

NECC

Northeast Community Council

General Meeting Minutes September 20, 2018

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Selina Metoyer, Dave Ulmer, Kevin Smestad, Rachel Boudreau, Carla McConnell, Kristi Wood and Stu Grenier.

Board Members Absent: Rick Irwin.

Approval of September Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve by Carla, second by Dave. Discussion: Marc Grober stated bylaws require communication discussed between board members and MOA and discussion of Russian Jack Springs Park as well as a 7-day notice of the agenda, he said there were a number of items not addressed in the 7-day notice. See Executive Report for more information.
Approve 14, objection 0, abstention 5, motion carries

Treasurer's Report: No report.

School Board Report: No report.

Executive Report: There was discussion of the timing of the agenda. The agenda was sent over to FCC before 7 days of notice and it was not posted publically until Sunday. Kevin Smestad said that it will be brought up at the next executive meeting and the process as to whether to post an agenda ASAP which may change or post a finalized agenda 7 days before the general meeting. Carla, Stu, Kristi, and Dave all shared interactions they had had with the Municipality via phone, in person or email.

JBER Community Planning: Jon Scudder presented on the use of iSportsman, a pass which provides recreational access onto military property. He said that some training areas will be expanded into alpine areas and it is important to check the status on iSportsman for those recreating on military property. Mr. Scudder said that they have spent \$60,000 last year on invasive choke cherry trees and trying to get them out.

Federation of Community Councils: Bob Reupke reported that 36 community councils meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. He shared that the Mayor was there and there was conversation about the homeless plan, Central Transfer Station is still closed, Anchor Home, and Anchorage Climate plan with UAA and long range planning division. Mr. Reupke also shared the proposed resolution in regards to information coming from Muni and will be sent out to all Community Councils.

Representative Reports:

Special Assistant to the Mayor was not there.

Assembly Person Pete Peterson: Shared the meeting for bus barn will be 4700 Elmore road. Quinn Davidson is the new West Anchorage assembly person. The assembly is still working on the homeless issues; campers must move out of the zone within 10 days.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar: Northrim bank is opening a new branch in Muldoon. The MLP Sale-Chugach Electric passed a resolution in moving forward with the asset sale. This is the largest transaction in the city and have until December 31st to get it done. Due to a tabulation error, there's about a 6 million dollars deficient, there will be more information moving forward. Residents can comment online about marijuana onsite consumption.

Senator Bill Wielechowski: Nate Graham was there for Senator Wielechowski. Senator Wielechowski is working on a trial in Portland. Prefilling legislation to put PFD into constitution as the original formula. Contact him with question.

Senator Kathy Geissel was not there.

Representative Ivy Spohnholz: Representative Spohnholz stated that safety, public education, and address health care costs are expressed concerns from citizens. She also shared the implementation of the health care price transparency has been completed within the municipality and is moving to the entire state.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux LeDoux-present a legislative citation Demri through his work there and through UAA. Watch grant applications are now available for funding, google or call her office. The VFW is sponsoring an audio competition for 9-12th graders and the grand prize is \$30,000 and the topic is "why my vote matters."

Representative Lance Pruitt Shared about the October 2nd meeting at the permit center and finding an appropriate place to move the bus barn. He is out of session and keeping eyes on with what is going on with the gas line.

Community Activities Reports:

Chugach Electric: equipment and once the piece is in then commission begins, then an inspection is conducted, and once the switch gear is in, the real fence will be built, temporary fence will be removed and landscaping will be done at the end of the year.

John Ziv has resigned and there is an open appointment on the NECC board.

Another Facebook page for NECC concern, it has been addressed several times.

Jim Curran with the Muldoon library shared new informational cards. He also said he was working with Muldoon job center and monthly workshops, working to serve seniors to assist in getting to the library, new book drop coming before winter. The Ann Stevens room is open; the Alaska Collection is still repairing damage but the Cooperative Extension office will be renting space on the 4th floor.

Carla: strip of land behind Wal-Mart and Fred Myer there are a number of campers behind there and they tried to remove them, they became aggressive and need APD involvement.

Kristi Wood shared that the WSNRC, passed a resolution the last meeting in asking for assistance and helping in developments. WSNRC had had some of their own conflicts and are more than willing to talk to other CC and entities with any areas or concerns.

Liz Snyder is running for state house district 27. There is also a Cheney Lake Neighbors page of Facebook and if you live within a .5-mile radius you can join in.

