

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm.

Board Members Present: Dean Syta Bob Reupke Steve Sommerfeld
Bobby Scott Troy Carlock Josh Green
The meeting was presided over by Vice President Troy Carlock.

Board Members Absent: John Floyd Peggy Robinson Bill Wielechowski (Participated in the candidates forum as a candidate for office.)

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Presented by Bob Reupke. Our current balance is \$556.62. As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

Executive Board Report: Presented by Dean Syta

- Recap of the executive board meeting at which the revised rezoning of Eastview Estates from R2M to R3 by Harvey Prickett of Dean Architects was approved by a unanimous vote of the executive board. The assembly then approved their rezoning at the October 24th assembly meeting.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettye Davis (presented by her aide)**
 - Sponsored a youth conference regarding community violence.
 - The senator is partnering with other state senators (from outside) in regards to cervical cancer education and outreaches.
 - The senator is sponsored a bill regarding the responsibilities of school administrators and personnel when it comes to the administration or recommendation of the use of psychotropic drugs for school children.
- **Senator Gretchen Guess**
 - Senator Guess would like to have some time during the next membership meeting to review unfinished business before her term ends. A list of items can be found in her newsletter that was mailed to her constituency last week
 - Josh Green recognized Gretchen for a job well done
- **Representative Tom Anderson** (Presented by Eugene, aide for Tom Anderson)
 - Nothing to report this month. Tom thanks the community for support over the years.
- **Representative Dalstrom**
 - No report. Not present.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - Participated in candidates' forum as a candidate for re-election.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - No report, Not Present.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:**
 - Ken is currently the chair of the MOA Assembly ethics committee. The committee has been working on a draft ethics ordinance for last 2 years. It should be ready for public presentation and hearings shortly.
 - Encouraged everyone to visit the Baxter Bog trail. Recently spent \$254,000.00 to upgrade the 2-3 miles of trail and it is nearly completed

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - Not present.

- **Community Patrols**

Please contact the following individuals with questions, or to volunteer for the Community Patrols.

- Aaron Pascar, Nunaka Valley Patrol, 223-4630
 - Michelle Daugherty, Northeast Patrol, 748-7800
 - Other phone numbers of interest:
 - Junk cars - 729-7878
 - Graffiti Busters - 343-4663
 - Streetlights - 263-5483
 - Potholes - 343-6363
 - No one from the Northeast Patrol was present to give a report.
 - No one from the Nunaka Valley Patrol was present to give a report
- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**
 - The community center will be relocating to the bowling alley area in January
 - The meeting room for the NECC has been reconfigured to an approximate area of 950 sq ft. This is an improvement over the previously allotted 750 square feet.
 - **Weed and Seed-** Tim Sullivan
 - No report. Not present.
 - **Road Construction Updates**
 - Not heard due to time limitations.
 - **Federation of Community Councils – Bob Reupke**
 - The FCC will be having an open house, Wednesday, October 25th 4-7 @ 3550 Commercial Drive since this is Federation of Community Councils appreciation month.
 - STARS is a youth development program that will help encourage youths to be involved in community work programs They are looking for community work activities throughout the city.
 - They have submitted a list of things to add to the CIP list.
 - Townhall meetings will start up again next year.
 - **Title 21 Committee – Glenn Clary**
 - Gave a summary of upcoming schedule for the re-write of Title 21, Chapters 1,2,8,& 13. Other chapters will be examined later. He encouraged folks to look at the proposed land use maps to make sure that they are aware of possible changes in their neighborhoods that may be of concern to individuals. You can access information on their website: www.muni.org/prj_TITLE21.cfm
 - **Greenhouse Property Update**
 - Russ Nogg gave an impromptu update of the property status. The Municipality is going to try and buy the entire parcel prior to its being auctioned off the end of October.
 - **Anchorage Police Department – Sergeant Stanton**
 - No report. Not present
 - **MOA Parks and Recreation – Terry Peters, Northeast Parks Manager**
 - No report. Not present.
 - **Elemendorf Air Force Base – Bill Day, Public Affairs**
 - No report.
 - **Anchorage School District**
 - Representatives of Bartlett High School's Student Government were present and encouraged everyone to attend the "Bear Gulch Community Trick or Treat Time & Carnival Event" that will be held Friday, October 27th, from 5-9pm.

- **Wal-Mart Update**

- The Assembly passed the Wal-Mart rezoning request with the minimum required 8 votes after negotiations with Wal-Mart and the Mayor's administration resulted in an S-1 version, which included a number of negotiated special limitations. The ordinance does require that Wal-Mart's site plans, development standards, etc be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and are subject to public hearing. The NECC will have additional opportunity to comment on the details of the development, including the liquor license(s).

