

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** Judy Jessen, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Stu Grenier, Lyn Franks, Rachel Boudreau, Selina Metoyer, George Martinez, Rick Phillips
 - 22 participants at 7:20
- Board members absent: T'Shalla Baker
- Motion to approve agenda:
 - Motioned by Lyn, seconded by Bob
 - Discussion: Dave asked for his motion for the homeless shelter to be moved to this meeting, as the assembly is voting on Tuesday the 26th.
 - [Navigation Center Listening Session](#) – Monday, April 25, 2022 – 5:30PM-7:30PM
 - Listening session regarding the proposed Navigation Center at the APD Campus on Elmore Rd. Join us in the Wilda Marston Theater at Z.J. Loussac Library. A short presentation will be made and then the public will be invited to speak. Each person may speak once for up to three (3) minutes.
 - Motion to approve amended agenda by George, seconded by Lyn.
 - 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

- FCC met yesterday.
- Still working training for new CC leaders.
- Clean up week is May 7th, Tires need to be off the last day of April.
- April 25th meeting regarding homelessness.
- Election-will need to vote for 4 people, starting rank voting.
- ASD graduation, only 6 people allowed per person
- Special election is June 11th for former Congressman Young's seat, seat will be up in November.
- Accessory Dwelling Units presentation and information available, certain requirements are set. More information is available if the council is interested.

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-East Side Constituent meetings shared information regarding homelessness. Will share more information at the May meeting.
- Roller Rink Update: reroofed the whole building, remediated all of the asbestos, the rezoning has an amended B1B with special limitations, plat replatted, easement has been erased on the west side and condos now have access to that easement. Grubbing and tree removal has happened, bulk of the trees removed are considered “weeds” by the city and are not able to be reused, considering some options for the fencing (will not be close to DeBarr). Containers (considered temporary units) on the site are now acceptable since there is now a permit in place, ground will need to be treated in the back before they can be moved to the back. Fencing will be the back 300 feet, front 200 feet is undetermined, the city asked that it be saved for future housing. He will send an updated site plan when he gets back.
- Join us for a work party at the CMP Community Garden (8100 DeBarr Rd) on Thursday May 5 from 5PM to 7:30PM to finish moving the last of the topsoil to the new garden beds. No tools required, though you might want to bring work gloves.
- Marc-AMATS recommended adopting the NACTO guidelines (suggestions for making it safe on the roads) several years ago, but it was not adopted after advocating for it. Instead it was suggested to come through the community council members, he drafted a resolution about and wanted to clarify the process that happened beforehand. Stu suggested to share the information with the board at the next board meeting.

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski, District H**
 - 907-465-2435 or email at sen.bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov
 - House passed the operating budget today in the senate, several more rounds to come, still debating a few items. Senate has not yet included a dividend in the budget, the house has.
 - Town hall meeting on Saturday. Homelessness was a big issue at the meeting. He met with a homeless trust today to learn more, Alaska does not have a homeless trust.
 - Legislation to move along the Windfall Act, online checkbook bill, another complicated bill regarding funding that has come in over the past few years to allow some flexibility in spending, oil is expected to increase to \$101/barrel which would leave the state with a surplus. Other money coming in for infrastructure in the next few years.
 - Discussing how to set the budget with the cost of oil and where to spend/put the money if there is a surplus, anything over \$101 automatically goes to the permanent fund corpus, building the budget around oil being at \$80 a barrel.

- **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
- **Representative Snyder: District 27**
 - 907-903-5799, rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov, @RepLizSnyder on all socials
- **Representative Spohnholz: District 16**
 - rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123
 - Encouraged the NECC to hear from Alaskans for Better Elections.
 - June 11th is when the primary takes place and it is by mail, general election is August 23rd in person.
 - May 25th East side town hall
 - April 9th the house passed the budget, there was a surplus in the budget this year and were able to add/accommodate a number of items (funding pre-k, teacher debt, paying down obligations, etc)
 - Working on 2 bills-Telehealth bill 65, making what has been flexible the past few years permanent. HB 404-would take the dividend that Alaska Housing Finance Corporation has will/can go to workforce and housing.
 - One time energy relief check will also go out, and will go to every person in the state of Alaska. Question about if the check can be garnished, expected that it could be since it would be qualified as additional income.

