

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022

Call to order: 7:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:**, Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Stu Grenier, Lyn Franks, Selina Metoyer, Rachel Boudreau, George Martinez
 - 23 participants at 7:12
- Board members absent: T'Shalla Baker, Judy Jessen
- Motion to approve agenda:
 - Motioned by Selina, seconded by George
 - Changes: October and January minutes instead of what is listed on agenda
 - No objections
 - Stu asked resolutions from last meeting to be sent to PnZ, add to the agenda as new business
 - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

Board Update

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

FCC Update

- 22 delegates attended the FCC, operates on a \$90,000 grant
- Scenic Foothills has a zoom bomb
- FCC working on some Zoom training for CCs
- Junior Emathy, Mayor is in Juneau getting support for the the port
- Title 21 and Title 23 have been passed.
- Proposal for tax abatement for places such as mother in law units, did not pass, still in negotiations
- Reapportionment conversations still continue with the assembly
- Spring lottery closes for schools on March 17th.
- You can also track your ballot for the spring election.
- Working on 2050 goals now for transportation
- Park and community challenge grants.
- Title 21 parking and site amendments will go to PnZ later
- PELL study is coming up-[Seward Glenn Mobility project](#)
- Homeless Task Force presentation, Sullivan Area will stopped being us
- FCC will send out info on bonds coming up

Community Concerns

- Stu-Doon Dangler issues: People Mover has been taking responsibility for the ones next to the bus stops, but not the other ones. Will need to be addressed between now and November. May not be large enough for CIP, Donna shared map of ownership for the areas where the Dangers hang.
- Stu-Homeless camps in Centennial Park, mattress fortress in park now
- Rick-Profits from oil companies was significant last quarter, need people in legislature to do something about it.
- State Redistricting-Lawsuit regarding the pairing of some parts of the NECC area, went to the superior court. Conclusions from the court; touching parts were okay, not enough input from public, and the pairing constituted unequal representation from the area and is now moving to the supreme court in Alaska. Northern parts of NECC is unsure where it will be now. "Intentionally discriminated against the residents of East Anchorage" and the board found cause in that. NECC did submit a resolution against the way East Anchorage was redistricted

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski, District H**
 - 907-465-2435 or email at sen.bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov
 - Just met with the incoming traffic commissioner and got a maintenance from 2002 in regard to the Muldoon road and wall. South of DeBarr is Muni's responsibility. Will call into DOT regarding the expiration of the agreement later this year and will also find out more about North Muldoon maintenance.
 - Oil profits- per report almost 15 consecutive years Alaska is the most profitable oil sector in the world. Alaska has a large loophole in their corporate taxes and companies like Hill Corp pay zero dollars corporate taxes. Oil used to find 85% of our revenue, and now it is 15-20% of revenue.
 - Mayor was in Juneau last week asking for money for port funding, a significant amount of money is being asked. The port provides 90% of supplies to the state.
 - Sent a letter to JBER regarding property swap, heard from that JBER had received it and will get back to him.
 - Bill to increase property tax exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Property taxes in East Anchorage went up the most. This in the future will shift the burden from businesses to property owners.
 - Meeting everyday in finance.
- **Senator Holland, District N**
 - Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov or 907-351-8277 Cell/text
 - Property tax exemption for. 20% of value up to \$50,000. Deadline March 15, 2022.
https://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Exemption/Documents/2022%20Residential%20Exemption%20Form.pdf
 - Fiscal fix is still being held up by the same senators as last year.
 - SB 111-Read by 9 program. Trying to get it passed, but is stuck in the house at the moment.

- **Representative Nelson: District 15**

- 907-269-0216 Rep.David.Nelson@akleg.gov
- Ron Meehan-Food Bank of Alaska, also at the meeting. Last week was food security week.
- Heard more port concerns. Met with UAA students. Joint session with Justice Winfrey. Senator Mukowski will also be speaking at the capital.
- HDR 16-Hmong Veterans recognition that Rep Nelson worked on and Senator Wielechowski did speak about and it passed 20-0.
- HB 125-sponsor on that.

- **Representative Snyder: District 27**

- 907-903-5799, rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov, @RepLizSnyder on all socials
- Aliana Salanguit, chief of staff
- Budget committee closing out next week.
- HB 146-wage scoring and posting salary range (and prevent asking previous history). HB 168-online application available for all DPA services, now in senate finance. HB 26-waiting for a hearing in ways and means, aspirational 50/50 for POMV split.
- Executive order to split DHSS. Just received a legal memo regarding some substantial drafting areas, will need to look into more.
- Talking to other office to hold an in person Anchorage caucus meeting.

- **Representative Spohnholz: District 16**

- rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123
- Megan Holland, chief of staff
- There is currently a resolution to reject the proposed split of the DHSS. Spohnholz is on the committee.
- Big week in terms of legislation. Increase access to dental hygiene in the state, telehealth bill (companion bill in the senate) bipartisan bill to ensure more coverage and to require medicaid to cover telehealth and was heard this week. HB 259-revenue split bill.