October 5th, Northrim Volunteers will be helping to remove invasive species from Centennial park.

There is a sign-up sheet for removing invasive species and dog park.

Marc Grober-update report on single track at Russian Jack Springs Park was not going to move forward in funding because documents were not submitted and inadequate for plan.

Jason is running for state house district 15.

Business:

Old Business

1. Announcement Regarding Upcoming Community Meeting for New Bus Barn-Public facility site selection meeting, Oct 2nd 6-730 pm. There is one site is in the NECC area. Muni has a PnZ meeting in December. Lance Pruitt would ask to unify behind keeping it out of residential areas and keep it to areas that are more industrial. Information is available on NECC Facebook, ASD, Muni website.
2. Quick Response (QR) Code for Parks-Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min). Resolution introduced, resolution seconded. Discussion: wondered about other places this is being used, isn't a phone just as quick as trying to use a QR code, suggestions of a physical map with cross streets, questions of multiple posts in the woods, and whether or not the Parks Foundation is already working on this. There was a motion to table until further notice, motion seconded.
 - i. In Favor-13 Opposed 0, Abstention 6, motion carries.
3. Maintenance Agreement for Muldoon Decorative Wall-Dave Ulmer and Kristi Wood presenting. The wall was put in years ago and it is in disrepair and in need of landscaping, Dave found the original contract and it is now the muni's responsibility to maintain it. Submit a resolution to ask Muni to do what they are supposed to do and extend by 20 years. Resolution introduced (**get resolution**). Discussion to include the exact location of the wall, suggestion to include traffic stops on the back of the wall to stop people from backing into it. Motion to table the discussion, motioned seconded.
 - i. In Favor 11, objections 0, abstentions, 7, motion pass
4. Cheney Lake Master Plan Review -Carla McConnell presenting. Master plan was never submitted for acceptance; it is 15 years old. Interested in a committee meeting to review the master plan to see where it is at and still submit it for acceptance. 2006 parks plan should also have information available on it, the CL master plan relies on the 2006 plan. Post it to the parks section of the NECC website.

New Business

- ~~1. Update on Habitat for Humanity New Building Site with Health and Safety Concerns-Mrs. Phillips~~
Return next month.
2. Alternative Uses or Reduced Hours of Russian Jack Springs Park Golf Course-Marc Grober. Golf course has been used for many other things and management and enforcement is unclear.

Resolution introduced, resolution seconded. Discussion: Use it the way the Master Plan states and use it the way the community wants. Bring the concerns forward to the master plan when it is ready to come. More concerns about notifying the community in time. About 5-6 community councils to have their say on this, they were notified of the NECC resolution. Motion to table indefinitely.

i. In favor 12, objections 0, abstentions 4, motion carries

~~3. Adopting an Appropriate Image of Russian Jack Springs Park for Wayfaring and Other Purposes-Marc Grober (5 min). Withdraw to another time.~~

4. Banning Choke Cherry Trees on Private Property or Removing Cherries-Stu Grenier presenting. Resolution introduced, resolution seconded. Discussion: More common on public than private, spread by root systems and use herbicides instead of ripping up roots and riverbanks, craft specific language for a focal point. Motion to table, motion seconded.

i. In favor 15, objections, abstentions 3, motion carries.

~~5. Request to Reintroduce Photo-Radar-Carla McConnell (5 min). Withdraw until next meeting.~~

6. Request of Title 21 User Guide from Municipality-Carla McConnell. Resolution introduced, resolution seconded. Discussion: need someone from Muni to come discuss, title 21 is different than Anchorage by 2020, NECC cannot request documents from the community. Motion to table, motion seconded.

a. In favor 10, objections 0, abstention, motion to table passes

7. Transfer of Liquor License for El Rodeo. Unless anyone is against a transfer or liquor license renewal the NECC does not take action for it unless an owner comes in for a review.

Make a motion to extend meeting 15 minutes, motion seconded.

In Favor-8, Opposed-8, Absentions-3, motion fails

Approval of Previous Minutes: May 2018, August 2018

- o Motion to approve, motion seconded,
- o approved 10, objections 0, abstention 2, motion passes

Committee Reports:

Alcohol Committee-See above in new business item #7. A committee meeting will be held October 5th at 7 pm in the small room at the MCA.

Bylaw Committee-No time for report.

CIP Committee- No time for report.

Parks Committee- No time for report.

Picnic Committee- No time for report.

Trails Committee – No time for report.

Marijuana Committee – No time for report.

Community Patrols- No time for report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.