

NECC

Northeast Community Council

General Meeting Minutes October 18, 2018

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Dave Ulmer, Kevin Smestad, and Stu Grenier.

Board Members Absent: Selina Metoyer, Rachel Boudreau, and Carla McConnell all excused.

Approval of September Meeting Agenda: Move to approve by Bob, seconded, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: Stu Grenier reported a balance \$381.84. A backpack was available in the back to make donations to the NECC. Funds go to things such as the picnic

Executive Report: Worked on the agenda, moved a few items to November due to full agenda. Hold off on looking at bylaws, looking at the agenda process to make it a smoother process.

School Board Report: No report.

JBER Community Planning: Check in to see if there are any questions from last month regarding land access.

Federation of Community Councils: Met the Wednesday before. Discussion of housing APD at the FCC, members running for school board and open seats, information about contacts with the teachers at ASD, and talk of consolidating some schools. A resolution was drafted from that PnZ information should not go longer than 60 days to get information out to community Councils.

Candidates Running for office:

- House
 - 27
 - Liz Snyder running.
 - Lance Pruitt running, has spent 8 years as House Representative.
 - 15
 - Rick Phillips Democrat running.
 - Aaron Weaver Republican running.
 - Lyn Franks Democrat running.
 - Ivy Sponholz running, working in legislature last 15 years.
 - 18
 - LaDeoux running again, has spent 6 years as House Representative.
- Governor
 - Mark Begich running.

Representative Reports:

Special Assistant to the Mayor: Anchored Home and Climate Action Plan. Mayor attended FCC meeting. Thanked the Assembly authorized the youth Advisory commission for the next three years.

Assembly Person Pete Peterson: Toured the new facility out at Eklutna. Working on the sale of MLP and should be done by the end of the year, however the closing is very complicated. Starting to work on next year's budget. Removed 217 tons of garbage from homeless camps this year, lower than last year.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar: Projected budget for next year should be similar to this year. Presentation about the SWS and may need to be closed further for more repairs and will need to look at moving landfill.

Senator Bill Wielechowski: Not there.

Senator Kathy Geissel: Not there.

Representative Ivy Spohnholz: Working on problems at API with the Disability and Law Center in regards to staffing issues and patients are being diverted to jails instead of receiving appropriate mental health care. Had a Legislative day of service at the Food Bank of Alaska. Working on healthcare policy collaboration. Has also been visiting schools in the district and donating the book Grace Runs for President to the school library. Alaska applied for the CMS 1115 waiver to provide for more community health based services, however still in conversation with the Federal government about that.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux: In the interim, not much has happened. Many people on the campaign trail and not the legislative trail. AFN was today. Considering closing Mt. Spurr.

Representative Lance Pruitt: Not a lot of committee working happening. Bus Barn meeting on December 10th. He's been around to the local schools and sports games going on.

Community Activities Reports:

- Thank you to the employees from Northrim Bank for their volunteer hours they put in taking out invasive plants and trees.
- Maureen from Northrim Bank was there to share about the bank's grand opening.
- Marc Grober mentioned the bus barn meeting December 10th with the Assembly.

Business:

Old Business

1. Update on Habitat for Humanity New Building Site with Health and Safety Concerns- Mrs. Phillips (5 min)
 - a. Finishing a first story and building a wall on the second story. The concerns have been cleared according to regulations and re-inspected and passed. Invited to come out to the site to check it out if there are any concerns and/or come out to the office. Will be shutting down around Thanksgiving.
2. Quick Response (QR) Code for Parks-Kevin Smested presenting (5 min)
 - a. Motion to take this off the table by Marc, seconded by Stu.
 - b. In Favor-7, Opposed-3, Abstain-4, Motion passes.

