

Meeting Minutes
General Meeting of the Northeast Community Council
May 20, 2004

Meeting was called to order by N.E.C.C. President Josh Green at 7 P.M.

Board President Green opened the meeting with comments about conducting the proceedings in more timely and efficient manner.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was defeated 8 for and 14 against.

Bill Wielechowski moved to place on the agenda a discussion on a conditional use permit for a cellular phone tower. The motion was approved unanimously. The item was placed at the end of the evenings agenda.

Invited Presentations

Representative Anderson made a presentation on his activities during the Legislative session. Among other legislative initiatives he discussed the "Off the Road Program" designed to get drunks safely home. He also discussed a bill he sponsored that regulated the qualifications for conservators and guardians. Representative Anderson also discussed some local spending initiatives which included \$ 5,000 for the purchase of computers in the six Eastside elementary schools within House District 19, and \$40,000 for the Muldoon Community Center, Boys & Girls Club.

Assemblyman Whittle discussed the state of the current site condo ordinance. He directed the audience to review the ordinance on the Municipal web site.

Senator Guess stated that the Legislature appropriated enough money so that there would be no cut's to the Anchorage School District. The Senator also discussed the state workers pension system: stating that PERS took a 'beating' in the bear market, so much of the appropriation for the school was appropriate for the teachers pension funds. Also discussed was legislation which established a license plate for those supportive of vets. The Senator did not believe that a special session of the Legislature would be called.

Assemblyman Stout stated that he was working on the site condo issue and that there was a lot of background information to absorb. He also discussed the animal noise ordinance that was coming up for testimony and debate.

Senator Gruenberg 's assistant Jennifer spoke about two of Senator Gruenbers legislative initiatives : one that the Governor signed would place arson under the violent crimes compensation statutes. The, other which is on the Governors desk would mandate CO detectors. The North East Community Centers annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on May 27th

The Federation wants people to receive F.C.C. Information by e-mail. Suggestions were made that the F.C.C. Newsletter be distributed through free literature boxes set up at local stores. Also

that the agenda for the various council's be carried on channel 10.

A motion was made by Bill Wielechowski to change the order of the day to allow the delegation from Ft Richardson to make their presentation on the Muldoon-Fort Richardson fence. The motion was approved unanimously. The fence presentation was made by Colonel Boltz the installation commander and Lt. Colonel Shutt. They received over 300 scoping comments on the draft EIS and have incorporated the comments into the proposed action. They have decided to recommend the extension of a pipe-rail fence from Stuckagain Heights along the Muldoon border across the northern boundary of Fort Rich to the Knick Arm.

Gaps will be put in the fence at certain points to allow people and animals to pass. They haven't decided at what points the gaps will occur and are seeking public in that regard. They will be working with Fish and Game and the Native community as well. The military stated that there were no recreational trails on the south part of the post only on the north. There will be a trail which will parallel the Muldoon fence.

President Green asked if a N.E.C.C. sub-committee would be of value to the decision making process regarding the fence. This issue was not acted on.

The agenda resumed with a presentation from Weed and Seed: They will know shortly whether they will have a grant for the for the Russian Jack area.

N.E. C.C. Parks Beautification Committee: A committee meeting will be held on the 27th at 6:30 P.M.

A discussion then ensued about the Nunaka soccer fields during which a motion was made to establish a Neighborhood Planning Committee with Laurie Johnson as Chair. The motion was passed unanimously. President Green directed that, as an item of business next meeting, there will be report from the Planning Committee identifying it's members.

After a brief discussion there was unanimous consent to grant to the Spirit of Muldoon activity \$100.00.

Regarding the Holiday stores unfulfilled commitment to grant \$2,500.00 in fuel for the Community Service Petrol, Representative Anderson volunteered to call Holiday and discuss the matter.

A presentation was made on context Sensitive Road Planning was made by the Anchorage Coalition for Safe and Sensible Streets. The Coalition presented a motion to be acted on by the body. It was passed 18 for 0 against with 2 abstentions. The motion was signed by Josh Green and is attached.

A presentation was made by William Coghill of DOWL Engineers regarding the Creekside Town Center. The status update focused on a 300 foot upgrade on the infrastructure along 16th street. Many questions were asked and the extensive discussion led to a motion to have a special meeting with DOWL on the Creekside project at 7 P.M. on June 2d. The motion was passed 15 for 9 against with 1 abstention.

At this point President Green interrupted the proceedings to official recognize the service of retiring N.E.C.C. Members: Rod Mc Coy, Bob Reupke and Terry Cummings.

On the issue of neighborhood concerns: Concerns were registered about the speed of vehicles in front of elementary schools with Fern avenue specifically mentioned. Josh Green will call the city with a request for a smart cart and the repainting of crosswalks.

The Peat pile at Haligan St. was discussed. A motion was made to call the city and determine whether the builder has the appropriate permit. The motion passed 17 for 3 against and 3 abstentions. A further motion was made to have Shila Howe call the city on behalf of the Board, regarding the permit, and make a written report to the Board. Motion passed 13 for 0 against with 2 abstentions.

Another motion was made to petition the City return to the pre - 2002 system of allowing residents to vote on each and every municipal bond. After discussion the motion was tabled 17 for 3 against.

Ainsley Phillips reported on Turpin Road: they are working on the project and will have it completed before July 15th? Otherwise they will have to pay liquidated damages. Thelight at Boundary will be done by June?

At this time the Agenda was approved unanimously

Bill Wielechowski discussed a conditional use permit proposal to locate a cellular phone tower just north of Centennial Park. A public meeting will be held on June 7th regarding the issue and it will also be discussed by Executive Board. A motion, however, was made to support the establishment of the tower. The motion was tabled 21 for 2 against and the issue was referred to the Executive Committee.

A suggestion was made that a general e-mail be sent to members regarding important meeting dates and related topics.

A motion was made to have Bill Weilechowski represent the N.E.C.C. At the Army hearings on the Muldoon-Fort Richardson fence EIS.

At Ten P.M. The meeting terminated according to the provisions of the by-laws.