

NECC

Northeast Community Council

Minutes – April 19, 2018

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Rick Irwin, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier, David Ulmer, John Ziv, Krisit Wood, Carla McConnell and Kevin Smestad

Board Members Not Present: John Laux

Approval of November Meeting Agenda: We are switching Item 3 to 2. 15 For 0 Against. Did not hear the name moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by Did not hear a name. The Agenda was approved

Treasure's Report: Stu Grenier reported our current balance is 941.97 in our account.

Executive Board Report: We spent time to make the agenda.

JBER Community planning: was not there

School Board Report: was not there

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel: was not there

Senator Bill Wielechowski, discussed a couple of bills that could change the constitution. Mr. Wielechowski believes that we will be about another week and half before they do anything with the budget.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, said they passed a budget. There were no questions for Ms. LeDoux.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, the Senate also passed a budget. The Senate left money out of the budget and Ms. Spohnolz said that is problematic. There was not questions for Ms. Spohnoz.

Representative Lance Pruitt, spoke on the tax credits that are still left to be paid and they will be looking to get a bond where the oil companies will get money back minus the interest due on the bond.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, said they passed the tax. They certified the election results. The SAP program does not tell them the same information as the last programming, so they do not know if they have money left over.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, said they elected a new chair and Forrest was elected. The ASD budget will be put in front of Assembly and they will only be allowed to vote yes or no. The Vote of Mail was successful and had an increase in turnout.

Assembly Person Bill Starr was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: was not there.

Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s): Kristi Wood spoke about when clean-up will happen and how to do it properly with needles and other drug items. Bob wanted to remind everyone about the Picnic and that we are still looking for volunteers. Aaron Pascar spoke about the Community Patrols needing volunteers. Mr. Pascar said that people need to call APD over Community Patrol. They are getting more patrols.

Business:

1. Northeast Community Council Election: Currently Running Selena Metoyer, Kristi Wood and John Ziv. We were set up to do the elections, but no one was certified to run since they did not meet the term to run. We voted in Selena, Kristi and John. (We spoke about Rachel Boudex running, but she did not meet the qualification to run, but we let her know there might be an open spot on the board)
2. Chugach Presentation on Rebuilding its DeBarr Substation, located at 10th and Patterson: Mr Peyton Reid Presenting. They are failing and they need to replace the substation. Bob Ruepke made a motion and it was seconded by John Ziv.

Whereas, the Northeast Community Council (NECC) membership had a presentation by Chugach Electric Association on rebuilding their DeBarr Road Substation, located at 10th Ave. and Patterson St.,and

Whereas, the NECC Membership discussed the presentation by Chugach Electric Association on the above substation, and

Therefore, the NECC, at their Monthly Membership Council Meeting on April 19, 2018, voted their support for the rebuilding of Chugach Electric Association's DeBarr Road Substation, located at 10th Ave. and Patterson St.

Discussion:

Yes Votes: 28, No Votes: 0, Abstentions: 6

3. Russian Jack Springs Park Single Track Project: Mr. Steve Cleary Presenting. Mr. Cleary is with Alaska Trails and is happy to give an update on this project. This project is wanting to add a bike trail where people can do Single Track. They would like to do moderation of the trails. They would like to give a spot where bikers can go during the winter as well. Josh Durant with Parks and Rec spoke about making the trails for the family. He hopes that this will give people a place to go on the trails over the next 30 years. They opened up for questions. Terry Cummings is concerned about several things, 1. Are you cutting new trails? Josh said that all the trails are existing. Are all the trails going to cut down more trees? Josh said that they will open up the trails and cannot give an exact amount of trees that will be cut down, but gave an idea of how the trail will supposedly look. She mentioned about people being hit at the intersection. Josh said that it was a good question as they are doing modifications to the trail to slow the person down before they get to the intersection. Wildlife, the trail is open so that they can be seen. Right not no one is monitoring the speed, they are setting it up to have speed through it now. St Grenier mentioned that there is a different map then what was given just a few weeks ago. Josh said that their person saw some places where there should be differences in where the trail should be. If they want to Skijor on these trails? Josh said yes they will be able too. It sounded Greta came and let us know that she would like to know that Single Track in other parks have cleaned them up and easier to get rid of trash. Will there be signage? Josh said there will be maps and signage. Sharon came to let us know that she supports this project. Can you speak to other usage of community and/or police the trails where this might make this trail better? Josh said that there is not a lot of information about trails, but perception of people being on trails will help and give the feeling that this will be a safe place to be. A man asked when this project will start? Josh said that this will begin in July and be about a two week project. Ian said that he supports the project, but he has questions about speed at the intersections. He is concerned about people who will come from another area are used to other areas, please moderate the intersections, so they can talk about how they will watch this? Steve said that they will work in speed bumps or some way to slow people down before they get to an intersection. A lady asked, I thought this park was for kids, how is that going to be safe when bikes are going fast? Josh said that the trails are for kids.

