

NECC

Northeast Community Council

General Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board: T'Shalla Baker introduced

Board Members Present: Selina Metoyer, Kevin Smestad, Rachel Boudreau, Charles England, Marc Grober, Dave Ulmer, and Stu Grenier

Board Members Absent: Carla McConnell

Approval of March Meeting Agenda: Mr. Bob Reupke made a motion to approve, Seconded by Mr. Charles England

Treasurer's Report: \$2648.69 reported by Mr. Stu Grenier. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Executive Report: Jim Curran from the library shared that there is a group who is thinking of possibly moving the library. Set the agenda. Board requested for the president to appoint members to the RJSP CAP: Ms. Terry Cummings, Mr. Dave Ulmer, and Mr. Marc Grober. Received an update from Mrs. Carla McConnell regarding the FCC regarding a resolution of communication between FCC and community councils.

Captain Robertson AFD Station 6: Hands on CPR presentation. Answered questions from the audience. Video presentation regarding CPR and saving lives. Captain Robertson shared that when you notice someone going into cardiac arrest to start compressions right away to get the blood flowing. Ideally about 100 beats per minute or to the tune of "Stayin' Alive" by the BeeGees. No more rescue breaths, just straight compressions. Bike helmet program is still coming within the next couple of months. They also check car seats.

Representative Reports:

Senator Bill Wielechowski: Not present.

Senator Kathy Geissel: Not present.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux: Chair of the Military committee and co-chairs of several other committees. This weekend the house finance committee is going across the state to hear from constituents, in Anchorage this weekend. API is now being managed by a private organization, working to correct things there now and monitor the situation. Has new staff.

Representative Lance Pruitt: Not present.

Representative Ivy Spohnholz: Working on the budget proposal for next year. The House Finance Committee went through the budget line by line. Sunday from 2-5 pm will be a House Finance testimony time.

Anchorage Community Meeting on House Finance Committee
Sunday, March 24th from 2-5pm. At 1500 W. Benson Blvd.

Assembly Person Pete Peterson: Ballots mailed out, if you have not received your ballot call 234-8683. The transportation facility was recommended to move next to the APD facility. Debating smoking footage from playground. Proposal to lift regulations for taxi drivers to increase competition with Uber and Lyft.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar: Passed an ordinance that bans the sale of certain flame retardants in some materials, followed standards that California went with. Governor's budget presentation about bond debt reimbursement which

would be cut and in turn taxes would go up on homes; the debate is to raise taxes in case there are significant budget cuts or wait to see and find other finances through short term notes (and then raise property taxes next year). A resolution proposed to go from 11 to 12 assembly members to more appropriately represent constituents of Anchorage.

Assembly Person Gretchen Wehmhoff: Interim assembly member, one more assembly meeting. Draft of the discussion regarding the communication between MOA and community councils is a discussion among other councils as well. Transit in conversation with MOA and Valley about creating routes.

Assembly Person Fred Dyson: Not present.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: Not present.

School Board Report: Ms. Elise Snelling presented on Bond Proposition 1 for \$59 million. Muldoon, Creekside Park, and one more school in the NECC area, mostly in regard to safety improvements for about \$12 million. The governor's budget creates deep cuts for the school district. Just passed the district budget, but waiting on the governor's budget, focus on keep classroom sizes small.

JBER Community Planning: Polar Force Base Exercise running from March 25th to April 5th. A black bear hunt will be conducted from April 15th-June 15th, 25 hunters have been pre-selected, don't wear black during that time period if you are using the iSportsman between that time. iSportsman has more information regarding the hunt.

Muldoon Library: Not present.

Federation of Community Councils: Mr. Reupeke shared about the FCC meeting the previous day.

- FCC is funded by the MOA; funds an office and 2 staff members.
- 430 APD officers who are trying to be more active in the community, 30 at one time and looking to go back to community policing. So, there will be specific police contact per area.
- Beginning April 1st, runway construction will begin and run through the summer.
- Resolution regarding communication from MOA if something is going to happen within 1000 feet of the community council area.
- 2040 Land Use Plan-open house, Tuesday, April 2 on Elmore Road.
- Anchorage Climate Action Plan open house on March 27th.
- FEMA information regarding earthquake damage available
- Issues regarding insurance coverage through the FCC, community councils are not government agencies. More information to come out later.

Community Activities Reports:

- UAA has an open position
- Airport Job Fair this Saturday at the North Terminal from 10-3
- RJSP on one of the bonds in April.
- AWWU requesting a change in the easement, now an opportunity to present a request for a trail easement between Centennial Park and JBER.
- Alcohol Tax information and resolution from the Anchorage Health Department.
- Little Leagues-Polar and Nunaka Valley are in the NECC area. Polar just now obtained permits to be back in Centennial Park for little league and t-ball. Working on a challenge grant to improve the field.
- Providence Extended Care looking to become more involved in the community and conduct community outreach, Sister Genevieve can be reached at 212-9219.
- Concerns regarding cuts to the oil tax companies and salary compensations for those in the administration.

- Saturday morning at 10, democratic chair, movie regarding voting and ballots.
- Concern regarding parks bond and RSJP improvements which have not gone through the NECC nor presented to the NECC.

Business:

Presentations (5-minute limit)

1. CPR Presentation, Captain Robertson presenting-see above, presented early.
- ~~2. Pebble Mine Update Ms. Karli Brakes presenting, The Pebble Partnership~~
3. Pebble Mine Update, ~~Mr. Sam Snyder~~-Ms. Emily Anderson presenting, Save Bristol Bay Coalition
 - a. Moved to next month.
 - b. Ms. Terry Cummings raised a question to why they are presenting and did not think it was appropriate to have either at the council.
 - c. Ms. Terry Cummings asked about it again brought up again and brought a request for a resolution regarding Pebble Mine. Mr. Kevin Smestad said it was not a business item, therefore a resolution could not be presented. Ms. Radhika Krishna suggested to come to the Executive Board Meeting instead or bring up the issue when there is a motion to approve the agenda at the next meeting and make a motion to remove the agenda item.
4. Parks Bond Ms. Karen Bronga presenting, Vice President of Scenic Foothills community council
 - a. Not present
- ~~5. The Treehouse AK Marijuana Establishment, Mr. Josh Brooks presenting~~
6. Alcohol Tax Presentation, Anchorage Faith and Congregations Together presenting
 - a. Presentation in support of the proposed alcohol tax.
- ~~7. Governor's Assistant presenting on governor's budget, Ms. Marilyn Stewart Presenting?~~

New Business

1. Period to comment on Climate Action Plan open until March 31st, available at muni.org. community meeting scheduled to take place on March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Z.J. Loussac Library. (2 min)
2. Muldoon Farmer's Market call for volunteers (2 min)
 - a. First meeting, June 22nd is the first date the market will be open. If anyone is interested in volunteering contact Mr. Bob Reupke, Ms. Carla McConnell, Ms. Jerriane Lowther, Mr. Forrest Dunbar, Ms. Selina Metoyer, Ms. Terry Cummings, or Mr. Dave Ulmer
 - b. Volunteer opportunities include Loading, unloading, planning, cleaning up, management money system, contact between vendors.
 - c. April 18th, open to the public, meet at Fred Meyer in the deli section.
3. FEDERAL Earthquake Disaster Relief until April 1st, 2019. – TBD presenting (2 min)
4. Alcohol License Renewal-JJ's Sports Bar, Sam's Club – Ms. Rachel Boudreau presenting (2 min)
5. Possible Resolution regarding DeBarr Road and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, TBD presenting
 - a. Mr. Dave Ulmer shared many years ago there was a possibility of extending DeBarr road beyond Boston road, a resolution was set in place to object to the extension and was told it would not ever happen it would be too prohibitive. There is now talk about it being revised and brought up again. Resolution will be brought up at the next meeting, opposing the road AND vacate the right of way.
6. ~~Resolution regarding rezoning of the ML&P Plat of the land East of Centennial Park and West of the Military Boundary, Mr. Stu Grenier presenting.~~
 - a. ~~Mentioned during community concerns, would like to present it during the April meeting when MLP comes.~~
 - b. ~~Proposed resolution read.~~

Old Business

1. Russian Jack Springs Park planning update, ~~Ms. Carla McConnell Ms. Kristi Wood~~ Ms. Terry Cummings presenting (5 minutes)

- a. Master Plan workshop session was held on February 27th. Over 50 people attended, 7 stations were set up and rotated through, what would people like to see in the park in 10 years. Thursday the 28th at 6, the advisory committee will meet at the Chalet, public is invited to come and watch.
- b. Updates will be posted to the Facebook page.
2. Election Committee (Kevin, Charles, Stu) – Election in April, who wants to run – Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
 - a. Need to have attended 3/6 meetings.
 - b. Donna Mears, Radhika Krishna, Liz Snyder (Rachel Boudreau, Dave Ulmer, and Marc Grober seats are up).
3. Vote by Mail Reminder for the Municipal Election – TBD presenting (5 min)
 - a. Shared by assembly members
4. Business between NECC board members and Municipality
 - a. Ms. Selina Metoyer spoke with Mr. Steve Rafuse regarding food garden and Muldoon Farmer’s Market
 - b. Mr. Marc Grober emailed in regard to challenge grant and insurance.
 - c. Mr. Dave Ulmer emailed in regard to insurance clarification.
 - d. Mr. Stu Grenier spoke with MOA in regard to a homeless camp in Centennial park.

Approval of Previous Minutes: February 2019

Motion made by Mr. Kevin Smestad to approve, seconded by Mr. Stu Grenier, no objection, minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Alcohol and Marijuana Committee- AK Tree House will be presenting next month in regard to a retail marijuana space in the NECC area.

Bylaw Committee-meeting TBD.

CIP Committee- Met to go over the 2020 list, went over the basics of looking at it (what’s on there, why, what’s not on there, etc). Hoping to have a finalized CIP list by May meeting. Nothing was given to legislature for monetary funding, if anyone would like to add to the list, speak with Mr. Kevin Smestad (specific language needs to be used to add items).

Parks Committee- See above.

Fat Bike Committee-

Picnic Committee- June 15th from 11-3, getting out information, Tuesday March 26th is the next meeting. Ms. T’Shalla Baker will be taking over as the chair of the committee.

Trails Committee – Nothing new.

Community Patrols- First Friday of every month at 6 pm at Denny’s is the meeting of the heads of the community patrols. Each head of the patrols is working with the police department to be able to communicate with them in the midst of patrol. Mr. Paul Rober is a new member.

Dog Park Committee-Mr. Stu Grenier is heading it up and looking for members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm