

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

Call to order: 704

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
 - 28 participants at 721
- Board members absent: T'Shalla Baker, Judy Jessen
- Motion to approve agenda:
 - Board member appointment-interest from George Martinez, adding to agenda.
 - Redistricting, no interest to add it as an agenda item
 - Hanna Frost-asked to be added to the agenda but it was too late. Can speak at community concerns.
 - Bob motion to approve, Lyn approved
 - Marc expressed concerns regarding the NECC and the Parks and Rec Commission and the way the NECC handled it. Expresses concerns were not addressed.
 - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

Board Update

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

FCC Update-

- Met yesterday. AMATS transportation presentation. There was information about a Title 21 Change.

Community Concerns

- AMATS is looking for another board member for their Community Advisory Commission in this assembly district area, contact Craig Lyon craig.lyon@anchorageak.gov
- Rick expressed concerns regarding threats toward assembly and school board members and feels that should be done.
- Robyn wanted an update regarding redistricting. Rep Spohnholz said she has some information.
- Hannah Frost also shared that she is now the manager of Starbucks that is opening. Opening to open the 9th of December. Hoping the store will be an integral part of the community.
 - Hannah Frost, US2867828@Starbucks.com

- Project walk on Patterson scheduled November 30th 3-430 to be able to have input on that project.
- Thanksgiving Blessing: <https://foodbankofalaska.org/blessing/>

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski**

- Passage of Federal infrastructure act. Alaska will be getting billions of dollars in funds; road maintenance and repairs, bridges, marine highway, Encouraged NECC to be ambitious in their wishlist for repairs/requests. This will also create some jobs.
 - Lyn asked if some of the money could be used for the Alaska trail that was put out by the legislature, he was not sure but the trail was/is a priority for him and will look into it.
- Redistricting-he thinks that things in Anchorage look pretty good. There is some controversy in some areas about how they split up Muldoon. The southern half went with Eagle River and other parts went with JBER and/or Government Hill. Anticipating lawsuits regarding the way some of the places were redistricted. Concerns were expressed that some parts of the NECC area are not apart of the Eagle River area.
 - New Anchorage map: <https://www.akredistrict.org/files/7916/3667/7665/2021-Anchorage.pdf>
 - New Eagle River map: https://www.akredistrict.org/files/4616/3667/7665/2021-Eagle_River.pdf

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

- Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov or 907-351-8277 Cell/text

- **Representative Nelson: Not present**

- 907-269-0216 Rep.David.Nelson@akleg.gov
- Finished the 4th special session. Governor will not call in a special session 5.
- Redistricting maps have been finished.
- He has been out in the district asking and hearing about problems in the community. Muldoon elementary school had sidewalks blocked by the snow, taking care of that.
- Attended and spoke at AMYA today.

- **Representative Snyder: Not present**

- 907-903-5799, rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov, @RepLizSnyder on all socials
- Last time I mentioned putting an inquiry into the governor and HSS. The letter has been received and they are working on it but no response yet. Letter was regarding some of the response funds not being distributed or been received yet such as food funds (there was a delay with the website). Funding for public health nurses in Alaska, funding was there but recruitment has not happened,

high demand for child care and funding has not been disseminated. She will keep updated.

- New caucus in the legislature that is bi-artisain and both senate/house and pertains to food (economy, production, processing)
- Get the wish list for Bill back better funding. 3.5 billion for water and sanitation
- Will not be representing Stuckagain Heights but will be representing some parts of Nunaka Valley.
- Dave asked if the trail swap would be eligible for money from the infrastructure, she did not know but would look into it. The time frame for that spending is 5 years.

