

# NECC

Northeast Community Council

Minutes – September 21, 2017

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Call to Order: 7:02 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Introduction of the Board:**

**Board Members Present:** Selina Meytoyer, Stu Grenier David Ulmer, Kristy Wood, John Ziv, Carla McConnell, John Laux and Kevin Smestad

**Board Members Not Present:** Rick Irwin

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** It was moved to move the Bus Barn up to the first item. Kristi Wood moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by Kevin Smestad. The Agenda was approved

**Executive Report:** We meet and set the agenda. We meet every first Thursday to set the agenda.

**Treasure's Report:** Stu Grenier reported our current balance is \$1,367.50 in our account.

**School Board Report:** there was nothing to say. People started to talk about the Bus Barn again with less than 10 minutes left in the meeting.

**Legislative Board Report:**

**Legislative Reports:**

**Senator Giessel,** not here

**Senator Bill Wielechowski,** not here

**Representative Gabrielle LeDoux,** Courtney was there for LeDoux. They are getting ready for the next special session.

**Representative Ivy Spohnolz,** with five minutes left, she spoke about each of the items that will be discussed at the special session.

**Representative Lance Pruitt,** if you have any questions about special session please contact my office.

**Assembly Reports:**

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

**Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar,** SAP got hit by a hurricane, but many of the issues have been worked out and getting better. There will be a closed transfer site into Anchorage.

**Assembly Person Pete Petersen**, the Assembly voted to add a youth member.

**Assembly Person Fred Dyson** was not there.

**Special Assistant to the Mayor: George Martinez:**

**Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s):** Stu Grenier discussed a plant that is abrasive to the environment and he showed pictures and discussed how it is growing all over Anchorage. A lady spoke and I could not hear anything she said. Another person was speaking and I could not hear anything they are saying.

**Business:**

1. Bus Barn land swap discussion in regards to relocation to property behind McDonalds / Totem Theater off Muldoon: Ms. Robin Ward and Dowl Engineers presenting: Mr. Tim Potter was doing the presentation...He is extremely hard to hear. It sounds like he is describing the site and the location. All I can hear from Mr. Potter is mumbling...Cathy came to ask question, is this a done deal? I believe Mr. Potter is saying this is not a done deal. Ms. Swanson, she lives in the Scenic Foothills Community Council, they are affected and they are not happy that there would be diesel fuel flames into the homes of the people. A gentlemen said that he did not want to breathe the diesel fumes in the area. It was also mentioned that this was a classified wetlands area and that EPA might need to be involved. Stu Grenier said that he did not support this. He said he will come up with a motion later. Tracy Odom did not like the location and asked if there are other locations to put the Bus Barn?

Stu Grenier set a motion of: We the NECC does not support the Bus Barn going into the proposed location. A Second by John Ziv.

Discussion: Carla wanted a decision from SFCC before the NECC makes a decision. The SFCC President would like us to oppose the Bus Barn.

\_24\_ For \_0\_ Agianst \_4\_ Abstain

2. Library Update: Mr. Jim Curran Presenting. They are located in the Northeast Community Center. Mr. Curran went over many programs that the library. The library was asked to propose cuts to the library.
3. Move to Amend is requesting a consideration for their resolution: Ms. Beverly Churchill presenting. They want to have a constitutional amendment to remove corporate donors. Stu Grenier seconds the motion.

Be it resolved, the People of the Northeast Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Discussion: Stu called to question. Genevieve called to question.

8 For 2 Against 5 Abstain

4. Safety Perimeter Resolution: Ms. Tasha Hotch presenting: She found out that there were people that lived closed to schools that were sex offenders. Stu Grenier made motion for this resolution. Genevieve mentioned that if you draw a circle, there will not be many places that many people would not be able to get a place. It was very hard to hear people as they did not use the microphone.

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska maintains a database of registered Sex Offenders.

WHEREAS, Residency restrictions for sex offenders that prohibit offenders from residing within a certain perimeter from schools, day care centers, parks and other locations frequented by children is a restriction that municipalities, states and tribes can make. This has been exercised by 21 other states imposing residency restrictions up to 2,000 feet.

WHEREAS, A search of the Alaska Sex Offender Registry will demonstrate that those registered closest to our schools (within 1,000 feet), have been convicted of: sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor 3, possession of child pornography, and sexual abuse of a minor 2. Which concludes that without a restriction those offenders who may be most tempted by children live within what should be a safety perimeter.

WHEREAS, The community has already made a stance on keeping children safe by imposing restrictions on alcohol and marijuana establishments and the permitted distance from schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Anchorage take steps toward imposing a 2,000 foot Sex Offender residency restriction perimeter for Schools, and Municipal recreation centers and defining those locations at the property line, and not the front door, this will allow us to capture the property area.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that our State Legislature takes steps toward legislation that would impose a 2,000 foot Sex Offender residency restriction perimeter for Schools and Municipal Recreation Centers as part of a Sex Offenders Probation.

Discussion:

9 For 3 Against 4 Abstain

5. Creekside Ball Parks being changed to a dog park: Ms. Carla McConnell presenting. Second by Bob Ruepke.

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks provide recreation for many different users, and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation has created ball fields within in our parks for the enjoyment of those that play team sports whether organized or impromptu, and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation has begun to permit and/or allow individuals to have dogs on the ball fields, and

WHEREAS, ball field users, including community members as well as local youth and adult sports organizations must now deal with feces and urine deposited by dogs on the fields, and

AND WHEREAS, the Municipality has provided dedicated dog parks for the Anchorage community.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Northeast Community Council respectfully requests that the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation discourage the presence of dogs on municipal ball fields located in the NECC area and discontinue permitting groups from using ball fields for dog training purposes or any other purpose. Although the NECC can only provide a position for our community, we suggest that Parks and Recreation implement this city wide.

Discussion:

\_11\_\_ For \_3\_\_ Against \_2\_\_ Abstain

**There was a motion to continue the meeting for 10 minutes. It was unanimous.**

**Minutes:** None for this month

**Community Reports:**

**Alcohol Committee:**

**Bylaw Committee:**

**CIP Committee:**

**Parks Committee:**

**Picnic Committee:**

**Trails Committee:**

**Marijuana Committee:**

**Federation of Community Councils:**

**Community Patrols:**

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 10:10pm.