- c. Resolution regarding QR Codes read.
 - d. Motion brought forward, motion seconded.
 - e. Discussion: Regarding how it works, whether or not it deters crime, questions of how much it would cost to implement and maintain,
 - f. In favor-7, opposed-0, abstain-8, motion passes.
3. Alternative Uses or Reduced Hours of Russian Jack Springs Park Golf Course-Marc Grober (5 min)
 - a. Motion to take this off the table, seconded.
 - b. In favor-9, Opposed-0, Abstaining-3
 - c. Resolution read. Marc shared about golf course openings and closings and possible uses of the golf course. Idea of the resolution is look at the idea of closing the golf course down, capture what other uses there are, and who else is using the golf course (e.g., Frisbee golf).
 - d. In favor-6, Opposed-2, Abstain-5, motion passes.
 4. Adopting an Appropriate Image of Russian Jack Springs Park for Wayfaring and Other Purposes-Marc Grober (5 min)
 - a. Motion to take this off the table, motion seconded.
 - b. In favor-9, Opposed-0, Abstain-1, motion passes to take off the table.
 - c. Motion to postpone indefinitely, motion seconded.
 - d. In favor-9, Opposed-1, Abstain-2, motion passes to postpone.
 5. Update about Community Meeting for New Bus Barn Location – TBD presenting (2 min).
 - a. December 10th at 6 pm at the Loussac Library with Planning and Zoning.
 - b. The location between MCA and Wal-Mart is lower on the list. Two locations are higher on the list for being considered: by the crime lab, and by the fire station and the Campbell Airstrip road. Make sure to clarify WHERE to put the site instead of just where not to. After PnZ it will go to the Assembly for a final decision.
 - c. Work on creating a resolution to support a specific location for the bus barn to be ready for the November meeting.
 - d. Discussion: concerns about data supporting decision, media highlighting specific site, why support a specific site.
 - e. Motion to table until next meeting, seconded.
 - f. Favor-all said aye, Opposed-0, motion passes
 6. Update from WNRAC Meeting - Mr. Marc Grober presenting (5 min)
 - a. WNRAC wanted to adopt the resolution then and there and try to figure out what is going on with communication.
 7. Cheney Lake Master Plan Committee Forming- Ms. Carla McConnell presenting (3 min)
 - a. Meeting planned for October 24th at 6 pm in the Starbuck's at Fred Meyer. The master plan from 2003 is out there but was not submitted for approval to PnR.
 8. Dog Fence Park (Near Centennial Park) Committee Forming - Mr. Stu Grenier presenting (5 min)
 - a. Sign the sign-up sheet if you are interested to try and figure out if/where the dog park could go.
 9. Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Implementation comment period – TBD presenting (5 min)
 - a. October 26th is when comment period ends (in regards to height of houses).
 10. NECC Report of interactions with Municipality-oral report 1 minute each
 - a. Dave communicated in regards to landscaping issues, Kristi resigning, and to Steve about swings in Chantsnu Park. Stu talked with Muni about the potential of a dog park on the gas line trail and to John about the dog park potential in Centennial park.

New Business

1. Community and Neighborhood Watch Grant Applications - Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
 - a. If someone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group, there is grant money available, applications are due by December 1, 2018. Started a community patrol this year for NECC due to increase in crime.
2. 3 Open Seats/Committees chair on the NECC Board, notify by October 31st - Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
 - a. Currently 6 people on the board, and looking for more people.
 - b. All candidates show up at the NECC Executive Board Meeting on November 1st at 6 pm at MCA church.
 - c. Also looking for committee chairs.
3. Free Flu Shot locations; Begich Middle and Alaska Regional - Mr. Kevin Smestad (2 min)
 - a. There are free flu shots around the NECC area.
4. Alcohol Committee notice for next year's renewal – Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
 - a. A list of alcohol license renewals for the next 2 years has been sent out, instead of sending liquor licenses one at a time. Let Stu know if you have any concerns.
5. Muldoon Chamber of Commerce meeting October 25th at 6pm-Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (2 min)
 - a. Jerrienne has been working for a few years to get a chamber of commerce going and now want to start meeting on a monthly basis.
6. Garden Markers in Chantsnu Muldoon Park Phase 2-Krisit Wood presenting (2 minutes)
 - a. Partnership with Begich Middle School who designed and painted the posts to be used in the garden at Chantsnu Muldoon Park.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Committee Reports:

Alcohol & Marijuana Committee-No report.

Bylaw Committee-No report.

CIP Committee- No report.

Parks Committee- No report, looking for a new chair.

Picnic Committee- No report.

Trails Committee –Look at a getting a trail from Muldoon to Begich Middle School, working on getting lights.

Community Patrols- No time for report. First Friday of the month at Denny's all community patrols meet at 6 pm, APD also comes out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.