- **Representative Spohnholz:**

- rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123
- Redistricting-would have to drive through other two house districts to get between House districts 21 in east Anchorage and 22 in Eagle River
- House Ways and Means committee-did not make a lot of progress, a lot of time spent in Juneau and the Governor changed on a few items.
- Looking for a requesting a review of how the DHHS website was attacked and to prevent it in the future.
- Bipartisan infrastructure-this is significant for Alaska (ports, roads, ferries, internet, water and sanitation), please submit input.
- Healthcare information: pricing is supposed to be listed beforehand or an estimate, if it is not you can file a complaint.
 - Health Care Price Transparency is the law. Penalty for failure to comply is \$100 per day, up to \$10,000 for each violation. If a provider or facility is unwilling to provide an estimate or fails to post the prices of the most commonly performed services, Alaskans should file a complaint AK DHSS at DHSSpricereporting@alaska.gov.

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**

- Passed an ordinance to allow boards and commission to meet virtually, boards and commission were having problems meeting quorum.
- First opportunity to vote on the budget will be Tuesday. The new ordinance for reorganization was put out there, which will impact the budget vote due to some of the requests (such as libraries being put in the parks and recreation). Public hearing has been closed, but can still send an email to the assembly for comment.
 - Received the resolution from the NECC regarding money and the parks, they both would like to add an amendment for putting money back on the bond for some of the parks (including Chants Tanu Muldoon Park)
- Bradley Coy is the new traffic engineer, he will also be the one who is doing and approving the traffic calming concerns in Anchorage.
 - Forrest would like put forth an amendment from 500,000 to 1 million for traffic calming, this issue is pertinent to East Anchorage. Still looking for a traffic calming specialist.

- Port Revenue Bonds need to happen so that repair can continue to happen and prevent further damage. These are from fees from their users.
- Also encouraged the joining the board and AMATS
- Sullivan Area continues to have turn over in personnel, the replacement individual (head of human services division) will not need to come before the assembly. There is a warming tent there, however there are 500 people there and technically room for 400, somewhat of a crisis situation. Funding is set through December.
- Bridges at the park are apart of the 5 year plan, Pete or Forrest will add an amendment to the bond so that there is money that goes to park. Steve Rafuse that there is enough money and plans to do the first bridge and will need to wait to see how the bond goes for the second bridge. They are hoping for the bridges like out at West Chester Lagoon (steel and concrete structure that gets paved over).
- There was an amendment that put the chair in charge of the meetings instead of the mayor, mayor vetoed it, assembly is voting on it tomorrow to see if they can override it. Mayor is asserting under the charter he has complete control over the municipal buildings.

- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**

- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: Not present**

Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage School Board
 - wilson_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
 - ASD vaccination clinics have been going well and will run through December 1st.
 - <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18296>
 - ASD Flex-in person and online learning will be coming very soon.
 - <https://www.asdk12.org/asdflex>
 - Superintendent Bishop is retiring and the board will be starting a search for new one.
 - Plenty of positions open at ASD, check out their website.
 - <https://www.asdk12.org/workforasd>
 - Just voted on the bond package, added Inlet View on the bond school likely needs to be updated (no water suppression system or gym).
 - Pathways gives students the option to select and de-select careers
 - Will be meeting with the assembly and school board tomorrow 11/19.
- JBER - Joy Boston
 - There is a new JBER History app, <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Info/History/> or scan the QR code below to download or link to the Historian's page from the JBER Connect app <http://apps.appmachine.com/jberconnect>
 - For beneficiaries that use the JBER Pharmacy, beginning December 15, 2021 Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will no longer be part of TRICARE's pharmacy network; CVS will join the pharmacy network.

