

NECC

Northeast Community Council

General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board: Selina Metoyer, Dave Ulmer, Kevin Smestad, Rachel Boudreau, Carla McConnell, Stu Grenier, Marc Grober

Board Members Present: Selina Metoyer, Dave Ulmer, Kevin Smestad, Rachel Boudreau, Carla McConnell, Stu Grenier, Marc Grober

Board Members Absent: None

Approval of September Meeting Agenda: Rep. LeDoux requested to move the legislative report to the beginning. Carla suggested to go under community concern, no opposed, no abstentions, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,884, received a \$2,500 check from Northrim Bank, thank you. Selina is on the new sheet for the checks. Bowl in the back for the donations, \$13 from last meeting deposited into the account.

Executive Report: Met to plan the agenda, appointed Marc Grober to the board. Stu suggested to invite reps back to the council if/when they did not win. No general meeting in December. Executive board meeting in December (6th) to discuss park issues at 6 pm. Also discussed trail design, Cheney Lake, fat bikes at RJSP, dog parks, park rangers.

School Board Report: No report. Selina will call the school board. Betty Davis is no longer on the school board.

JBER Community Planning: Nothing to report now. Would like to talk about wildlife issues for the spring. Stu asked is land by the Davis Park is federally owned, John said it was. Dave wanted to know how wide the easement is, John will check out it out with GIS and get back if he knows more about the specifics. Marc suggested Mr. Scudder to the December executive meeting regarding wildlife and parks in Muni and JBER. Mr. Scudder said he can come in January to discuss that. Rep. LeDoux expressed concerns about sonic boom noises from constituents, Mr. Scudder suggested to call the range noise hotline and leave a message. Nixle is also a place to sign up for texts. **1-800-JET-NOISE**, ask for a response.

Federation of Community Councils: Mark Butler would like to apologize about sending the agenda late. Meeting next Wednesday, the 22nd, with some speakers from the fire department, the ombudsmen, and long term planning. If people are having trouble receiving emails talk to Mr. Reupke and he will help. Carla reported the resolution they brought to the FCC regarding communication between Muni and CCs, the FCC picked it up and is working on a resolution to bring to the mayor's office. Mr. Grober asked a questions regarding the emailing list and who has ownership over it, Mr. Ruepke suggested talking to Mr. Butler about it. Carla suggested to have a meeting with Mr. Butler to figure this out. Selina will ask Mr. Butler about and will discuss it at the next executive board meeting.

Community Activities Reports:

- Two open seats on the board, please share and come to the executive board meeting in December.
- Stu has Doon danglers (they having from every green light pole in Muldoon) and would like help setting them up and moving them.
- Engine block on Boundary Ave., Stu called several people (code, mayor's office, and Pete Petersen at the meeting).
- Muldoon Chamber of Commerce meeting was last month and the next one is November 29th at 6 pm, Muldoon Fred Meyer's. Hopeful that official meetings will be on Thursday's next year. Working on getting the 501C6.
 - Stu suggested the businesses affected by the Muldoon Decorative Wall to be invited to a chamber of NECC meeting.
- Carla suggested NECC to begin to tackle in homelessness in some manner, suggested a working task force for each community council to work with Muni. Assembly Petersen said there is a plan, but it is lacking funding, an alcohol sales tax was brought in to bring in some revenue for the budget. Volunteering for the homeless head count is one way to get involved in January. Stu reported that he's seen far fewer tents in Centennial park.
- Stu suggested putting a sign on the Chantsnu-Muldoon park to let people know they can turn on the lights.
- Contact with Muni:
 - Kevin only to add resolutions to the agenda.
 - Selina spoke to Steve Refuse about the grant that was put in 2 years ago for \$750,000 would finally come through.
 - Marc went to the WNRAC at noon on the 14th. Steve Rafuse is going to come to a meeting on December 19th to explain plans about RJSP and why notices are not being received. Also talked about the natural resource plan will be. A public statement from Megan Marie at Fish and Game should be coming.
 - Stu reported that the Parks Commission has decided to make the Pena Park field in Centennial park a multi-use field, decision was made above the Parks Commission. Petco or Pet Smart is working on funding for gates for the dog park. Dog park committee has formed, and Stu is the chair.
- Two notices to read.
 - Meeting regarding rezoning at Baltazar property at 6 pm, Tuesday December 4th at Loussac Library.
 - Bus Barn relocation meeting with PnZ, 630 pm, Monday, December 10th at Loussac Library.
 - Representative Pruitt shared that sites 18 and 27 are where they are looking, but there are 4 sites in total which have been narrowed down. He also shared that more than likely Scenic Foothills and Basher community councils supporting site #27.

