

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2004

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY AINSLIE PHILLIPS, SECRETARY AT 7:02 PM.

- Ainslie explained that Bill Wielechowski would not be running meeting, as he was a candidate for assembly, and would be campaigning later during the meeting. Ainslie would be running meeting, and Dean Syta would serve as secretary.
- Special Notice: April meeting will include council elections. Seats currently held by Bob Reupke, Rod McCoy and Terry Cummings will be up for election.

LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE, 7:05

Senator Gretchen Guess, Representatives Tom Anderson, Nancy Dahlstrom

- Sheila H: Question regarding sales tax legislation. Sales tax is punitive, and impacts local revenue flow. Income tax is preferable, as it is deductible Senator Guess – tax is currently in finance committee. Tom A – People are still favoring cuts, but starting to lean towards taxes.
- Sheila H: Question regarding third party alcohol sales to minors. Tom Anderson – bill has good support.
- Sheila H: Question regarding ID's for alcohol offenders. Senator Guess – can't do this until State adopts digital licenses, although State is currently examining this.
- Tom Anderson: Taxicab Rideshare, which lets taxicab drivers drive a persons car home (limits liability) is moving to house for a vote.
- Sheila H: Tom, please support organ donation bill, HB 377.
- Sheila H: School district needs revisions to reimbursement formulas. Senator Guess – HB will be on senate floor addressing current funding, but foundation formula is not changing. There is \$10-15 million for UAA.

---discussion of need for growth at UAA (capacity issues)

- Tom Anderson: requested CIP list ASAP (although not due to MOA until May). Have better chance at State funds if he starts soon.
- Ainslie Phillips: Regarding Senator Ben Stevens and AMATS. Ben has already introduced two bills to add two state members to AMATS and to limit trails funding to 10%. Tom, please ask Ben to clarify his position and intent. He has verbally stated one thing, but written another. Note that FHWA has indicated Ben Stevens bill does not meet federal guidelines for AMATS.
- Ainslie Phillips: Question regarding \$750K in school funding that is not earmarked---can this go to neighborhood studies? Senator Guess – the money is in an appropriation bill, and is intended for MOA traffic calming in neighborhoods.
- Audience: Status on Ft Rich Fence? Senator Guess – Army has indicated they are examining alternatives. Nancy Dahlstrom – General Chandler has indicated they are in final stages of planning.

- Nancy Dahlstorm: Ft. Rich is on the reduction list [again]. General response to this is surprise.
- Bob Reupke: Spoke in favor of income tax, asked for statistics. Senator Guess -- 10% of income is by out of state workers. However, 10% of sales is also due to out of state people. These figures do not consider administration costs.
- Terry Cummings: Not in favor of \$100 head tax on employment.
- Tom Anderson: Mentions various bills he has in action. Some discussion of RCA bill which removes AWWU from RCA oversight.
- Nancy Dahlstorm: Working on crime package bill.
- Senator Guess: Mention of pending lawsuit regarding HS qualifying exams. Court hearing scheduled for March 31st.
- Brian Whittle: Please be sure to track DEED spending to ensure all federal monies are being used.
- Ainslie Phillips: [to Senator Guess] – consider longer times for tests, or interpreters. The test appears simple. Senator Guess – Currently time is unlimited, but the test is frankly harder for people with learning disabilities.
- CONSTITUENT MEETING AT COMMUNITY CENTER: APRIL 10TH 1:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, APPROVED, 7:35

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Terry Cummings: Clarification on minutes, page two: The Parks and Beautification Project referred to here is actually the Muldoon Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- Later in Meeting, Bill Wielechowski requested another correction: Holiday Corporation pledged \$2500 annually to the Community Patrols for gasoline (not the \$2000 in the minutes).
- Minutes Approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Brian Whittle, Assembly
- Jennifer w/ Representative Gruenberg's Office

REPORTS

- Treasury – Bob Reupke: \$440.81 in CC savings account. \$145.20 in Windsong Account.
- Assembly – Brian Whittle: Supported the bonds in the April election. Some general audience discussion of school capacity, NE CC area growth, discussion of Chester Valley Reconstruction.
- APD – not present. APD is expected at April meeting to talk about what they are doing right, what they are doing wrong, and problem areas. Request was made to give APD enough time. Ainslie indicated they would have a 20 minute slot.
- Nine Star – not present.

- NE Community Center – Bob Reupke: Annual board meeting is May 26th at 6:30pm. Center is doing well. The Center is run by Boys and Girls club, and does not charge a participation fee. The board meets once a month to address running the center. Note, the new community center is scheduled to open December 2006.

MOTION (LORI) -- Moved that the Center Board give the kids who use the center an opportunity to provide input into the new community center planned for the town center – passed unanimously.

