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Northeast Community Council

Minutes – March 15, 2018

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

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

Board Members Not Present: Kristi Wood, John Laux and Carla McConnell

Approval of November Meeting Agenda: Item 3, School Board will be changed to when they show up and Item 6 was added, but didn't make the email out. John Ziv moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by Pete Petersen. The Agenda was approved

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

School Board Report: Tam spoke about the School Bonds. She said that they are retiring bonds, so the new bonds will not cost us. She said that the School Bond is not given enough money for industry standards for repairs. She passed out some papers on what the bonds are about. Mr. Reupke said that the bonds put people to work. Mr. Grenier asked if you Tam was part of the vote by Mail. She said no.

Legislative Board Report: We discussed the agenda. We discussed the MOA responses to the Russian Jack Resolution and possible set up of a committee.

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel: was not there

Senator Bill Wielechowski, said that Ms. LeDoux hit the high points. There were some small items that Mr. Wielechowski is working on, i.e. budget, judiciary items, and so on. There are a couple of bills coming up about crime. One is about people that have criminal records from out of State and being able to know it. Mr. Ulmer asked about what his thought of the split of the PFD. Mr. Wielechowski would like to keep it the same, but is willing to make a small comprise. He is open to a constitutional amendment that puts the PFD completely in the constitutional. Mr. Reupke asked if the PFD comes from the stock market. Mr. Wielechowski said yes it does and it generates 6.5% on an average earned towards the PFD. Lisa said that we are noticing that people are from other States, shouldn't the criminals backgrounds be checked, who is responsible for this? Mr. Wielechowski said there were problems with SB91, and there were issues with the bail and it was changed, but a lot of people were sitting in jail and could not

afford the bail. Many of the people had not committed a crime before, but had to sit in jail. SB91 did not include out of State Crimes. There is a bill that will fix this.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, mentioned they are still working on the budget and they hope it will be passed by end of next week. They passed a supplemental budget to pay the workers for the medical. There is a constitutional amendment and Ms. LeDoux does not support the way it is written currently. March 3rd they had their caucus meeting. Mr. Ziv asked about the no smoking thing, it should be passed. Ms. LeDoux said that the State should not mandate for the cities that don't want in.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, was not there.

Representative Lance Pruitt, he called in late. Mr. Pruitt said that they will begin start floor amendments, which is late, but there was some discussions. The budgets final numbers will increase over last year. The minority offered a different amendments and they offered a slight reduction on the line items from 2017, but was turned down. Mr. Pruitt's amendment to 2018 500,000 to 500,000 million, but was changed to 1 billion to 1 billion for the next year for the gas pipeline, but does not let them go forward by limiting the money being spent.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, said that ordinance on the patrol will not affect your property taxes. The vote by mail, mailed out 194,000 ballots and over the next few days will send out a few 1,000 more ballots. They hope this will help with turnout for the election. The taxi ordinance to reduce the fees for them. They also want to restrict the number of taxi permits. Mr. Dunbar mentioned that we have added more police officers and now there are more APD Officers than the State Troopers. Mr. Grenier said he got to see the voter box being installed.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, got his vote by mail ballot in the mail. If you would like to take a tour of the new facility. On March 29th they are giving a tour of the new facility. They will let you watch the process of the machine. Mr. Petersen said they are taking a close look at to liquor license in the Mt. View area. There are some concerns from the Community. On Tuesday they will be voting on the School Budget. They did vote on roof top gardens. The MOA passed an ordinance to patrol on the Seward Highway to have police in the area now.

Assembly Person Bill Starr was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: was not there.

Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s): Jim Curran with Muldoon Library came and spoke about the bond that supports the library. The Muldoon Library is getting a face lift beginning in April. Mr. Greiner asked about the head count from Eagle River vs. Muldoon. Mr. Curran said that Eagle

River is the second and Muldoon is third. Mr. Ulmer asked if they had put up the wall. Mr. Curran said they had not yet, but he is thinking in April.