Business:

Old Business

1. Bus Barn Resolution to Support Moving to Site #27- Mr. Kevin Smestad Presenting (5 min)
 - a. Kevin read a resolution.
 - i. NECC Resolution Addressing Bus Barn
 - ii. Second by Stu.

- iii. Discussion
 - iv. In favor-15, opposed-0, abstain-4. Motion passes.
 - 2. Support of formalizing Cheney Lake Master Plan by Parks and Recreation- Ms. Carla McConnell presenting (5 min)
 - a. Request that PnR submit the master plan to PnZ as the plan is 15 years old and has not been formally submitted.
 - b. Carla read the resolution.
 - i. Seconded by Marc.
 - ii. Discussion: wondering if there is guidance regarding ice ribbon on the lake, Carla said it does not. Assembly Petersen said some parts are a little out of date (such as paddle board rental), but overall it still pretty good. Stu said there should be more notice regarding parks meetings and more avenues of notice.
 - iii. In favor-14, opposed-0, abstain-6, motion passes.
 - 3. Open Seats/Committees chair on the NECC Board, notify by ~~October~~ December boards - Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
 - a. Looking for two more seats.
 - b. Stu suggested reaching out to candidates that did not win.
 - c. We also have committee chairs open and committees that are open to the public.
 - d. Need to correct committees, updated in meeting, will be reflected in the next agenda.

New Business

- 1. Thank You for Arby's-Ms. Selina Metoyer presenting (5 min)
 - a. Assembly Petersen has a meeting with Arby's tomorrow (November 16th) and will bring the thank you's to them.
- 2. Resolution to Protect the Health of Children, Firefighters, and Families (prohibiting the sale and distribution of children's products and furniture that contain organohalogen flame retardants)— Ms. Jacica Kim presenting (10 min)
 - a. Emily from Community Action on Toxics, working on policies regarding social justice and toxics. Toxic free environments, ordinance is being drafted in the Muni.
 - b. Kevin seconded the resolution, only to change the top of the resolution to NECC.
 - c. Questions brought up by my members about more education about this issues and wanting more information regarding this issue. Jacica and Emily offered to bring more letters of support.
 - d. In Favor-9, Opposed-1, Abstain-7, motion passes.
- 3. Resolution of Supporting Initial Investigation Holding a Fat Tire Bike Race at RJSP Golf Course-Mr. Marc Grober Presenting (10 min)
 - a. Read by Mr. Grober
 - b. Seconded by Kevin.
 - c. Discussion: Assembly Petersen reported 3,000+ rounds of golf were played this past summer at the golf course, the Muni has spent millions taking care of the golf course, and tearing it up could be concern. Wondering who would host this. Mr. Grober said it was more about exploring the feasibility. Mr. Grenier also believes that Running spikes tear up the grass. Mr. Grober shared the Master Plan allowed for other events to happen, clarified wanted to just explore what this could look like. Concerns about PnR having many things to do as well as getting a voice from the Fat Tire Bike community.
 - d. In favor-6, opposed-3, abstain-8, motion passes.
 - e. Mr. Grober appointed chair of the new committee.

