

NECC

North East Community Council

Executive Board Action Report May 4, 2006

Executive Board Members Present:

Dean Syta	Troy Carlock
Peggy Robinson	Bob Roses
Mary Pedlow	Josh Green
Glenn Clary	Bill Wielechowski (Arrived for Item #3 and remainder of meeting).

Also Present:

Charlie Fahl	Steve Sommerfeld
Bobby Scott	Bob Reupke
Approx. 8 additional members	Rosemary Shinohara, ADN Reporter

Call to Order: Approx 7:00 pm.

Business:

1) Executive Session: Discussion of April Executive Board Election Challenges

- President Bob Roses explained that he had received three written challenges questioning the validity of the April executive board elections. Two of these challenges dealt with eligibility of certain businesses to vote. The third was over the counting of a ballot that was not numbered. President Roses asked for an executive session, as he felt it was not appropriate for the names of the actual voters to be part of the public record. The executive board agreed unanimously, and the members of the public were asked to leave for the duration of the executive session, which they did.
- Rosemary Shinohara, reporter for the Anchorage Daily News (ADN) re-entered the meeting hall, indicating that she had been directed to remain by the ADN City Editor. It was explained to her that executive sessions are allowable under the NECC bylaws, as governed by Roberts Rules of Order that the executive board operates under. However, Rosemary refused to leave or recognize the executive session. At this point, the executive board considered alternatives to the executive session, including adjourning the meeting and reconvening at a private location. The President attempted to determine if a police officer was available at the local substation.
- The issue of the April executive board election challenges was laid aside while Parliamentarian Peggy Robinson consulted the City Attorney, who then consulted with Bob Roses, and the public members were invited to rejoin the meeting.

2) Review and Setting of Agenda

- The following items were discussed and agreed upon for the May 18, 2006 membership meeting agenda (all items discussed for the agenda were approved and included below):
 - 1) Military Munitions Response Program, Holly Brooks, Weston Solutions 15 minutes
 - 2) Clark Middle School Planning, Mary Cary, ASD Facilities, 10 minutes
 - 3) Muldoon Area Middle School Update, ASD, NECC, others, 15 minutes
 - 4) Northeast Traffic Calming Report Update, DOWL Engineers, 10 minutes
 - 5) Title 21 Review, Anchorage Citizens Coalition and NECC Title 21 Committee, 20 minutes

6) Review of Standing NECC Committees, NECC Executive Board, 20 minutes

- Alcohol License Committee; Chair open
- Neighborhood Planning Committee; Lori Johnston, Chair
- Parks and Trails Committee; Terry Cummings, Chair
- Towncenter Committee; Bill Wielechowski, Chair
- Capital Improvements Committee; Ainslie Phillips, Chair
- Title 21 and Land Use Planning; Glenn Clary, Chair
- Traffic Calming; Mary Pedlow, Chair
- Spirit of Muldoon; Chair open
- Wal-Mart Development; Bob Roses, Chair
- Muldoon Beautification; Chair open

7) Crime Watch Program Presentation, APD, 10 minutes

8) Muldoon Beautification, Replacement Plantings, Ainslie Phillips, 5 minutes.

- Ainslie Phillips and Peggy Robinson agreed to prepare letters 1) requesting ASD review and act to address disruption of site buffers at the Muldoon Area Middle School; and 2) Requesting the replacement of the dead plantings within the Muldoon Pedestrian Improvements Phase I project.

3) Resolution of Election Challenges, Certification of April Executive Board Election

- Return to earlier executive board business regarding challenges to the April Elections.
- President Roses presented the three challenges in general terms:
 - Eligibility question raised by candidate Charlie Fahl: (4) individuals brought letters of authorization indicating that they were the authorized representatives of businesses operating within the NECC boundaries, and were eligible to vote as such. However, it was determined shortly after the election that three of these businesses are actually included under a single 501 (c)(3) corporate charter, and as such are not entitled to individual votes.
 - Glenn Clary challenged the election for the purpose of addressing the possible perception of wrong doing by the businesses and individuals involved.
 - Josh Green challenged the election on the basis that one of the ballots cast at the election was lacking a number.
- President Roses reviewed the results of his own separate analysis of the election.
 - His count was similar to the counts reported by the election committee, however it added (1) vote to Bob Reupke, and removed (1) vote from Bobby Scott. This does not change the order of the election.
 - 222 individuals signed in as eligible to vote. 216 ballots were cast. 300 ballots were printed. All un-issued ballots are accounted for. There are 6 ballots missing, or that more likely were issued to people who signed in, but who chose to not cast them.
 - Due to the closeness of the election, rejecting any one or more of the ballots in question would have the effect of changing the order of election, or create ties. However, while there may be speculation as to whom the questioned ballots were cast for, it cannot actually be determined. Therefore, there is no simple remedy.
- Bob reviewed options for addressing the election challenges:
 - As president, Bob could unilaterally resolve the issue by certifying the election or other action of his choice. However, Bob preferred that a consensus be reached.
 - A new election could be held with the original candidates. However this was not necessarily acceptable to some of those challenging the election, as they indicated this had the effect of rewarding those who originally tainted the election. The members of the board generally agreed a new election was not desirable.
 - In exchange for a compromise, the vote challengers could withdraw their challenges, clearing the way for the certification of the election.

- Bob outlined a compromise:
 - Perception is that the Anchorage Baptist Temple (ABT) is trying to control the council. This is not true, but the perception exists.
 - The party most affected by this is Charlie Fahl, having lost by one vote.
 - It is likely that Bill Wielechowski will be resigning from the executive board should his Senate campaign be successful.
 - Glenn Clary expressed his concern that his presence was interfering with the council business due to misconceptions about his position on the NECC board, given that he is a pastor at ABT. As such, Glenn indicated he was willing to step down.
 - The members of the executive board agreed that should Glenn Clary resign, Bobby Scott would be appointed in his place. It was also agreed that Charlie Fahl would be appointed to the next available seat (most likely Bill Wielechowski), should a seat become available prior to the next election.
 - After some discussion, Charlie Fahl, Glenn Clary, and Josh Green agreed to withdraw their election challenges.
- The election was certified, and Bob Reupke, Troy Carlock and Steve Sommerfeld joined the board. President Roses, the Board members, and people in the audience thanked the outgoing officers.

4) Election of Executive Board Officers

- With the certification of the election, President Bob Roses' term was complete. Bob stepped down, and Vice President Josh Green proceeded to direct the election of executive board officers.
- Troy Carlock nominated Peggy Robinson for President. There was no opposition, and Peggy was unanimously voted in as president. Peggy directed the remainder of the meeting.
- Troy Carlock was nominated and elected for Vice-president.
- Dean Syta and Steve Sommerfeld were nominated and elected as co-secretaries.
- Bob Reupke was nominated and elected for treasurer.
- President Peggy Robinson appointed Bob Reupke as the NECC delegate to the FCC (Bob continues in this position).
- John Floyd and Josh Green were nominated for Parliamentarian. After some discussion, the nomination for John Floyd was withdrawn (largely because he wasn't at the meeting to ask for his consent to serve). Josh Green was subsequently voted in as parliamentarian with no opposition.

5) Appointment of NECC Auditing Committee

- NECC Bylaws require that the council's books be reviewed and audited annually by a committee consisting of at least two council members who are not signatories on the accounts. The audit is overdue, as it was supposed to occur in February.
- The following individuals volunteered for, and were appointed to the committee: Mary Pedlow; Bobby Scott; Charlie Fahl; Bob Reupke. Mary will chair this committee. They will attempt to have the report for the Membership Meeting on May 18, but will definitely have it ready by the Executive Board meeting on June 1.

6) Appointment to fill Executive Board Vacancy

- At the conclusion of the executive board business, Glenn Clary announced his resignation from the executive board.
- President Peggy Robinson offered potential candidates to fill the executive board vacancy: Charlie Fahl, the next highest vote recipient in the April election; and Bobby Scott who had been discussed earlier in the meeting as a replacement for Glenn, should Glenn chose to resign. Peggy discussed the merits of both, and recommended Bobby Scott be appointed to fill the vacancy.
- The executive board confirmed the appointment by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Bobby Scott will serve the balance of Glenn's term, which expires in 2007.

Adjournment at approximately 9:00 pm.