

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: \$444.24

Executive Board Report: Meeting of March 2nd, set agenda and discussed procedures for April Election of the NECC Board. Next Board meeting will be moved to March 30th, the last Thursday of March, as much of the board will be out of town for the regular day in April.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - No report. Not present.

- **Senator Gretchen Guess**
 - Spending most of the time working on the oil and gas tax bill.
 - Identify theft bill is moving. Last came before the finance committee.
 - Sex offender penalty bill is in the house side.
 - Truancy bill- loss of PFD. Senator Dyson has no plans to hear the bill, so Senator Guess has refocused efforts. 10% of elementary children are not showing up for school; arrive late or only attend school 1 or 2 days a week.

- **Representative Tom Anderson**
 - Working hard on the following items:
 - CIP list
 - Mandatory for insurance companies to cover Colon screening
 - Licensing radiology technicians
 - The Anti-Bullying bill
 - Has suggested that the Budget surplus be used for a saving account

- **Representative Dalstrom**
 - No report. Not present.

- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - No report. Not present.

- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - No report. Not present.

- **Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:**
 - No quorum at the last assembly meeting so the Large Animal / Sign ordinance will be before the assembly on 28th
 - Working on the Ethics rewrite- inline with the State law- will use as our guide. Rewrite as of 5 years ago-Draft out now-Assembly to look at 6 months-to the Council and Assembly by the 28th of March
 - Sign ordinance- Discussed why the assemblies views have changed, different people bring it back before the assembly-Auto Dealers- such as VW on Dimond. Assembly member Stout was reminded that the NECC fought for the current ordinance, and opposes any changes.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - We received Class 2 fire insurance rating. This can reduce insurance. Check your insurance policy.
 - New Senior Capt Jack Mayo present
 - Would like to see about rebuilding Station 6

- **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:

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| Junk cars - 729-7878 | Graffiti Busters - 343-4663 |
| Streetlights - 263-5483 | Potholes - 343-6363 |
 - Sam O'Conner, Westside Community Patrol was present, and spoke in recognition of Aaron's volunteer efforts.

- **Northeast Community Center** – Bob Rupke
 - The Northeast Community Center will be having elections on April 26, 2006, at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining the Board of Directors, please attend our March 22, 2006, meeting at the Center at 5:30 pm

- **Weed and Seed**- No report

- **Road Construction Updates** - Bill Coghill -- later in meeting, with Traffic Calming.

- **Federation of Community Councils** – Bob Rupke
 - Has a municipal grant of \$108,000 for this years operating expenses.
 - The FCC received a written report from School Board Member Jeff Friedman, stating that the District is now completing the process of redrawing all of the middle school boundaries as well as several elementary school boundaries. Bear Valley is at 110% capacity and Williwaw Elementary is at 144% capacity. The new middle school in Muldoon will open the 2007/2008 school years.
 - Sgt. Cindi Stanton of the APD attended the meeting and said that the APD academy began 2/6/06 with approximately 26 candidates. The next academy will be June or July 2006.
 - Teri Albrecht of the Mayor's Office reported that she met with Lee Baker regarding his several building projects. The MOA is also working on the CIP list.
 - Assemblyperson Janice Shamberg attended the meeting and said that the Planning Dept. is trying to cut down the waiting time for various projects. The Assembly is still working on the Assisted Living Ordinance. Ms. Shamberg that the Fire Dept. response time has been cut to 5 minutes, which should help reduce homeowner premiums. There is a \$13 Million grant from the Federal Government for Aquatic restoration for fish streams and rivers.
 - Tom Winkler of AWWU gave a presentation regarding the Sullivan Arena Water Line Upgrade Project. He said there had been a lot of failures in the area. The project will begin May 15 and end August 15, 2006.
 - The FCC received a flyer and a presentation for Save the Fourth Avenue Theater: Vote Yes on Proposition 6; from Jane Anvik.
 - The FCC received a notice of a Mayoral Candidate's forum on March 29, 2006, at 7:00 pm at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA campus.
 - We had a presentation from Stacie Papineau of the Anchorage Women's Commission.

- **Title 21 Committee** – Glenn Clary
 - Had 3 meetings since making committee and will be meeting weekly. Meetings are Sunday, 4:00pm, Room 113 of the Anchorage Baptist Temple classroom wing. Call Glenn Clary to confirm meeting times.
 - Has reviewed manuals in detail, committee has sent in comments to P& Z .
 - Committee includes Terry Cummings, Roman Dial, Genevieve Holubik and Glenn Clary.

- **Greenhouse Property Update** – Don Smith
 - The back 12 acres is reserved as a park with MOA
 - Middle 10 acres have been sold to Volunteers of America for a treatment center for young adults
 - Front 7 acres are optioned for up for 2 years with MOA
 - MOA is working on the creek restoration requirements.

- **Anchorage Police Department** – Sergeant Stanton
 - Email: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us
 - Office hours are 12:00 noon – 10:00 pm at Muldoon Community Center.

- **MOA – Robin Ward**
 - Billik Inn – all 3 parcels are being purchased for ROW Edwards Street. The owner is negotiating.
 - City is organizing a land swap to provide some ASD land for Fire Station 6 to allow for future expansion. Both ASD and P & Z unanimously approved. (There is some concern about what this does to the future community center at this location).
 - Note: It would cost about 6 million to relocate the fire station. AFD feels it is more likely to remodel the existing one rather than relocate it.