Mark Groeber wanted to talk about the resolution that was passed. He put it out 3 months in advance and it was passed unanimously. There was an immediate response of the resolution from Parks and Rec. Mr. Groeber was not made aware of this and found out a couple of days ago through a Public notices from MOA and found about the resolution. Mr. Groeber said that Mr. Durant from Parks and Rec was saying that the MOA had been doing things right and was incorrect. Mr. Groeber said that we should have put this on the agenda where we can discuss.

School Board Candidates: Irine Wiserman is running for School Board. She is very passionate about education. She advocates for more preschool for low income and disadvantage kids. She will advocate for teach respect. Gregory Jones is running for the Democrat Party for United States House. He is passionate about education. He is also passionate about civil rights. Tosha Hotch is running for School Board. She is running because she grew up in a small town where school was the heart of the town.

Donna Mears wanted to mention she voted in as Democrat House District 27.

Business:

1. Election Committee: Rick Irwin Presenting...passed to Kevin Smestad where he went over how many meetings you need to have attend which is 3 of the last 6 meetings. We went over the boundaries. The terms would be for 3 years.
2. Chugach Electric & ML&P Consolidation: They did not show up.
3. School Board – Bond Presentation: It was given during School Board Presentation
4. Outreach Committee to participate in Community Council: Kevin Smestad Presenting for Kristi Wood. We would like to have a bigger outreach to the public and send out a letter to encourage people to join or come to the NECC.
5. JBER Base along NE Boundary: Jon Scudder Presenting. Fred is presenting and is the head Biologist. He wanted to talk about civilian access to Military Land. There are pockets of great habitat and want to provide civilians away to use it. They have to follow rules and regulations about training land, like a bombing range that does allow land that can be open recreation. They try to open as much land to recreation as possible. He said that he is guided by a system that people can use the land recreationally, but they have to come up with their own money. The current system has been around since April 2015. The user fee is \$10 a year. This allows you to get access to Military Land and all the money that comes in has to be spent here in Alaska Military Base. Maintaining the land is not free and costs money to maintain the land. There is a website to log into. <http://jber.sportsman.net>. The biggest thing people like to do is fish. He wants to learn what our recreational needs are and work on outreach. Mr. Grenier mentioned land swap with MOA and JBER, so that we can extend a bike trail along the military line. A lady asked about enforcement/monitoring when people go out into these areas with people that can run into homeless people or bears in the area.

6. Liquor Licenses Renewal Stu Grenier presenting... a. Corea Blue New: License Number 5623, b. Firetap Alehouse Restaurant Renewal: License Number 1625, c. Burger Fi Renewal: License Number 5453...Mr. Grenier asked if anyone has any problems with any of the liquor license. Mr. Smestad mentioned that Title 4 is rewriting the law and it might be some issue or changes to the red stripe law.

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 we had a couple of meetings. If anyone has any new ideas please let us. Mr. Smestad mentioned that the signs for speed do not work 1 out of 10 times.

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood was not there, but Stu Grenier gave the report. They meet at 6 pm every Third Thursday. We were allowed 35 parking spots at the Mall by Chantsnu Muldoon Park. There are still people dumping cars on Debarr Street by Boston Street in Chantsnu Muldoon Park. Mr. Smestad mentioned that the homeless population are exposing themselves to people in Chantsnu Muldoon Park.

Picnic Committee: Kevin Smestad said we are in the process of getting jobs for the picnic. Also, we have been denied from the Corporate Headquarters for money and we will have to fundraise locally. The meetings will be changed back to Tuesday.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer said there is nothing.

Marijuana Committee: John Laux said there is nothing.

Federation of Community Councils: Bob Ruepke said they meet the Third Wednesday of the month. There is 36 Community Councils. Mr. Ruepke spoke about NUSA and many of the items that happen at NUSA. See Mr. Ruepke if you would like to go.

Community Patrols: Kevin Smestad said Thank you for passing the resolution to help raise more money. Mr. Smestad is very concerned about the Parks and that there are people that are parked and many suspicious people are located there. Mr. Smestad would like to let people now that we are looking for more people to join.

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 9:34pm.