BUSINESS:

(1) Cheney Lake Pike Removal Update, Dan Bosch, Alaska Dept of Fish and Game, 5 minutes

- Dan discussed the ongoing Pike removal program in Cheney Lake. The Dept of Fish and Game has netted the lake for several years in an effort to remove the Pike with only limited success. (The fish that are caught are donated to Bean's Café).
- At this time, Dept of Fish and Game would like to lower the lake enough to cause a natural winter kill of the fish in the lake through a combination of the lake freezing, and a reduction of the unfrozen area to a volume too small to sustain the Pike. The lake would be lowered using the existing drainpipe.
- The lake would not be lowered enough to impact winter recreation.
- The lake drains into Chester creek by the drainpipe. However, this pipe is fitted with a screen, so the Pike cannot get into Chester creek through the pipe.
- If Dept of Fish and Game is successful at removing the Pike, they will restock the lake with Rainbow Trout, which are a much more desirable target fish for most of the Anchorage anglers.
- The following motion was made in support of the removal of Pike from Cheney Lake:

NECC October 19, 2006 Motion (1):

The NECC supports the temporary lowering of Cheney Lake in a more invasive attempt to remove Pike from the Lake.

Motion passed; 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstaining.

(2) Cook Inlet Housing Update and AHFC Affordable Housing Application Jeff Judd, Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA)

- Jeff reviewed the history of the planning and rezoning process behind the CIHA housing development in the Creekside towncenter. The final plat includes 6 parcels for commercial development, and 2 parcels for residential development. CIHA is presently completing the last of the conditions for final plat approval
- Jeff presented the site plan and elevations concept drawings for the housing development, which will be called "Grass Creek Village". It included 94 units of housing, in 26 buildings, including one community building. It has a density of about 12 units per acre, with triplexes and fourplexes. In includes 5 accessible units for handicap individuals. There is 600 square feet of open area per housing unit.
- Construction for water and sewer utilities is going on now. Housing construction should start in 2007.
- Jeff addressed a number of questions about the development.
- CIHA intends to make 60 of the units subsidized, affordable housing for low-income families. Requirements vary with size of household, but in general, a family of four would be allowed a maximum income of \$47,220 per year, in addition to other qualification criteria. Jeff read a statement of support addressed to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation he asked the NECC to act upon.
- The following motion was made in support of the CIHA affordable housing:

NECC October 19, 2006 Motion (2):

The NECC supports the Cook Inlet Housing Authority's application to AHFC under the "GOAL" program for FY 2007 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Financing of the CIHA Grass Creek Village at Creekside neighborhood revitalization development, formerly referred to as Creekside Village, Phase I.

The NECC supports this development, and encourages AHFC to fund this project, which will provide affordable housing for a variety of families and the elderly in Anchorage.

Motion passed; 22 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(3) Election 2006 --- Candidates Forum, mediated by the NECC executive board, approx 2 hours.

- Vice President Troy Carlock explained the format for the candidates' forum: Each candidate for a given position would be given one minute for an introductory statement. The candidates would then be asked questions for a total of 10 minutes for each candidate for a given race, and all candidates for a given race would be asked the same questions. At the conclusion of the questions, each candidate would be given one minute for a concluding statement.
- Time was measured and governed by Troy Carlock using a watch and bell.
- Questions for the candidates were submitted in writing to Dean Syta and Josh Green who served as moderators. Questions were submitted using question forms that were circulated through the audience. Questions of a similar nature were collected together by the moderators and not asked individually. Questions of an inflammatory nature that could not be reasonably asked and answered by all of the candidates for a given race were excluded.
- The moderators used the majority of the questions submitted by the audience. Popular topics included the PERS / TERS funding issues; the gas pipeline contract or route; law enforcement, crime and gang activity; funding of education; and substance abuse and treatment.
- There were minor delays in the forum due to other commitments by the various candidates, but the forum largely proceeded to schedule.
- Candidates who participated in the forum included:
 - Senate Seat J: Bill Wielechowski. Earl Mayo did not arrive until near the end of the forum, and as a result did not respond to questions.
 - Lt. Governor: Fay von Gemmingen, Sean Parnell, & Ethan Berkowitz
 - House Seat 19: Bob Roses & Mary Pedlow
 - House Seat 20: Scott Kohlhaas, Max Gruenberg & Matt Moon
 - House Seat 21: Jeff Gonnason & Harry Crawford
- Earl Mayo, candidate for Senate Seat J arrived late in the forum, and was not able to speak during his time slot. At 9:59 pm a motion was made to extend the meeting to allow Earl two minutes to introduce himself. The motion passed (vote was not recorded, but was a clear majority).

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Short discussion of intersection of Patterson and Chandler. There have been a number of traffic accidents here related to the steep grade. The intersection is also not properly marked. It was suggested that the concerned member contract Lance Wilbur, MOA traffic engineer.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 PM

Other Important Notes and Announcements:

1. Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.
2. Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail. Send E-mail to councils@ak.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.
3. The NECC now has a web page maintained by the Federation of Community Councils. Minutes for the meetings, other NECC documents, and NECC contact information are online on this site at www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/23.html.
4. We are a non-profit organization and receive no funds from the State or Municipality. Our treasurer would be happy to receive your donation.
5. Revised bylaws as approved by the members at the September 15th Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above, and at the meeting.