- Federation of Community Councils – Ainslie: All correspondence is now by email. However, the Federation is exploring providing postal mail to individuals who may still need it. Please provide any names requiring postal mail to Ainslie ASAP.
- Weed N Seed – not present.
- Parks – no report.
- Other:

NOTICE, from audience: Effective April 15th, Boniface gate onto Elmendorf will be closing for reconstruction. Muldoon Gate will be open instead, which may cause traffic issues in NE CC.

- Road Report(s): Turpin Road in generally poor condition. Is being graded three times per week, but ruts aren't being filled. Call 349-9400 with road complaints. Ermine and 10th Avenue is deteriorating. Heavy trucks have destroyed the seal coat. 10th and Turpin has bad potholes.
- Lori requested a Muldoon Town Center Report. There is no report, and next meeting of the town center committee hasn't been scheduled. There hasn't been a meeting is over a year. Note: The town center committee is not a NE CC function, it is a function of the developers Pfeffer, and Venture Co. We need their representatives to come and give an update. Bill Wielechowski and Bob Reupke attend the committee meetings as liaisons, but only when the developer schedules meetings.

BUSINESS, 8:15

1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN REFUSE COLLECTION, SOLID WASTE SERVICES

- Solid Waste services not present. We are not sure what issue is.
- Brian Whittle: this may include proposed requirements for mandatory trash service for all people living in service area. Service is currently optional in private service areas, mandatory is areas serviced by MOA SWS.

2) GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN, Selena Matoya

- Volunteers of America is operating a program to provide support services for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. There are over 5000 grandparents in Alaska who are currently raising their grandchildren for a variety of reasons. Contact 1-888-522-9866 for information on the support program.
- The group is working on a community garden planting in May.

- 3) MAYORS TASKS FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS, Carman Reed
- The Mayor has asked each CC to provide a list of four impacts caused by homelessness within the CC.
 - We need volunteers for a commit to address this issue: Lori, Sheila H, and Teresa R volunteered.
- 4) CIP LIST, Ainslie Phillips
- The draft CIP list has been distributed, and the first CIP committee meeting has been held. Are there any additions? Additions:
 1. Drainage at Kim and Mason, East 6th and Cherry needs to be improved.
 2. A sidewalk or trail is needed along Haligan on the St Patrick's side.
 3. Haligan needs at least two lanes exiting onto Muldoon.
 4. Muldoon Elementary needs flashing lights and painted crosswalks (this is an addition to CIP item #25).
 5. Regarding CIP#24, pedestrian safety study. Specify that the results of the recent city wide pedestrian safety tour, and the Dan Beardness and Walt Parker information be included in the study. This study needs to especially focus on areas surrounding schools, bus stops and high pedestrian traffic areas.
 6. 10th Avenue between State and Boston – need CIP item to clarify the status and classification of this street, and improve the condition of the street.
 7. Traffic Study, for Debarr Road between Boniface and Beaver, to examine traffic calming, channelization and pedestrian amenities.
 8. Pedestrian improvements for Muldoon Middle School.
 9. Statum Street, requires grade and street improvements.
 - Some of these items are already on the list, or part of items that are on the list. The CIP committee will update the list, and will be responsible for prioritizing the list.
- 5) COUNCIL ELECTIONS: INTRODUCTION OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, Ainslie Phillips
- Council Elections will be held next month at the April Meeting (April 15th).
 - Seats currently held by Bob Reupke, Rod McCoy, and Terry Cummings are up for election.
 - The council nominating committee is comprised of John Tremont and Ainslie Phillips. The committee is recommending Bob Reupke, Rod McCoy, and Dean Syta for these seats. (Terry Cummings has not yet decided if she will run again).
- 6) CANDIDATE AND MUNICIPAL BALLOT ISSUES FORUMS, 8:40
- Ken Stout (not present, was represented by John Floyd) – Anchorage Assembly candidate, District 5 (Northeast). East Anchorage resident for 34 years.
 - Debbie Ossiander – Anchorage Assembly candidate, Chugiak – Eagle River, Military Bases. Previous served on school board for multiple terms.
 - George Vakalis – Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, Anchorage School District, not running for office, but was present to provide information about the school bonds (Propositions 3, 4 and 5).

- Robert Postma – with Anchorage Tomorrow, not running for office but was present to provide information and support the Anchorage Parks and Rec and Library Bonds (Propositions 13,14 and 15) and the 2004 Anchorage Road District Service Area bonds (Proposition 10). The bonds include at least eight projects in or near NE community council.
- Jake Metcalfe – School Board Candidate. Currently president of school board, running for re-election.
- Andree McLeod – Candidate for school board. Has lived in Alaska 26 years, in midtown for last 15 years.

MOTION (Sheila H) -- Moved that the bylaws be suspended (time extension for meeting) – passed unanimously.

- Tom Lamb – Candidate for school board. Third time running for school board.
- Russell Mjolsnes – Candidate for school board .
- Tim Steele – Candidate for school board. Currently vice president of school board, running for re-election.
- Bill Wielechowski – Candidate for assembly. Currently president of NE community council.

MEETING ADJOURNED, APPROX 10:15 PM.