- More info at the JBER Pharmacy – 673d Medical Group (Official) Facebook page
 - <https://www.facebook.com/205145626176618/posts/4734793909878411/?d=n>
 - Also, [see the attached flyers](#) for information on budget analyst internship opportunities at JBER in Summer 2022 (PCIP flyer) and the AIM HIGH Flight Academy, with a December 10 deadline to apply for this FREE, three-week opportunity for students 16-23.
 - Army units have been deploying less but training more so it can lead to more noise.
 - joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
 - JBER Noise Complaint <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-Us/> 907-552-5382 For aircraft-related or other noise complaints you believe were generated from JBER equipment or personnel please e-mail jber.pa@us.af.mil. Please ensure you include the information below. Detailed information makes it easier to research the complaint. Date/Time of Incident: Have you filed a complaint with JBER before? Y or N First and Last Name: Phone Number: Address, City, Zip: E-mail Address: Have you filed a complaint with JBER before? Y or N Can you provide a detailed response of the incident? Where did this occur? Please be as specific as possible. What type of aircraft was it? Any additional information: Do you want a response? Thank you for supplying this information. We should reply within three working days. We'll call you or respond via e-mail if you supply an address.
- Library Jim
 - Another vaccination clinic by Visit Health at the library (all 3 vaccines will be available) but not for children. 11-2 on Saturday.
 - December 10th, 2-5 pm-community resources event will be held (food, housing, job, heating, etc).
 - Library will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after. Will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas day, New Year's eve and New Year's day.
 - Jim (343-4030) james.curran@anchorageak.gov
 - Latoya Alloway, CRC (885-9566) latoya.alloway@anchorageak.gov

Presentations:

- AK Child & Family
 - Clinical Director of the therapeutic program. At about any given time there are about 3,000 youth in foster care systems. AK Child & Family run therapeutic foster homes, there has been a recent downturn in therapeutic foster homes. They are looking to spread the word for more homes, or if someone is interested please let them know or even if you would like a yard sign. Respite care is also an option, temporary placement of a child.
 - www.akchild.org 792-4111 ksmith@akchild.org

New Business:

- Muldoon Wall-needs to be repaired and will need feet on the ground to go talk to businesses on Muldoon and come up with some ideas.

- Stud and Dave were going to look at who was responsible for the wall to be maintained.
- Draft Master Plan for Russian Jack Springs Park
 - Plan can be found here: <https://www.muni.org/departments/parks/pages/russianjackspringsparkmasterplanupdate2019.aspx>
 - Hard copies will be available at the Chalet.
 - Will bring the plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission, that date is not final yet.
 - Next step is checking in with the community councils and people in the area. Will need Parks and Recreation Commission approval and then approved by Planning and Zoning. PRC could be in January and then PNZ could be in March.
 - A request to push back the PRC meeting to allow more time to look through the [document](#).
 - A more visually appealing [document](#)
 - PRC meeting held on the second Thursday
 - Public meetings: planning meetings and to community councils
 - Article featured in [THE HILL](#)
 - JBER trail on the radar of PnR
- Liquor License Holiday #631, Brown Jug (Tikahtnu)
 - [Brown Jug update](#) transfer from Peck Ave to 530 Muldoon

Old Business:

- Wendy's
 - A landscape architect has been hired and there is a plan that is not fully approved
 - The original understanding was that there was no drive thru restaurant along DeBarr, which was amended to say unless approved by the Assembly. Confusion about the process of developer and owner, variances, permits and order of process. This one is at the corner of DeBarr and Creekside, concerns regarding landscaping. Not a traffic issue going onto DeBarr it is a visual buffering issue.
 - Get in contact with Donna if there are more concerns: mears@alaska.net
- Doon Dangers
 - Get in contact with Stu, voicemail only, 337-5127
 - There are many details to figure out to get them working again, Stu will likely need paint, plastic bags, a pick up truck and a ladder.
- Resolution on Homelessness
 - Was discussed and introduced at a previous meeting.
 - Stu discussed his concerns, experiences, and examples.
 - Allow more time for discussion and digestion of the document.
 - Send to Health Department and Head of Homeless Coalition
 - Make a motion in January

Public Notices:

[Public Art Selection at Bartlett High School](#)

[Animal Control Advisory Board-Draft Title 17 Change](#)

Committees Updates:**Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:**

- Donna spoke with Nicolette and Steve as they let her know they were coming this week.
Stu spoke with Parks and Rec.

Minutes Approval:

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 pm