

# NECC

**Northeast Community Council**

**General Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019**

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**Call to Order:** 7:01 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Introduction of the Board:**

**Board Members Present:** Selina Metoyer, Carla McConnell, Kevin Smestad, Rachel Boudreau, Charles England, Marc Grober, Dave Ulmer, T'Shalla Baker, and Stu Grenier

**Board Members Absent:**

**Approval of March Meeting Agenda:** Mr. Bob Reupke made a motion to approve, Seconded by Mr. Marc Grober, no objections, motion passes.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2688.69 reported by Mr. Stu Grenier as of March 31st.

**Executive Report:** Set the agenda, discussed the RJSP master plan.

**Community Concerns/Community Activities Report:**

- Moment of silence for Marie Majesty.
- Mr. Stu Grenier and Mr. Kevin Smestad, poster of bike trail around military bike trail.
- NE Community Center BnG-2 young individuals spoke up in favor of building a basketball court at CMP
- Tylea (Keystone) spoke of supporting a community mural
- One encouraged (keystone) and asked to fix the Muldoon sign
- Two asked (Keystone) and encouraged to clean up the park on a weekly basis and keep things clean
- Asked for volunteering opportunities that they could be involved with during high school and looking ahead to graduation (90% graduation rate by 2020)
- Karyrick is the new manager at the BnG club, introduced himself to the community council
- Ms. Robin Barden-expressed concerns about the proliferation of substance use in the community.
- Ms. Carla McConnell shared the dates about city wide clean up April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Colleen along Muldoon between DeBarr and 32<sup>nd</sup>
- Community Picnic on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-3
- Farmer's Market will begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 930-230 and volunteers are needed.

**Legislative Reports:**

**Senator Bill Wielechowski:** Confirmation hearing yesterday, 92 confirmations. Still working on the budget, house passed the operating budget, capital budget is in the senate. Continuing to work on approving the budget between the senate and house.

**Senator Kathy Geissel:** Not present.

**Representative Gabrielle LeDoux:** Not present.

**Representative Lance Pruitt:** More work on the budget and hoping to have a draft next week. Discussion regarding SB91. No discussion regarding what the PFD will look like yet.

**Representative Ivy Spohnholz:** A few highlights from the operating budget, 200 million dollars were cut from last year's budget (mostly Medicaid, transportation, department of corrections), accepted some of the cuts from the governor. Working on introducing HB89, a patient education bill regarding opioids prescriptions.

**Assembly Person Pete Peterson:** 1.9 billion dollars is the recent estimate cost of rebuilding the port, if the rates were to be increased it is possible businesses would use other ports instead and increase to the people would be astronomical. Over 28% of people voted in the April election, not as many as the mayoral election last year. Passed an ordinance of a ban the sale of certain chemical retardants, same standards as California. Looking at a bill of raising the smoking age to 21 and the same for vaping. Did not pass deregulating taxis. Looking for volunteers to be on the board of equalization, looking at property assessments. Looking to introduce an ordinance to ban trapping near established trails and trailheads of at least 50 yards on either side of the trail.

**Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar:** No report given.

**Assembly Person Gretchen Wehmhoff:** Not present.

**Assembly Person Fred Dyson:** Not present.

**Special Assistant to the Mayor:** Over 50 boards and commissions are staffed by volunteers, youth advisory commission is one he is involved in. Speaking to one of the student concerns, there is a one mural available wall at Baltazar's Tire Shop which the community can use. Trash cans have been painted downtown by local high school students, it is a low hanging fruit but has high impact on the community. He will work on a getting a painted trash can by Samurai Sushi and the BnG will work on emptying the trash can into the Samurai dumpster.

**School Board Report:** Not present.

**JBER Community Planning:** Ms. Angela Earl shared there is a major gate construction at the Boniface gate, traffic will need to be rerouted during May and June. July, August, and September-Muldoon gate will be completely closed. October-Post Road gate will be closed.

**Muldoon Library:** Not present.

**Federation of Community Councils:**

- Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Flyers available on table regarding Memorial Day parade, 2020 census work, CIP meeting, fire department responding to calls and about 85% are funded through charges.
- Felix Rivera is the new chair of the assembly, will revisit the alcohol tax next year.
- If funding is cut from ASD in regard to appropriations from 2015, property taxes will go up about \$125 per \$100,000.
- FCC is working on liability insurance for all community councils.
- Mr. Marc Grober made a motion to reimburse Ms. Selina Metoyer out of the NECC funds, Mr. Kevin Smestad seconded the motion.

- Discussion: Mr. Marc Grober explained the NECC has been working on this for months.
- Any building any community council meets in will need to be insured, it was assumed all community councils were covered through the FCC, however it is not the case.
- Ms. Selina Metoyer is working with the insurance agency which works with the FCC to ensure that all community councils will be covered so that the NECC can continue to meet next month.
- Mr. Radhika Krishna expressed that the FCC should also be reimbursing the NECC for insurance. Mr. Bob Reupke shared that the municipality would be paying the money.
  - In favor- 18, against-0, abstain-5, motion passes.