BUSINESS:

(1) Northeast Traffic Calming Study – Public Meeting Report, Mary Pedlow, Bill Coghill, Dowl

- Bill Coghill w/ DOWL: First public scoping meeting was held two weeks ago to discuss community desires for the study. Please visit www.dowl.com for updates, and to submit comments to the scoping committee.
- Mary Pedlow, NECC Executive Board: Next committee meeting is Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 pm. Please contact Mary at 334-9882 for information about participating on this committee.

(2) Cheney Lake Pike Control Report, Dan Bosch, Department of Fish and Game

- Dan gave short presentation on on-going Pike control efforts in Cheney Lake. Thanked the NECC for our support of Fish and Game's efforts. Dan's phone number is 267-2153.
- Last year, was netting two weeks after the ice was out. Missed the peak of the spawn, but still caught 89 Pike. 16" average length, largest was 28". Donated fish to Bean's Café and Southcentral Foundation. Pulled out early due to problems catching waterfowl.
- Hope to get on the lake earlier this year, right after ice goes out to get the spawning Pike.
- Fish and Game is starting a program to check all of the area lakes for fish species and water quality. Some of the area lakes do actually appear to have spawning fish populations independent of the fish stocking.
- No bag limit on Pike in Anchorage. There is currently a statewide Pike control policy being drafted.

(3) Community Council Executive Board -- Nominations for Elections, NECC Exec Board

- President Bob Roses announced the annual NECC executive board elections. Elections will be held in April. Seats presently occupied by Troy Carlock, Mary Pedlow and Bob Roses are up for election.
- Elections committee will be meeting to take nominations for the ballot and to set procedures for the election. The committee consists of Dean Syta, Bob Rupke, Vanessa Salinas, Peggy Robinson and Glenn Clary. To be on the printed ballot, nominations must be received at least 10 days prior to the April 20th meeting. Any member of the elections committee can receive nominations. Nominations for write in candidates will also be taken at the April meeting immediately prior to the election.

(4) Hearing for Muldoon Area Middle School 1% for Art – Announcement, Peggy Robinson

- Public art meeting for Muldoon Area Middle School was held just prior to the NECC membership meeting. Peggy invited members to review samples of the proposed art styles that were on display outside of the meeting room.

(5) April Municipal Election Forum:

- Russian Jack Golf Course Initiative, Cable Starlings, Russian Jack Golf Assoc
 - The Russian Jack Golf association is trying to establish a junior golf program to improve opportunities for underprivileged children ages 8 to 18. Will be modeled after, and done with assistance from "First Tee" a national organization that runs similar programs around the country.
 - Proposition 2 on the ballot provides a long term, no cost lease of the Russian Jack golf course to the Association so they can establish the program.
 - For information call Cable at 332-4800 or 786-4498.
- **Municipal Bond Issues**
 - ASD School Bonds -- George Vakalis, Anchorage School district spoke on behalf of the school bonds. There are 3 propositions, totaling \$99 million that address needs at a great number of schools district wide, including major renovation of Chester Valley. Actual debt will be about \$58 million after the state reimbursement. Michael Hansen, with School Bonds Yes! also presented on behalf of the school bonds.

- Road Improvement Bonds -- Dean Syta presented for Anchorage Tomorrow on behalf of the MOA Road and Drainage bonds, and for the Parks and recreation bonds. The road bonds include a total of 45 road, drainage, and water quality projects, with about half of these being design, and the other half construction. Total cost of the bond package is \$44 million. The parks and recs bond package includes \$ 4 million to be used to leverage state and federal matching funds. Will be spent on 16 parks throughout Anchorage. Parks and Rec has not had a bond issue in 5 years, and really needs the money. There are also a number of no cost land swap propositions on the ballot that will help improve the park system.

- **Candidate Presentations for April 2006 Municipal Elections**

- School Board (Will begin by 8:45 pm) Candidates who attended:
 - Seat E: Macon Roberts (Incumbent); Charles Rushing; Cynthia Kott
 - Seat F: Jeff Friedman (Incumbent); Thomas Lamb
 - Seat G: Mike Layne; (Crystal Kennedy, incumbent attended briefly last month, was out of town for this months meeting). Ray Metcalfe did not attend.
 - Each of the candidates gave a three-minute presentation, then fielded questions from the audience. Questions included: How will you work within the city charter; merit pay for teachers / accountability requirements for teachers; the senate anti-truancy bill; what would you change if you could; candidates position on the school bonds.
- Mayoral Candidates (Will begin by 9:15 pm)
 - Candidates arrived at about 9:45. Peggy Robinson made a motion to extend the meeting till 10:15, the motion passed 18 in favor, 0 opposed.
 - All candidates were in attendance: Mark Begich (incumbent); Jack Frost; Nick Moe; Thomas Higgins.
 - Each of the candidates gave a three-minute presentation, then fielded questions from the audience. Mark Begich spoke about his accomplishments while in office; Jack Frost spoke about the increases in city spending; Nick Moe spoke about his vision for Anchorage; Thomas Higgins spoke about the 2020 plan, and safety in Anchorage.
 - Questions for the candidates included: How can property taxes be managed while still providing city services; the candidates position on Wal-Mart and other businesses in the NECC; neighborhood concerns; the fairness of the tax assessment appeals process; sexual assault problems in Anchorage.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 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 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.