

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Stu Grenier, Lyn Franks, Rachel Boudreau, Selina Metoyer, George Martinez
 - 25 participants at 7:13
- Board members absent: T'Shalla Baker, Judy Jessen
- Motion to approve agenda:
 - Motioned by Lyn, seconded by Stu
 - Changes: Stu request for the RJSP to not be an addendum, just NE access update
 - NECC response regarding PnR Reka Bridge construction (NECC Resolution Opposing Current Trail Maintenance Plans [RJSP])
 - CIP Process in new business (currently listed under Committee updates)
 - Picnic Update to old business instead
 - Agenda approved as amended
 - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

Board Update

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

FCC Update-Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month

- 22 delegates attended the FCC, operates on a \$90,000 grant
- FCC working on some Zoom training for CCs
- Mayor's officer gave a presentation
 - Chief Equity Officer appointed
 - Pothole HotLine 343-6363
 - Assembly 101 videos have been popular and working to reorganize the agenda to make it more feasible.
 - April 12th is the next assembly meeting
- School district also presented
 - 23 candidates were interested in the superintendent position
- Anchorage Economic Development presented 5 priorities
 - Medical parkway connecting northern lights and tudor road
 - Library downtown
 - Port

- Childcare providers
 - Better JBER relations
- Anchorage Clean up in May 1st.

Community Concerns

- Selina-Muldoon Farmers Market will be happening again. Looking for board members and volunteers, contact Selina or Bob
 - Contact Selina Metoyer, {907-830-0815 or selina4necc@gmail.com} or Bob Reupke { snow@alaskalife.net}
- Stu-concerns again regarding more tents in Centennial Park.
- Stu-Donna sent map of who owns the light pole
- Habitat for Humanity: We are pleased to inform you that one of our Habitat families will soon be joining the Northeast community. We are planning a celebratory dedication of their new home on March 25th at 12pm. Email [Julia Roberts](#) for more information.
- David Christal-April 30th is school clean up.
 - Also open to hosting/having meetings at Creekside Park Elementary school

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski, District H**
 - 907-465-2435 or email at sen.bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov
 - Deeply grieved by the Ukraine situation. After some research as a state Alaska has about 300 million invested in Russia, at least 17 significant investments are tied to Russian Oligarchs (they are on the sanctions list for the US). Asked to withdraw the investments, however the Russian stock market has closed maybe permanently.
 - Oil is back to around \$97 a barrel, came into the session with a deficit, not the budget has a surplus. Believes we need to save money, fill the school budget shortfall and a somewhat higher PFD payout.
 - Millions of dollars will be coming in for broadband and infrastructure over the next few years.
 - Online checkbook bill for individuals. Bill to raise property tax exemption from 58 to 75,00 dollars.
- **Senator Holland, District N-left at 730**
 - Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov or 907-351-8277 Cell/text
- **Representative Nelson: District 15**
 - 907-269-0216 Rep.David.Nelson@akleg.gov
 - Finance will take up budgetary amendments next week and then on the floor the 28th.
 - Early on worte asking the Alaska Permanent Fund to divest money in Russia, also including stopping the import of oil and stop supplying lethal weapons.
 - Murkowski speak this week regarding the violence against women, check it out.

- Personal legislation: A bill regarding a cap on hiring those from out of state versus instate.
- **Representative Snyder: District 27**
 - 907-903-5799, rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov, @RepLizSnyder on all socials
 - Resolution on the floor again tomorrow, that makes it clear the position the house takes
 - Personal bills: Insulin Cap bill, home and health care bill, food strategy task force bill. Campaign Finance Cap bill passed where there would be a cap to donation limits.
 - Infrastructure money coming in, some funds will be dedicated to water and sanitation access.
- **Representative Spohnholz: District 16**
 - rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123
 - Megan Holland, chief of staff
 - The energy rebate is in addition to the PFD and it is in the budget that is currently being considered.
 - Conversation today regarding the volatility of oil in the house and senate today. It is likely that given the oil prices currently that we will meet the average needed for the budget, a lot of change.