Marc Grober wants to make a motion and seconded by Terry Cummings.

This Assembly takes no further action for this project and ask that this be brought to Watershed Commission and consults with us about the impact of these trails being purposed on the Park.

Discussion: Kristi Wood said she will not be supporting this resolution. She wants to see more people using the park. Marc countered with a website that goes over how much usage of the park and there were a lot of users in the Park. Terry Cummings believes we need to have the resource council look at this, so that everything is looked at properly. Diana likes this trail for this kids. Stu calls to question

_3__ For _24__ Against _5__ Abstaining – Motion does not pass

A lady made a motion and it was seconded.

The NECC support this project to be done this summer with the support of Parks and Recs and Parks Foundation for the usage. Friendly Amendment to add that we use that the current map (does not go by the spring) be used or at least make the trail made correctly without alterations that are not major changes.

Stu added the Friendly Amendment and Selina seconded.

Friendly Amendment vote to add _28__ For _0__ Against _3__ Abstaining – amendment passes

Vote on the motion with the friendly amendment _28__ For _2__ Against _4__ Abstaining – Motion Passes

4. Resolution to discuss location/color of the Vote by Mail Box: Mr. Stu Grenier presenting . In regards to the box for voting. You have to go Bartlett High School and many do not have a car and have a hard time getting there and also it was hard to find the white box in the middle of winter. Stu reads the motion and it was seconded:

The NECC recommends changing the color of the box to Yellow and moving the box to other locations where people can walk too, i.e. Begich Middle School.

Discussion: Forrest says that Muldoon Town Center would not be a good location. Begich Middle School would be a good option. Called to question by Rick.

_11__ For _0__ Against _5__ Abstaining – Motion Passed

Marc Grober brought up reconsideration of the Russian Jack resolution passed. It was seconded by Terry Cummings.

_2__ For _10__ Against _3__ Abstaining – It does not pass.

5. CIP Committee Presenting 2019 List: Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting. Kevin gave out a list for the CIP and needs to be approved by end of May. Mr. Smestad brought up that he wanted to get ideas for the CIP List through the meeting instead of having a meeting. Ian gave some ideas to add to the CIP List.
6. Take Back Our Community Crime and Safety with all Community Councils April 30th, Kristi Wood presenting. She let us know about this happening and let everyone know if they are interested to get with Julie Rider.

7. Liquor License – Please note that MOA did not give enough notice to meet the deadline: Mr. Stu Grenier presenting: Are there any objections. Last Frontier had some push backs, but as we have learned they have already been renewed. If we had known more about the renewal we could have made more of a stink.
 - a. Last Frontier Bar Renewal: License Number 135
 - b. Hacienda Renewal: License Number 3508

Minutes: None for this month

Community Reports:

Alcohol Committee: Stu Grenier said there is nothing.

Bylaw Committee: Someone said there is nothing.

CIP Committee: Kevin Smestad said there is nothing

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood said she has a flier on the table.

Picnic Committee: Kevin Smestad said Bob Ruepke already said it. We meet on Tuesday and the Picnic will meet on June 16th.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer said there is nothing.

Marijuana Committee: There is nothing.

Federation of Community Councils: Bob Ruepke said he meet last Wednesday and Forrest discussed most everything that was mentioned.

Community Patrols: Kevin Smestad said there is nothing.

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 9:54pm.