.

**Business:**

1. Genevieve Holubik spoke about how we are down about a third with the Community Council. Through the FCC can we send out the Community Council survey that was created by Kristi Wood.
2. Parks Update – Naming Process for Muldoon Town Square Park –  
<https://mysidewalk.com/organizations/293892/park-naming-process>: Rick Irwin presenting. There is a naming committee and they would love to have you go to the website that is listed and give your ideas of what the name of the park should be. They are looking for as many people to weigh in on this.
3. Individual Liquor Licenses Up for Renewal: Mr. Stu Grenier presenting. The ones listed below are places up for renewal. Stu Grenier mentioned that the executive board spoke for 25 minutes about the Brown Jug. Mr. Grenier asked if there were any objections to any of the liquor store. Mr. Laux asked if there have been any problems with any of the liquor stores. Mr. Grenier said that we have had with Brown Jug in the past, but nothing current. Mr. Laux asked the Assembly People if there have been any problems. They said that there are none that they are aware of. Mr. Ziv asked if we can get the police summary report with the individual liquor licenses renewal process. Mr. Petersen said if they have had problems with a liquor licenses the ABC board will give a report, but if there is not a problem than nothing is mentioned.
  - a. Paris Bakery & Café License #4845
  - b. Thai Village Restaurant License #3576
  - c. 2 Go Mart #55 License #1596 (545 Muldoon Rd)
  - d. Texas Roadhouse License #4200
  - e. Brown Jug-Whaler License #686
4. Starting Up Process of Northeast Community Patrol: Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting. If you are interested joining the Northeast Community Patrol please contact Kevin Smestad. Mr. Smestad has created the membership form and gives them information to do a ride along with the Police Department. Mr. Smestad created the guidelines from the Nunaka Valley Patrol.

#### **Community Reports:**

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

**Bylaw Committee:** Someone said there is nothing.

**CIP Committee:** Kevin Smestad said he has been working with Tim Myland about the Speed Hump list and Mr. Smestad has been going over the list and will be presenting in the future.

**Parks Committee:** Kristi Wood said they have people working on business donations for the playground equipment. They are working on the challenge grants for the community garden in the Muldoon Town Square Park.

**Picnic Committee:** Kevin Smestad said he hoping to do a thank you for the business that were involved at our last picnic.

**Trails Committee:** David Ulmer said there is nothing.

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

**Federation of Community Councils:** Bob Ruepke mentioned that we will get a new map and asked how we would like it. Mr. Genier mentioned that we should get it with a hard background, so that it is hard to take it. Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Transportation Fair. Anchorage School Board spoke about the graduation rate and gave a website to learn more about what is happening in Anchorage for ASD. Mr. Ruepke mentioned that there was a flier for the Municipal Bonds and that the Muldoon Town Square Park was on it for \$500,000. University Area Community Council sent out a resolution that they are doing for a Park Range. There was a presentation by the Senior Citizen Advisory group that they are available to help with doing surveys. There was an APD Survey and only 9 people from the Northeast Community Council did the survey.

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 8:29 pm.