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**

- Passed titles 21 (planning and zoning) and 23 (building code) reform, a lot of work done to make them non-controversial.
- Accessory dwelling units and make them tax free for 10 years. Was delayed due to concerns from Girdwood and their short term rentals.
- Reapportionment, district 1 will have to double in size due to ballot measure. There shouldn't be a big impact on the NECC, Turpin area in 2/4 maps would be returned to the east Anchorage area.
 - <http://www.reapportionanc.org/>
 - Maps 6v2, 7v2, 11, 12?

- Alcohol tax came in much stronger than expected, around \$14 or even \$15 million, this is good news for the budget.
- It looks like the state will be handing over the Birchwood Airport to the MOA

- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**

- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: Not present**

Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage School Board
 - wilson_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
 - Tentative Agreement with AEA: Hoping to have it ratified soon., <https://www.asdk12.org/AEAContract>
 - Superintendent Search Timeline: <https://www.asdk12.org/leadership>
 - Community Input is really important to the board in this process. Community Survey is now closed – published in 9 languages
 - Virtual Townhalls took place to get community feedback
 - Deadline for applications is Feb. 21
 - ASD Spring Lottery Opened-- <https://www.asdk12.org/lottery>
 - Spring lottery opens for parents on February 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Spring lottery closes for applications on March 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Spring lottery runs March 18, 2022
 - Parent notifications released March 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Charter Schools and Alternative School Fair: 2/19, 12-4
 - Come join us at the ASD Education Center (5530 East Northern Lights Blvd) from Noon-4 p.m. on February 19th, 2022! <https://www.asdk12.org/visit>
 - Members of the community were invited to help develop ASD's 23-24 and 24-25 school year calendars at 2 community meetings that took place yesterday, Feb 15.
 - The CTE Department is launching a new Business Academy in Fall 2022 for high school juniors. We are recruiting students interested in careers in finance, business, office administration or bookkeeping and accounting.
 - Dual Credit Courses taught by UAF Faculty - up to 16 credits
 - An ASD Academy coach (teacher) who will provide in-person coaching and mentoring
 - Internship requirement in senior year
 - Students graduate with an Occupational Endorsement from the U of A, Fairbanks
 - Presidents Day Holiday: 2/21
 - Black History Month: Check with each school and look for activities
 - COVID-19 Information: Vaccination & Testing Sites for staff & family: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18301>
 - Inlet View, it could potentially cost more to redo than rebuild.

- JBER - Joy Boston
 - JBER received Sen Wielechowski's letter dated January 27, 2022 with NECC resolution 2021-4 in early February.
A response is being routed through the base civil engineers, security forces, public affairs and legal office. I do not know if the response will be ready for your next meeting. I spoke with Cliff Groh on the phone on February 9 and relayed the same information.
 - joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
 - Is currently going through the process of the coordination. Will work with the military engineers to draw up a map and work with the NECC to be more specific and needing more clarity about the swap.
- Library Jim-not present

Presentations:

- Candidates
 - Vanessa Stephens-Assembly, VstephensAssembly@gmail.com, Seat 2A, 907-227-8401
 - Gretchen Wemhoff-Assembly, www.teamgretchen.com, info@teamgretchen.com
 - Kelly Lessens-School board, Seat B: Phone: 907-717-6451 / Email: kelly@kelly4anchoragekids.com / Web: www.kelly4anchoragekids.com
 - Forrest Dunbar, running for re-election for assembly, campaign@forrestdunbar.com or visit forrestdunbar.com
- Anchorage Equal Rights Commission
 - Enforces titles 5 and 7 of the MOA code (houses, public stores, transportation, schools, not just employment).
 - Partnership with EEOC. Advocate for the law and that people follow the law
 - They also do training for companies
 - Marie Husa, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, www.muni.org/aerc, marie.husa@anchorageak.gov AERC (907) 343-4342
- Alaska Literacy Program
 - Located behind Denny's at Bragaw and DeBarr.
 - Mainly known for English Language Literacy for people who are new to the community. Anchorage Regional provider for adult education in the area. Now provide a GED program at no cost for students.
 - Kengo Nagaoka knagaoka@alaskaliteracyprogram.org 907-743-0207 Please refer students through our website alaskaliteracyprogram.org

New Business

- Board Elections in April, 3 seats (Judy, Rachel, Donna)
 - Donna will run again, Rachel will not
- RJSP Resolution will be forwarded this week.
 - Stu looking at NE access for connecting those on the other side of Boniface, specifically would like a tunnel. Steve Rafuse said that the access connection

(specifically tunnel) would be too expensive. Stu talked to the Mayflower Court and they would be interested in having access to the park.

- Stu read a addendum
- Liquor license renewal: Oriental Garden, Ronnie Sushi 2, Texas Roadhouse, Hacienda, Wal-Mart, Red Robin

Old Business:

Public Notices:

[Ordinance Amending AMCR to modify Fee Schedule](#)

[CSSTP Design Study Report Seward Hwy: 36th Ave.](#)

[Public Hearing Draft for Reinvestment Focus Area \(RFA\)](#)

Committees Updates:

- Parks and Trails: Next meeting at Mayflower Mobile Home park. Now working to form a plan.
- Picnic tentatively on June 18th.

Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

- Stu talking with Steve Rafuse and PnR, encouraged him to look at the NECC Facebook page. Also worked with him regarding Centennial and the power line that came down.

Minutes Approval: October, November, January

Motion to Approve by Rachel, seconded by Lyn.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm