

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at North East Community Center / Muldoon Mall

President: Bill Wielechowski; Vice President: George Gaguzis; Treasurer: Bob Reupke; Secretary: Ainslie Phillips;
Parliamentarian: Rod McCoy; Board Members: Terry Cummings, Bob Roses, Troy Carlock and John Tremont

AGENDA August 21, 2003

Call to order - 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda, Secretary: Minutes, Treasurer: Report, Introductions

Reports: (limit of 3 minutes each) Municipality of Anchorage; Police Liaison and Community Patrols: Northeast and Nunaka; Nine Star; Muldoon Middle School Design Committee; Northeast Community Center; Federation of Community Councils; Weed & Seed; NECC Parks/Beautification Committee; Title 21 Revision; Other (Upto 30 minutes. Questions beyond the three minutes for each subject should be asked individually or after business items).

Announcements - There's a new Council website: <http://www.geocities.com/northeastcommunitycouncil/>. Please let us know how we can improve the site.

Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail (saves money). Send an E-mail to councils@alaska.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.

Public Comment on Fort Richardson fence due by September 8, 2003. Fence Environmental Analysis available at http://www.usarak.army.mil/conservation/images/FRA/FRAFence_EA_080703.pdf

Business:

Presentation: State Budget Issues, Governor Murkowski's Office, 30 mins

Presentation: Speeding and Problem Locations in Council, APD, 30 mins

Presentation: Muldoon Rd. Beautification Project, Joel Stout, 20 mins

Liquor License Renewals, 15 mins

Port Commons Driveway onto DeBarr Rd., 10 mins

MOA Items

Site Condo Ordinance 2003-090 (Hearing before Assembly on 9/23), 15 mins

Executive Board Report, 10 mins

For the Good of the Order, 5 mins

Adjournment - 10:00 PM

Note: Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.

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Contact Information:

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- Northeast Community Patrol: 244-2220

June 19, 2003 Minutes

Call to order 7:07 PM

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made to add a Windsong Park update to the agenda. Motion was approved. Request was made for a President's Report. The President responded this would be done in the Executive Board section of the agenda. Agenda was approved.

Approval of the minutes: Copies of the minutes were provided. Motion was made to alter the minutes to reflect that federal grants would not be affected by the split of the Northeast Community Council. Motion failed.

Minutes were approved after a short discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in NECC Account is \$294.45. Peggy Robinson reported that the Scouts used \$916.24 from the Windsong Park account to put up additional fencing in Windsong Park.

Reports:

Municipality of Anchorage: Brian Whittle reported on upcoming Assembly work sessions to discuss equal rights, homeless, the port project, the coastal trail and other issues.

Muldoon Middle School: Rod McCoy from the Design Committee stated the Committee is investigating and gathering information regarding what would be a good design for the school. He stated that more community members need to join to give their support and ideas to this project.

Northeast Community Center: Tim Sullivan stated the Center is accommodating 130 people per day and providing 75 meals per day, and is fully using its meeting rooms.

Federation of Community Councils: George Gaguzis reported that Assembly Chair Dick Traini has expressed concerns over budget shortfalls, and in all likelihood the FCC budget would be cut. The current budget is \$108,000, of which approximately three-quarters goes to "snail mail." Bill Wielechowski reported that the NECC has approximately 750 people on its mailing list, and each one costs approximately \$4.75 per year for mailings.

He asked that those who were able to convert to receiving NECC information by e-mail to please do so.

Beautification/Parks: Terry Cummings reported that Turpin needed additional trees. She reported that some residents were working on a cleanup of Valley Street Park.

Town Center: Bill Wielechowski reported that developer Mark Pfeffer was still negotiating on Jack Miller's property, west of Fred Meyer's. Mr. Pfeffer has assured us that he will come to the Council, and the Council will continue to be involved as the project develops.

Windsong Park: Peggy Robinson reported on the recent improvements to the Park. The money in the Windsong Park account does not belong to the NECC, but rather to Windsong Park. After some discussion, the Council resolved to give Windsong Park the approval to spend their money to the garbage cans in the Park.

Fire Department: Senior Capt. Woefull of Station 6 reported on the Department and asked for better access to their station from the east side of their lot.

State of Alaska: Representatives Nancy Dahlstrom and Max Gruenberg and Senator Gretchen Guess gave brief reports, as did Josh Applebee, from Representative Tom Anderson's office.

Business:

Proposed plan to fence off Muldoon by the Military - Senator Guess and Representative Dahlstrom informed the Council of a meeting they and some other Representatives had with officials from the Military.

Council members expressed concern over access to land, public safety from live ammunition fire, wildlife migration, noise and how the fence would affect property values. One member stated she had a petition with over 200 names opposing the fence. A Resolution was proposed emphasizing the community support for the Military, but opposing the fence and requesting the Military meet with community leaders over the community's concerns. Resolution passed 28 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

Traffic Issues -- Lance Wilbur, Director of Traffic from the MOA discussed concerns that residents had over the site condos at Halligan St., off Muldoon Rd. Some residents requested a traffic light for Halligan. Mr. Wilbur stated this could create big traffic tieups, he stated it might be advisable to do a traffic study in that area. He stated that Halligan would be paved. He stated Ptarmigan Street would also be upgraded.

Members expressed concern over speeding on East 17th, on the West side of Muldoon. Members expressed concern over traffic on Duben Ave. between Oklahoma and Muldoon -- Duben has uneven right-of-ways, and narrow roadways, with little place for snow. Members expressed concern over Valley Street and 2d Avenue -- many children across this road and there needs to be pedestrian crossways.

Members asked about emergency vehicle signal devices, which allow traffic signals to be reset so that emergency vehicles can pass through with a green light. Mr. Wilbur stated 14 of these units were being tested. There was some trouble educating the public on how to proceed: drivers should proceed through a green light and THEN pull over when an emergency vehicle is behind them. The goal is to put these devices on all traffic signals

Mr. Wilbur discussed the East Anchorage Transportation Study. He asked residents to submit comments on the proposed plan quickly.

Business Use on Old Harbor Road -- Members expressed concern about illegal businesses operating on Old Harbor Road. The Council passed a resolution requesting that the Municipality "diligently enforce city code regarding business Use on Old Harbor Road." Passed 23 yes, 0 no.

Sign Ordinance -- Members expressed concern over the usage of signs in our community. The Council passed a resolution accepting the sign ordinance as written as of June 19, 2003. Passed 13 yes, 3 no, two abstentions.

Multi-lot Commercial Sign Ordinance -- the Council took no position on this

Creation of Board of Adjustment -- this matter was tabled to an indefinite date

9:50 -- Council agreed to extend the meeting passed 10:00pm to complete important business

Grand Larry Street rezone/re-plat four lots into one -- the Council voted in opposition to this: 13 yes (opposed to plat), 3 no, 1 abstention

Sale of Whaler Bar & Grill liquor license transfer to Homestead -- Council voted to improve the sale: 14 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions

Comprehensive Alcohol Management Program -- Member Lori Johnston requested the Council form a Committee to work on improving the conditions of the fallout from alcohol abuse in our community. Council unanimously approved the Committee. Committee members are needed.

Executive Board Report -- Bill Wielechowski gave a brief report

For the Good of the Order -- No meeting in July. Peggy Robinson reported on beavers in Windsong Park.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.