4. Addressing Demands that the Community Be Involved in Setting Appropriate Lighting Levels in RJSP- Mr. Marc Grober Presenting (10 min)
 - a. This was previously discussed with PnR, however it was never addressed by PnR in assessing appropriate lighting levels.
 - b. Marc read the resolution.
 - c. Seconded by Terri.
 - d. Discussion: Question about homeless camps and.
 - e. In favor-6, opposed-2, abstain-8, motion passes.
5. Addressing the Need to Create Park Wardens- Mr. Marc Grober Presenting (10 min)
 - a. Assemblymen Petersen said he attempted to pass an amendment for this in the budget, however it was not there. Mr. Grober said the warden would be there for the health (monitoring and maintenance) of the park.
 - b. Kevin read the resolution.
 - c. Seconded by Kevin.
 - d. Discussion: It will make people feel safer, help people to solve problems, and puts people to work. Concerns that Anchorage Works does not listen to the community concerns. Stu shared that people took action to pick up trash at homeless camps.
 - e. In favor-12, opposed-0, abstain-4, motion passes.
6. Addressing Bridge Resurfacing and Trail Design in RJSP-Mr. Marc Grober Presenting (5 min)
 - a. Resolution introduced.
 - b. Kevin Seconded.
 - c. Discussion: Wondering which bridge, all of them. People pass by very quickly and cause accidents, concerns of speed.
 - d. In favor-9, opposed-0, abstain-7, motion passes.
7. Request to Reintroduce Photo-Radar-Carla McConnell (10 min)
 - a. Shared technology has been updated and is much better than it was in the 90's, possibility of bringing in radar, some lights are capable of putting cameras in them. Emphasize that this is not a criminal situation, it is a civil fine to the owner of the vehicle. Forrest suggested using red light cameras instead of photo-radar.
 - b. Will work on it and bring it up again in January.
8. Alcohol License renewal Thai Village and Transfer Liquor License to Ding How-Public hearing November 7th at 6 pm at Loussac Library- Mr. Stu Grenier presenting (3 minutes)

Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
In favor-8, Opposed-2, Abstain-2

Representative Reports:

Special Assistant to the Mayor: Not present.

Assembly Person Pete Peterson: Finance committee meeting today. Tourism was up in bed tax and in rental cars, but Marijuana was down, fine collection up, car sales down. Ice skating oval at Chanstnu-Muldoon is hot mopped now. MLP sale is 1.01 billion.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar: Strongly suspect that the budget closes out the flower budget and the Manilizer green house at RJSP and shift the money to homeless services and the sports dome and rape kits. Tender at station 14 is closed and budget amended about that, Forrest

going to cut one of the tenders in South Anchorage and cut a different tender, spreads the cut throughout Anchorage. MLP sale could be done by December.

Senator Bill Wielechowski: Not present.

Senator Kathy Geissel: Not present.

Representative Ivy Spohnholz:

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux: Won the election and not much else to report. Republicans have claimed the majority but the Fairbanks seat is still up in the air and there is no leader yet. Going door to door, Representative LeDoux heard much about no more SB91 and statutory PFD. Rich requested a light at Standish Park on E. 5th Avenue, Assembly Petersen had the electric utility go look at that and there's no electric connection to plug into (MLP and Chugach). Representative asked who is responsible for requesting a new light, Mr. Grober shared there are 10 authorities who are involved for the street lights. If there are bulbs are out, Assemblyman Petersen said that can be taken care of by sharing it with them. Mr. Smestad suggested that Community Patrol is one way to help support come through and flip on lights, they also meet with APD once a month. It can also be put on Capital Improvement Projects list, a group can get together through the NECC and then the FCC.

Representative Lance Pruitt: Won the election. Working on getting his last 2 signs down. Friday at 2 is a count in Fairbanks to settle the two races. Dave from Teller will be the new speaker of the house. Working on pre-filing bills regarding crime stuff and regulatory reform. Representative Pruitt will be co-chair on the finance committee and wants to be fiscally responsible.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Committee Reports:

Alcohol Committee-

Bylaw Committee-Ran out of time for reports.

CIP Committee- Ran out of time for reports.

Parks Committee- Ran out of time for reports.

Picnic Committee- Ran out of time for reports.

Trails Committee – Ran out of time for reports.

Marijuana Committee – Ran out of time for reports.

Community Patrols- Ran out of time for reports.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.