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**
 - Budget finance meeting today
 - Closed books from last year. Car rental tax came in 45% higher than thought, room tax came in 12.5 million higher. Last year's tourist season was relatively strong. Projections for this summer are that it will be on par with summer 2019.
 - Won the lawsuit with the maritime association, 367 million dollars. This is good news, however will need more money for it. Working to procure more money to rebuild the port.
 - Special meeting on the LED Bar liquor license transfer, the school district is actually renting space close to where they wish to locate. What is the role when the municipality law violates state law.
 - The MOA is in the process of putting together an agreement to take over the Birchwood airport. It was recently repaved so it should be able to break even in costs.
 - Series of work sessions to discuss the CARES and ARPA monies.
 - One idea is ways to promote the child care industry (eg, wages).
 - Toured the food bank's new storage facility (in part funded by the CARES act).
- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**
- **Assemblyperson Kennedy:**

- The website for the reapportionment process has been update very nicely and has updated maps that you can drill down into to see where the lines fall.
 - <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/ReapportionmentCommittee/Pages/default.aspx>

Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage Fire Department
 - Started and graduated 26 trainees for the fire department, they are now working
 - Overtime mitigation efforts are continuing. Periodically closing companies at night to help fray OT costs, have a history of expending OT. Closings companies at night that statistically have lower calls/activity, it's not no risk but it is managed risk.
 - 2 Bond propositions
 - #3 is an area wide EMS, will add two ambulances
 - #6 for the fire service area (including Eagle River), replace 2004 and 2008 fire engines and make the fire station more suitable.
 - Questions:
 - Regarding Centennial Village connection, he was not sure of what happened but would get back to the council for a presentation
 - Regarding the 10 year lease on ambulances and if it is saving money that was on the bond last year. It has been very successful, however the leased equipment is subject to personal property tax
 - Wildfire mitigation and what is being done. There is a small amount of money being done for that this year, an officer has been appointed to oversee the planning for this season, not entirely sure yet.
 - Personal property tax could be exempted, can talk more offline regarding that.
 - Douglas Schrage, fire chief, douglas.schrage@anchorageak.gov 907.267.4936
- Anchorage School Board
 - wilson_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
- JBER - Joy Boston
 - - Effective March 1, JBER policy removed the mask wear requirement for **fully immunized personnel** in an indoor setting when the community level in the Anchorage Municipality is low or medium (as determined by applicable CDC guidance and definitions). Personnel who are **not fully immunized** must continue to wear a mask in an indoor setting on the installation.
 - Please note that there are facilities on the installation that still require mask wear indoors for fully immunized personnel. For example, DoD military medical, dental, and veterinary treatment facilities.
 - - Exercise POLAR FORCE runs Mar 28 – Apr 8 and demonstrates JBERs mission readiness
 - Expect increased flight operations and noise from the base during exercises

- - We will be at the Great Alaska Sportsman Show, April 1-3 at the Dena'ina Center talking about iSportsman <https://jber.isportsman.net/> and JBER history <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Info/History/>
- - Wednesday, March 30 at 1430 Unaccompanied veteran committal service for: US Marine Corps , Vietnam veteran , LCpl Craig Sherman RITCHEY died on March 7, 2021. LCpl RITCHEY's home of record was Coos Bay, OR and he was born on September 17, 1956. He served in the U.S. Marines from March 1975 to March 1979 as a Heavy Vehicle Operator. No known next-of-kin could be located so we would appreciate his Military Family coming to honor him.
- Contact the cemetery office to either get an annual gate pass or get on the list each month. Contact Virginia to find out how to make it out each month, Virginia.Walker1@va.gov.
- If you come directly to the cemetery, please drive all the way down to the parking lot to park and save the spots in front of the admin building (58-512) for our disabled veterans.
- The military has changed all the rules of gate access for the cemetery and we are NO LONGER ABLE TO ESCORT using the government van. You must have established access through the gate to attend this service or be on a criminally vetted approved event list 48 hours prior to the date/time of the service. If you plan to get a 'Day Pass' the day of the service. It will take a few hours at the JBER-Richardson Visitor's Center.
- Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31! Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/2021/12/30/2022-is-coming/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826/>
- joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
- Parks and Rec-Tanya Hickok
 - RJSP Trail Phase 1-the trail that ends at 20th and to the first bridge, about 2200 feet of trail. The bridge proposed for this will be a pre manufactured bridge made of concrete but will be paved over with asphalt paving (about 65 feet long). This type of bridge has been used the past few years and is fairly successful. The design is about 75% completed. The project will be constructed this summer.
 - Dave Rose parking lot project. Will be widening the parking lot to 50 cars and should be started this summer for construction. Will also be adding new landscaping.
 - tanya.hickok@anchorageak.com
- Mayor's Office-Brice Wilbanks
 - Pothole Hot Line offered 343-MEND
 - Two events coming up
 - Golden afternoons-senior activity center, senior mixer at the Library
 - Fireside Chat happening with the Mayor
 - Sockeye Inn has been purchased in part of supporting those who experience homelessness.