### Business:

#### Presentations (5-minute limit)

1. ~~Deputy Director of Community Relations for Michael J. Dunleavy Governor, State of Alaska, Ms. Marilyn Stewart presenting~~
2. Pebble Mine Update Mr. ~~Mark Hamilton~~ Abe Williams presenting, The Pebble Partnership
  - a. Mine plan is designed to be a lot smaller, less obstructive, a 20-year mine life. Packets were available about the environmental impact statement with all information regarding the project.
3. Pebble Mine Update, ~~Ms. Emily Anderson~~ Mr. Sam Snyder presenting, Save Bristol Bay Coalition
  - a. In the middle of the comment period for the project draft and this will be the most permits given, expressed concerns regarding the environmental impact statement and items to be aware of in regard to the impact of the mine.
4. The Treehouse AK Marijuana Establishment, Mr. Josh ~~Brooks~~ Boots presenting
  - a. Intention to open a marijuana retail store on Boniface and would like to open up communication, address any concerns, share about himself. May will be the marijuana control board meeting and concerns can be expressed there.
5. Plat for AWWU & ML&P Parcels (8670 Starview Drive, 8600 Bald Eagle Drive, & 8800 Bald Eagle Drive) Ms. Wende Wilber presenting, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
  - a. Presenters are invited to stay for resolution regarding Resolution regarding rezoning of the ML&P Plat of the land East of Centennial Park and West of the Military Boundary
  - b. Need to change some lines regarding ML&P and muni, in order to sell ML&P to Chugach Electric. Nothing visible will change.
6. AWWU Boston Street Water Rehabilitation, and Northern Lights Boulevard Water Rehabilitation: Augustine Dr to Muldoon Rd., Ms. Jenny Miner presenting, PTS Engineering
  - a. Ms. Nicole Ream from PTS, along with 3 people from AWWU. Traffic may be impacted, project should take about 45-60 days.

#### New Business

1. Election Committee (Kevin, Charles, Stu) – Election in April, who wants to run – Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (5 min)
  - a. Mr. Marc Grober, Ms. Rachel Boudreau, Ms. Liz Snyder, and Ms. Donna Mears running. May vote for up to 3 people.
    - i. Ms. Rachel Boudreau, Ms. Liz Snyder, and Ms. Donna Mears are the newly elected members.
2. CIP List, Mr. Kevin Smestad presenting (3 minutes)
  - a. If anyone would like to add a project to the list, email Kevin, such as the sidewalk concern expressed earlier.

3. NECC moving to become an officially incorporated organization of Northeast Community Council Inc., TBD presenting (5 min)
  - a. By becoming a recognized non-profit there are more benefits available to the NECC. It can be done without amending bylaws, however wanted the public to be aware of, but name in the bylaws would need to be changed.
  - b. Ms. Kristi Wood expressed concerns regarding paperwork, taxes, and cost. Ms. Carla McConnell shared that it is actually fairly simple to apply and keep up. Advantages include insurance coverage, Google groups, more easily accept contributions, a little bit more formality.
- ~~4. Bylaws amendments, Ms. Carla McConnell presenting (5 min)~~
5. Alcohol License Renewal, Northern China Restaurant, Ms. Rachel Boudreau presenting (2 minutes)

#### Old Business

1. Chanshtnu-Muldoon Park Phase 2 update, Mr. Steve Rafuse presenting (5 minutes)
  - a. Shared about dog park plan, entrances, garden/food forest, paths, parking lot, a natural meadow, pump park, and other additional trails. Grant has been awarded according to the plan, construction on Boston might complicate some parts of the plan. Plan to start summer 2019 and finish summer/fall 2020.
  - b. Concerns expressed about traffic speed, sight lines, landscaping and security around the park.
  - c. Ms. Kristi Wood moved for the NECC to approve phase 2 of CMP, Ms. Carla McConnell seconded.
  - d. No objections, motion passes.
2. Muldoon Farmer's Market call for volunteers (2 min)
  - a. See above in community concerns.
3. Resolution regarding DeBarr Road and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, Mr. Dave Ulmer presenting (5 minutes)
  - a. Mr. Dave Ulmer shared that there have been rumors of Muni extending DeBarr Road, read resolution.
  - b. Seconded by Mr. Kevin Smestad.
  - c. Mr. Forrest Dunbar said that he and Mr. Pete Peterson would look into the legality of this but would need support in testimony over the next few months if need be.
  - d. No objections. Motion passes.**
4. 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 (5 minutes)
  - a. Mr. Stu Grenier explained the poster and read the resolution.
  - b. Mr. Stu Grenier said he spoke to the AWWU representatives and they shared that people needed to show at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Planning and Zoning meeting.
  - c. Seconded by Mr. Kevin Smestad
  - d. No objections, motion passes.**
5. Business between NECC board members and Municipality of Anchorage
  - a. Ms. Selina Metoyer spoke with Mr. Steve Rafuse asking him to be on the agenda. Ms. Rachel Boudreau also spoke with Mr. Steve Rafuse regarding a grant application for the connector trail.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes: March 2019

Mr. Bob Reupke motion to approve, Ms. Donna Mears seconded. Minutes approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Alcohol and Marijuana Committee-** Meeting Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Fred Meyer

**Bylaw Committee-**no report.

**CIP Committee-** Voting on CIP list next month, will send out information about meeting.

**Parks Committee-** Bike trail which Mr. Stu Grenier presented on, Challenge Grant for Cheney Lake Corridor submitted, CMP clean up May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-2, RJSP CAG meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the chalet.

**Fat Bike Committee-**

**Picnic Committee-** June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 pm, need volunteers. Tuesday 630 at Fred Meyer meeting.

**Trails Committee-**Extension of Cheney Lake Trail to Chester Creek trail

**Community Patrols-**APD will be paying to put up lighting in Standish Park due to the danger and activity in that area.

**Dog Park Committee-**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm