

# NECC

## Northeast Community Council      General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2021

Call to order: 706

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** Rachel Boudreau, Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Stu Grenier, Lyn Franks, Selina Metoyer
  - 19 participants at 746
- **Board members absent:**
- Motion to approve agenda: Charles England
  - Seconded by Bob Reupke
  - Agenda is approved
  - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

### Board Update

- **Treasurer's Report:** \$1873.46

### FCC Update-

- FCC has purchased insurance for all CCs.
- 171 Muldoon Road, Suite 109. The Relativity Room.
- Town Hall on October 15th regarding homelessness
- The Reprocessing is meeting and is different than the Assembly process of reappropriations..

### Community Concerns

- Chanshtnu Muldoon Work party tonight
- Boundary Avenue/Centennial soil testing at the moment, they will get back to us.
- Encouraging personal responsibility regarding Covid
- Wofter's brought forth a concern regarding Peck between Oaklohma and Patterson, it is about a 200 yard stretch without a sidewalk. There are high school and elementary school buses that come to pick up children and there is no room for the children to walk and there are no gutters there either, the water pools up and it is hard to see in the dark as children are getting on the bus.
  - Looking for an ask, a longer term solution to fix this.
    - Donna can add this to the CIP list.
    - Stu suggested asking the owner of the building to also write a letter of support for a sidewalk, they shared this has happened.
- Stu shared there are some homeless camps into Centennial park.

- Assemblymember Pete Petersen shared that the Sullivan Arena is full

## Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski**

- Redistricting is going on at the state level, final maps are supposed to be out November 10th. This will be a big impact on the NECC, there is one portion of the NECC that is proposed to be redistricted to the Eagle River area.
- Special session just ended. 4th session for October has been called by the governor shortly for a higher dividend and a fiscal plan including revenue (The state's savings account is running out). A consensus has not been met regarding this.
- Dividend was passed at \$1100.

- **Senator Holland, District N-Not present**

- [Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov) or 907-351-8277 Cell/text

- **Representative Nelson: Not present**

- **Representative Snyder: Not present**

- 907-903-5799, [rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov)

- **Representative Spohnholz:**

- Current covid surge is really a surge of those who are not vaccinated. There are weekly drawings for those who get vaccinated, [give Alaska a shot](#). Also eligible for scholarships. New evidence coming out that masking reduces covid by 50%.
  - If you're already vaccinated or get vaccinated in the next two months, you can enter to win \$49,000 in cash from the Give AK a Shot lottery program.
  - There are weekly drawings
- The DHSS website was hacked earlier this spring and it was revealed that most Alaskans private information was also hacked (such as the PFD information) and it is possible that all those who have applied for a PFD had information stolen. It is encouraged to track information such as bank statements or credit card statements.
  - For the DHSS hacking, questions may also be directed to DHSS at 1-888-484-9355 or [PrivacyOfficial@alaska.gov](mailto:PrivacyOfficial@alaska.gov), however the sign-up process for the credit monitoring service will need to go through the toll-free hotline available Sept. 21.
- [rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov) or 269-0123

- **Discussion**

- Statue on the dividend is the same we have had in 1952. This year it was supposed to be around \$3200. The Governor is proposing a 50/50, where you take 5% of what was earned, half goes to dividends and half goes to the government. Then you would need to take money out of the savings to balance the budget. This could potentially create a new fiscal gap. Looking to fiscal year

2023, this would create a \$1.2 billion gap, there still needs to be a way to fill that gap that has not been proposed yet. Where as if you do a 25/75 gap, the PFD is small but the fiscal gap is also smaller. The past few years have been very good years (the PFD is an average of the past 5 years). Talk to your leaders about concerns you have.

- Redistricting- Governor appoints 2, and a few others to the board, 2 drafts have been released. There will likely be challenges to the map, the history of the maps have been challenged each time. There are concerns that the map is very partisan, designed to split the majority. Give your input to the draft and to the leaders, public input is needed significantly. The history of the NECC in general has been to keep the NECC intact for the past years.

### **Assembly Report:**

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**

- Budget committee meeting today. Preliminary budget on October 1st by the mayor. The actual budget is November, bonds are in January, but first glance in November. The mayor is looking to do a 5% cut. There are also cuts regarding utilities, which are supposed to operate at cost. Cuts towards maintenance and operations bonds, concerns toward not keeping up with facilities. Have heard whispers that the bonds pertaining to the NECC area may not be put on the ballot, encourage the NECC to look at the 5 year plan and support keeping the NECC area on the ballot.
  - PFD garnishments: if at the same level, budget will be on track. If more than it will be met more strongly.
  - Room and Rental tax collected will be more than what they thought.
  - Alcohol tax will be about \$900 million.
  - Fire department is over budget, this seems to be trend the past several years.
    - Get documents ready to go by October meeting regarding the bonds.
    - Station 14 is possible, next to Benny Benson schools (Stuckagain Heights).
  - Police department had a higher number of FMLA due to covid (more leave due to covid, more over time to fill absences).
  - Get documents ready to go by October meeting regarding the bonds.
- Chanshtnu Muldoon park work party today. The dog park is done but waiting for a freeze. The pump track has also been completed. Garden boxes have also been completed.
- Overrode the mayor's veto regarding the homeless committee.
- Authorized the administration to release more funding for rent, utilities and housing relief.
- Extending lease on the Boys and Girls club for another 5 years.
- New administration is not moving forward with the storm water utility. Currently "hodgepodge" together through property taxes, the storm water utility would be a rate payer model.
- Report from board of equalization (property tax protest evaluation) looking for members.

- Proposed a mask mandate, mayor turned it down.

- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**
- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: Not present**

### **Community Leadership Updates**

- Anchorage School Board
  - wilson\_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
- JBER - Joy Boston
  - September 19 - 9th Army Band performing at UAA Alaska Airlines Center grand re-opening
  - September 19-20 – Alaska Native Heritage Center Suicide Prevention Subsistence Camp
  - New US Army Alaska (USARAK) Commander, Major General Eifler took command in July; link to his bio <https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/USARAK-leadership/USARAK-commanding-general>
  - Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Strategic Studies is coming to Anchorage, this is similar to other Dept of Defense regional centers focused on research, idea exchange and training for US and foreign military, civilian and NGO personnel in partnership with academia, more info at <https://www.dsca.mil/dod-regional-centers-rc>
  - joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
- Library Jim-not present

### **Presentations:**

- Draft Master Plan for Russian Jack Springs Park
  - Advisory group meetings the past couple of years including input from the NECC general members.
  - <http://www.muni.org/departments/parks/pages/russianjackspringsparkmasterplanupdate2019.aspx>
  - The plan includes an overview of major use area as well as a 20 year master plan.
    - Paving trails, upgrading trails, adding connections, more lighting, improve circulation, safety for sledding hill, modernize chalet.
    - Resource management goals are also listed. Implementation will be shared when it is available.
- Trash and Bears
  - 2019 the MOA worked to strengthen the trash carts so that bears would be less likely to enter trash cans. Trash bins should only be rolled out the morning of trash day. Enforcement zones have been created where bear proof trash cans must be used. Please be responsible with trash bins and only rolling them out the day of the trash collection.

## **New Business:**

- Community Discussion and Resolution on homeless
  - Scenic Foothill Community Council has created a [resolution](#)
    - Looking to have a conversation, no urgency on this issue.
  - Stu-Concerns in creating a “tent city” would prefer campgrounds to be used or heated buildings with showers and such. Would like to work on an NECC solution instead of adopting/adapting one from the SFCC.
  - Charles also expressed a place where there is running water, flushing toilets and showers. In addition he has had people use his hose to get clean in the front yard.
- Open board seat available, notify NECC board member if interested
- Liquor License
  - [Brown Jug Whaler](#) transfer from Peck Ave to 530 Muldoon
  - Olive Garden, JJ's Sports Center, Holiday #631(285 Muldoon), VFS (Oklahoma street), Firetap, Pizza Studio, American Legion, Red Robin, Hacienda, Fred Meyer Brown Jug (N. Muldoon), Ronnie Sushi 2, Wal-Mark, Wild Wings 'n Things, Oriental Garden, BurgeFi

- **Public Notices:**

## **Old Business:**

- Road behind the Walmart has not had as many cars behind it, per Pete Petersen, asked police to go by.

## **Committees Updates:**

- Parks and Trails
  - SFCC expressed interested in the boundary trail
  - Stu handed the resolution over to Joy.

## **Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:**

- Stu contacting community works regarding clean up.

Minutes Approval: August

Donna made a motion, Selina Seconded

Motion to adjourn at 9:23 pm