

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes May 20, 2021

Call to order: 7:03

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board - introduction of new positions

- **Board members present:** T'Shalla Baker, Judy Jessen, Rachel Boudreau, Lyn Franks, Donna Mears, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier, Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke
- **Board members absent:** Kyle Stevens
- Motion to approve agenda
22 participants at 7:08

Board Update

- **Food forest work parties,**
 - Help create Anchorage's newest community food forest and community garden at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park! We have many shrubs to plant and other related tasks. This is an outdoor, family friendly, covid safe activity. Tools will be provided, but you might want to bring your own gardening gloves. Saturday June 5 and Sunday June 6 from 10AM-2PM, and Tuesday June 8 and Thursday June 10 from 6PM-8PM. Contact Kristi Wood for details (email: bikemoredriveless@hotmail.com phone/text: 278-2453).
- **Chanshtnu Muldoon Park clean up June 5**
- **Spirit of Muldoon Picnic June 12 - 12-2- food & vaccination clinic**
- **Treasurer's Report:** \$3,279.46
- **Doon Danglers** - thanks to Park Lane Storage (Ken Fuller) for donating space. Stu has some NECC items, including banners, will be moved from Stu's place to the storage.

FCC Update-

- Meets 3rd Wednesday every month except June, July, August
- New staff member **Jean Sauget?**
- Felix Rivera shared town halls, changing B-3 zoning to allow homeless shelters and other services
- Kim Kovol from Governor's office - there will be 2 special sessions
- Anyone else interested in taking this role, Bob would be happy to pass on. Check mail weekly, and attend ~2hr monthly meeting

Community Concerns

- Rachel follow up from last month - Baltazar Tire re: car sales. As per municipal code, there are no technical limitations.

- Muldoon Farmer's Market June 26 - 9:30-2:30
- Will we discuss Brown Jug liquor license to pool hall? Rachel will go back to see status.
- Stu - Kevin Smestad had shown him location where big map was stored at Muldoon Community Assembly, could someone go look for it (probably Charles?). May be gone, but Stu's been missing it. Charles does not have access.

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski:**
 - Yesterday was day 121 and adjourned with moments left. Passed budget out of Senate, but House did not concur. Conference Committee of house and senate has 30 days to hash out compromise. 150 pages received night before. A number of amendments, from Bill cut \$10M in Mat-Su paving added by governor just a couple days ago, other areas did not receive similar funding. Defeated along caucus lines. Amendment to cut \$8.5M for West Susitna Road project study, already spend \$175M studies in that area. \$3.5M/mile to go to area being looked at by Nova Minerals, an Australian mining company interested in gold. Defeated. Reduce oil tax credits. Defeated. Amendment to restore federal \$300/wk unemployment. Defeated. Amendment for \$1200 bonus for one-time going back to work from unemployment. Passed. Amendment for federal Covid relief funds \$13+M for "Long Trail" from Fairbanks to Seward. Numerous sections already exist. Similar to Pacific Coast Trail, Appalachian Trail, good for tourism and small businesses. Passed. Dividend heated debate, senate passed '50/50' plan for \$2300 dividend - goes to conference committee to work out.
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- **Senator Holland**
 - Bill brought up a lot, but he was on the other side of the party lines on a lot of it, but did vote for \$300 funds. PFD - voted for 50/50 plan and constitutional formula. Doesn't want to do it next year. Literally drowning in money this year, permanent fund, ARPA federal funding, \$16-17 billion budget. Started governor's 30 day session day. Will come home for 4 days over Memorial Day, many legislators have left town. PCE and other items to be discussed. He 'turned off' his per diem about a week ago. Will be back in August for another session. Lots of Alaskans get in touch with him, even out of his district. Please email or call 351-8277
- **Representative Nelson:**
 - Great that Senator Holland shares his 'call sheet' with his number. A lot of things were covered by the Senators. Conference committee House - Foster, Merrick, and Thompson Senate - Stedman, Bishop, Olson. Feds coming out with expanded child tax credit. If you qualify, you can be eligible for up to \$300/month per child. ? from Sen Holland - is reverse sweep being held as leverage, or can

you not talk about it. Rep Nelson - a bit of back and forth, but can't dive into it too much.

- **Representative Snyder:**

- Aliana presenting - finished regular session yesterday. House judiciary will be SJR 6 constitutionalizes PFD with 50/50 split, PCE, and transfer of funds into CBR. Testimony Monday. Conference committees getting to work. Cyber attack on DHHS. Chairs of Health Committee, Rep Snyder and Zulkowski briefed by governor's office. At this point looks like no data was breached.

- **Representative Spohnholz:**

- Noone is actually collecting per diem in Juneau. It's legislated. Structural fiscal gap has been an issue for 7 years, hoping some federal relief funds would help, and needed to wait for federal guidance. House budget flat - Senate budget \$400M+ in unallocated cuts. Very problematic. This budget has \$1.5B deficit from available revenue. Working on constitutionally protecting PFD, oil tax changes, balance budget. In ways and means committee passed out of committee, PFD, modest payroll tax. 0.25% Governor preemptively ended \$300/wk federal supplement under perception that it's keeping people from working. Passed in House amendment for add'l \$51/wk for people with children.
- FYI - You may be eligible for a broadband discount up to \$50/month plus \$100 for a computer or tablet. You can learn more and apply here:
<https://getemergencybroadband.org/>

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar:**

- Municipal election. School board election recount to be certified May 25. Passed ARPA funds, which were deposited in the muni's account today. (.pdf was posted in chat). Clear out small business and non-profit grants as well as 5 cultural pillars. Large portion to retraining programs, including certificate completion at UAA and huge list of programs. ?Stu - community work service does a great job. Situation on Boundary, one side is park, one is private. Illegal dumpers don't care which side they dump, but people who care on private side take care of it. Muni side gets taken care of right away, but private side is done by citizens. When muni employees are picking up trash, can they just grab them? Might be a better way to approach. Forrest - only small % goes to camp clean up. Please send concern via email and he will query with Parks. Although private property clean up is not in purview, he sees how it's part of the same problem.

- **Assemblyperson Allard:**

- \$23M from ARPA came out today. Some orgs were VFW, American Legion, Elks, that didn't receive anything in first round. food pantries, library. Come to May 25 meeting where they certify election.

Community Leadership Updates

- **Anchorage School Board**

- Dora Wilson - graduation just wrapped up, all outdoors. May is Military Appreciation Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month. Two summer school sessions. Students can attend

one or all sessions, but must be eligible. Planning for a regular school day next year. Parent survey open right now. Looking for parent and public input. Town hall meeting and admin would like community feedback for relief funds.

- ASD Public & Parent Survey for 2021-22 School Year
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY6MCP7>
- JBER - Joy Boston
 - JBER is hiring; there are 150 jobs in Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) positions. NAF employees work in retail, child care and recreation programs. Part-time and full-time positions with benefits are available. Jobseekers interested in more information about NAF jobs at JBER can visit <https://jberlife.com/jobs> or call NAF Human Resources at (907) 552-4563
 - Expiring reservist, retiree and dependent ID cards!
 - If you have an ID card that expired after January 1, 2020, it will no longer be accepted for base access beginning July 1, 2021.
 - DOD is changing to a next gen Uniformed Service ID card with updated security and design features, counterfeiting and fraud deterrence; it will be printed on plastic rather than printed on card stock and laminated.
 - Go to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator> to schedule an appointment for a new next gen ID card
 - Live music! From the 9th Army Band; events are open to the public
 - May 22 -Alaska VA ceremony to honor Women Veterans, 1PM at the VA Hospital on N. Muldoon Rd, Anchorage
 - May 29 -City of Valdez Military Appreciation, 12-3PM at Port of Valdez dock parking lot
 - May 31 -Municipality's Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:30-10:30AM at Delaney Park Strip, between 9th and 10th Ave and I and L St
 - More info at their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/9thArmyBand>
 - -Post Rd gate is closed May 3 to July 2
 - -Boniface gate will be closed July 3 to mid-August
 - -Next Arctic Thunder Open House and Air Show scheduled for July 30-31 2022 (next summer)
 - Check out the JBER Facebook page for additional information
<https://m.facebook.com/JBERAK/>
 - Any questions or concerns, contact me at joy.boston.2@us.af.mil <<mailto:joy.boston.2@us.af.mil>>, Joy Boston, Community Partnerships at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
- Library - Jim Curran

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Muldoon Library main number 343-4032

 - Jim—Muldoon Librarian 343-4030 james.curran@anchorageak.gov
 - Red—Muldoon YS Librarian 343-4035 red.coffey@anchorageak.gov
 - Summer Discovery & APL's Safe Opening Plans/Services

- o www.anchoragelibrary.org/services/services-for/kids/summer-discovery

www.anchoragelibrary.org/about/about-apl/library-news/apls-safe-opening-plans-and-services

- General
- o www.anchoragelibrary.org
- o www.facebook.com/anchoragelibrary

Presentations:

- **Title 21 - Land Use Planning draft amendments (parking requirements and access)**
MOA Planning - Elizabeth Appleby

- o elizabeth.appleby@anchorageak.gov - Muni Planning
- o Community discussion in June, P&Z in fall, then Assembly
- o Why - parking code does not align with city plans. AMATS, 2020 Land Use Plan, need to get aligned to support infill development, lower housing costs. Will reduce parking requirements, increase alternate methods of site access, focuses on urban, urban edge, and transit corridor areas. In urban neighborhoods like South Addition, Fairview and Mountain View. They're gridded, have sidewalks and public transportation. In urban edge and transit supportive development corridor. Menu of administrative parking reductions. Would like to make some changes that don't require multiple levels of approvals, they'd be automatic calculations. Delete requirement for non-residential uses that have 3 spots no matter what. Taxi stations currently included, but could include ride-hail and electric vehicle charge, in urban neighborhoods don't want huge swath of driveways - sometimes developers need to meet maneuvering requirements, but hopefully can reduce width of driveway. Transit supportive corridor along Muldoon & Debarr is what is affected in NECC. Only applies to new developments.
- o <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/Actions4-3%264-6.aspx>
- o June 9th lunchtime design survey
- o <https://arcg.is/SjzGT0>
- o Will also apply to sidewalks in urban neighborhoods (Downtown, South Addition, Fairview and Mountain View) to require where they're missing for new development and expansive redevelopment.

New Business:

- Chanshtnu Muldoon Park Clean up June 5th at 10 am
- Spirit of muldoon Picnic June 12 from 12-2
- Liquor license renewal - Party Time/Boniface Liquor, Yama Sushi
- Capital Improvement Projects List
 - o Motion to retain priorities from last year. No objections.
 - o Top project is pedestrian safety and traffic calming in numerous sites in the area. Second priority is continued development of Chanshtnu Muldoon Park,
 - o Third priority is trail connectivity
 - o Fourth priority is Northeast Muldoon Local Road Resurfacing
 - o [2021-northeast-cip-priorities.pdf \(muni.org\)](#)

- Public Notices:
2021-0064 change classification from residential low to residential mixed
2021-0065 rezone request from R-2M to B1BSL with special limitations

Old Business:

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Committees:

- Picnic Committee update

Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

none to report

Donna is now on the Stormwater Utility Commission

Minutes Approval: November, January, February, March, April

Motion to adjourn at pm 8:19