- Ballots should also be arriving in the mailbox today or tomorrow.
- Cautiously optimistic regarding the port decision.
- Pothole HotlineReport street maintenance issues here: 907-343-6363 / 343-MENDEvents- Golden Afternoons (Senior event) - March 23 from 1-3pm - Monthly social event for seniors - RSVP by calling (907) 343-2975 or online at <https://bit.ly/APLGoldenAfternoon>- Fireside chat: Celebration of Women's History Month: Wednesday, March 23, 12pm, CoWork by RSD, 911 West 8th AvenueHomelessnessThe cooperative purchase of the Sockeye Inn was approved earlier this week. The Mayor's Office is happy to continue working on compassionate care for the homeless. This location will handle complex care needs and is part of the Sullivan Arena exit strategy. ElectionBallots should be arriving in your mailbox. They are due by April 5, 2022, via mail or dropbox. More information:
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>Port of Alaska MARAD UpdateOn Thursday, February 24, 2022, the United States Court of Federal Claims awarded the Municipality of Anchorage \$367,446,809 in damages from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) due to design, construction, and project management failures at the Port of Alaska Intermodal Expansion Project. This judgement is subject to appeal. The Mayor's Office continues to work with our state and federal delegation on collecting funding for this critical project.
Questions/Comments?Email: brice.wilbanks@anchorageak.govText/Call: 907-231-9718

- Library Jim-not present

Presentations:

- Reminder to vote: [information for voting](#)

New Business

- Board Elections in April, 3 seats (Judy, Rachel, Donna)
 - Nominated Marc Grober by Stu Grenier, he accepted.
 - Donna is also interested in keeping her name in the running.
 - Donna nominating Ron Meehan, he accepted.
- [Resolution supporting East Side Infrastructure](#)
 - Donna introduced the resolution
 - Stu made a motion
 - Seconded by Selina
 - Discussion:
 - Stu would like to see the RJSP trail in there
 - Text was fully flushed out today, there was an outline earlier when the agenda was sent out.
 - Could be brought to the CIP committee where it could be addressed in more specific detail to have more of an impact.
 - Motion to table and move to CIP committee by Marc, seconded by Murray.

- Motion passes to move to CIP meeting and bring back to April meeting.
- [UMed Northern Access Resolution](#)
 - Donna introduced the resolution. This is a resolution that has been shared by other CCs and the resolutions supported by other CC, UAA and assembly.
 - Calling it the Medical Parkway (connecting NL and Tudor) from the Anchorage Economic and Revitalization.
 - Marc made a motion to to adopt the resolution with his paragraph
 - 11-in favor, 0-oppose, 3-oppose
 - Motion passes
 - Send copies to: Assembly, FCC, Alaska Legislators, Eastside Community Councils, PME (Director) community development Adam Trombley, Ken Kolhase
- Liquor license renewal: Oriental Garden

Old Business:

- NECC Resolution Opposing Current Trail Maintenance Plans (RJSP):
 - Marc introduced a resolution regarding more communication between Parks and Rec and community councils
 - Marc made a motion, Stu seconded it.
 - Discussion:
 - 6-support, 2- oppose, 4-abstain
 - Motion passes
 - Email copies to: Hickok, per her offer, the parks and trail looks forward to meeting with her at her earliest convenience
 - Marc, Stu, Durand, WWMAS, FCC, legislators
- RJSP NE Access
 - Resolution Regarding Access to North Russian Jack Springs Park Across Boniface Parkway
 - Having conversations regarding a continuous trail from Mayflower Trailer Court to RJSP. Will present at the PnZ Meeting next month.
 - Marc motion, Selina seconded
 - Discussion:
 - 6-support, 2- abstain, 5-oppose
 - Motion passes
 - Send copies to: PnZ, PnR Steve, post to facebook, Same distribution as last resolution plus P&Z commission, Craig Lyon - Director of Planning
- [Reapportionment Update](#)
 - Currently both maps that are potentially going to be adopted include what the NECC desired in the resolution written. At this point the NECC will not take further action.
 - See the [map](#) for further details.
- Picnic will be June 18th from 12-2
- CIP: Subcommittee meeting March 24th at 530 pm (same link), Vote in April
 - Marc expressed want to clarify the difference between the CIP List and the CIP survey.
 - Publish the CIP list to the FCC
- Parks and Trails
 - Met and came up with resolutions presented tonight. Busy with the RJSP master plan process.

- Community Announcement: asking school board to waive fees for CC meeting
- Update community patrol, Marc will contact patrol and tell them to contact Rachel
- Meeting minutes motion by George, seconded by Selina passed

Public Notices:

[AMATS 2050 Public comment period open](#)

[Public Hearing Draft for RJSP](#)

[Parking and Access: Title 21 Amendments PZC Case No. 2022-0026](#)

Committees Updates:

Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

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Minutes Approval: February

Motion to Approve by Rachel, seconded by Lyn.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55? pm