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**
 - DunbarForrest@Muni.org, pete.petersen@anchorageak.gov
 - Certifying municipal election on Tuesday.
 - June 21st there will be a special election for the North District Assembly member.
 - Working on budget for the first quarter, items that were contested are now in the budget including more funding for the police. Work session tomorrow to restore some of cuts such as child abuse prevention, mobile crisis team, community art, school resource officers. Will then vote on the revised budgets on Tuesday night. Hopeful that the legislature will fund the school bond debt reimbursement. Street maintenance and snow removal are also of priority, adding money to the budget in March to keep up with it (90"+ of snow this year).
 - Plan for the new north district plan will be looked at on Tuesday night.
 - Navigation Center will also be discussed on Tuesday night, listening session on Monday. Expected for members to approve the plan. Sockeye Inn has been approved for medically fragile individuals, supposedly closing on another hotel. The Golden Lion is now owned by the Muni.
 - The Police Department released their policies and procedures for body worn cameras, a 9 page document that still needs to be reviewed by the union.

- Asked about [map](#) being amended at the last minute, Forrest shared that it was due to population. Forrest and Pete are now included in Airport Heights and North Anchorage (formerly Downtown) now a part of East Anchorage.
- **Assemblyperson Allard: No longer in this district**
- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: No longer in this district**
- **Assemblyperson Constant: Now in this this district**
- **Assemblyperson: TBD**

Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage Fire Department
 - Douglas Schrage, fire chief, douglas.schrage@anchorageak.gov 907.267.4936
- Anchorage School Board
 - wilson_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
 - The Spring Lottery opens and closes July 21st.
 - New superintendent, Jharett Bryantt, starts on July 1st.
 - ASD Graduations is limited to 6 tickets per person, transferable, and graduations ceremonies will be streamed.
 - Next board meeting is May 3rd.
- JBER - Joy Boston
 - joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
 - The next unaccompanied veteran committal service will be Wednesday, April 27 at 2:30 PM at the National Cemetery; contact Virginia for help getting on base, Virginia.Walker1@va.gov
 - Last Frontier Honor Flight returns to Ted Stevens International Airport on Saturday, April 30 at 3 PM, more info at <https://www.lastfrontierhonorflight.com/>
 - Municipality's Memorial Day event "Anchorage Remembers" will be on Monday, May 30 at 9:30 AM at the Veteran's Memorial on I St between 9th and 10th Ave, downtown Anchorage
 - ANG Band of the South will perform at the Veterans Wall of Honor in Wasilla on Memorial Day; more info about the Band of the South at <https://www.music.af.mil/Bands/ANG-Band-of-the-South/About-Us/>
 - 48th annual Arctic Valley Run (5 miles or 12.6 miles) will be Saturday, June 4 at 10 AM, more info and sign-up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/ArcticValleyRun>
 - Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31! Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826/>

- - Please remember to use iSportsman if recreating on JBER; register for an account, see if training areas are open and safe for recreation, and sign in and out of recreation areas at <https://jber.isportsman.net>
- JBER has expended 1.9 billion dollars into the community and state of Alaska
- Parks and Rec-Tanya Hickok
 - tanya.hickok@anchorageak.com
- Mayor's Office-Brice Wilbanks
 - Questions/Comments?Email: brice.wilbanks@anchorageak.govText/Call: 907-231-9718
- Library Jim
 - Since the beginning of 2022 the Library has continued its focus on Early Literacy, but we have also increased services and outreach specifically for Seniors.
 - Golden Afternoons—at LL the 4th Wednesday of each month, 1-3PM: Genealogy is up next
 - Senior Saturdays—Every Saturday @ MD, 11-1:00 (one-on-one / small groups for basic computer/Internet tech help, Community Resources access, and Library 101
 - Community Presentations (Senior Center and OPAG breakfast)
 - EL/Children & Families
 - Summer Discovery returns with our kick-off event: Reading Rendezvous at LL, 5/14, 12-4:00pm
 - Free Comic Book day! 5/7
 - Friday in-person story time began in February and was so successful that he added a storytime on Saturday morning.
 - Art on Wednesdays (DIY stamps to dreamcatchers)
 - Community Resources event: Muldoon Connect. APL's CRC team (Ziona and Rebecca) continue monthly events to help Muldoon area residents find and apply for a variety of support services: food, wellness, financial, and housing. They are joined by representatives from other area agencies including WIC, SNAP, and Nine Star—Ziona and Rebecca are rockstars—all the more so since MD is without our dedicated CRC staff due to a funding gap.... However, that position is now re-funded and is working its way through the hiring process.
 - Muldoon Library Jim (343-4030), james.curran@anchorageak.gov, Red (343-4035) General (343-4032), www.anchoragelibrary.org, www.facebook.com/APLMuldoon

Presentations:

New Business

- Board Elections 3 seats (Judy, Rachel, Donna)
 - Judy Jessen: current board member, Vice President
 - 21 votes
 - Donna Mears: current board member, Parliamentarian
 - 21 votes
 - Marc Grober: not present

- 5 votes
 - Ron Meehan: born and raised in Alaska, wants to promote community engagement. Works at the Food Bank of Alaska in policy.
 - 17 votes
 - Donna, Judy and Ron elected to the board
 - Meeting Spaces
 - May-Virtual
 - June- Chansthnu Muldoon Park at Muldoon and DeBarr
 - July-off
 - August-TBD
 - Resolution Opposing Boundary Ave extension east to Centennial Circle for Emergency Vehicles-Introduction of the motion, will vote on it next month.
 - Draft of resolution below (history to come):
 - Whereas a second access road has already been built from the Anchorage WasteWater Facility on top of the hill to the north to provide the exact same access that extends Boundary Ave. East would provide in case the Peck Ave. access is ever compromised by an accident.
 - Whereas Boundary Ave. has no sidewalks and very few street lights, reducing the hill to build a "gated" road at the East end of Boundary Ave. would result in more pedestrian traffic that should be left to continue on Peck Ave. which does have a sidewalk and many street lights, resulting in safer pedestrian traffic.
 - Whereas Boundary Ave. has two large hills and four speed bumps placed at neighborhood request to the NECC, plus deep potholes that make it unsuitable for ambulance use.
 - Alpine Village Condo Association stores snow in the proposed extension area.
 - For these reasons the Northeast Community Council does not support extending Boundary Ave East at it East end
 - From Brooke at PM&E: The in-house engineers are currently working on a design study memo that will outline options to help scope the project needs. We will be sure to include the community council on the design memo once it's complete.
 - Contact following people to gather more information
 - brooke.blessing@anchorageak.gov
 - Russell.oswald@anchorageak.gov
 - douglas.schrage@anchorageak.gov
 - Marijuana license renewal: Catalyst Cannabis, The Tree House AK
 - Liquor license renewal: VFW, American Legion Post #29, Wild Wings 'n Things
 - Proposed motion regarding homelessness
 - Dave read the motion, Donna Seconded it
 - Discussion: concern if we vote against then it could be moved elsewhere (closer to east side), concern about picking numbers versus values, concerns of language in the resolution, overall concerns of homelessness and how to address it, only one community council has opposed it. Worked to edit the resolution. George suggested capturing the spirit of the resolution to work on it outside of the meeting and wordsmithing it then. Judy suggested writing a simple resolution opposing the navigation center
 - Vote on motion as amended:

- Call to question
 - Call to vote on amending the language in the resolution
 - In favor-11
 - Against-2
 - Abstain-1
 - Voted in favor of changing the language of the resolution (opposing the navigation center)
- Next vote: pass resolution as written
 - In favor: 2
 - Against: 11
 - Abstain 1
 - Resolution does not pass
- Judy moves to introduce a new resolution
 - The NECC opposes the proposed Homeless Navigation Center by the Bronson Administration.
The NECC supports smaller sites distributed across the municipality of Anchorage.
 - Seconded by Dave.
 - In favor-11
 - Opposed-2
 - Abstain-2
 - Email:
 - Anchorage Health Department Director - Joe Gerace
 - Homelessness Program Manager - Nester Andrea

Old Business:

- Spirit of Muldoon Picnic Update - June 18 noon-2
 - George will call a meeting next week
- [Resolution supporting East Side Infrastructure](#) - MAY
- RJSP MP Update
 - Plan was essentially passed, Boniface was added.
- Motion to extend the meeting at 9:52 pm.
 - Approved by Dave, seconded by Selina
 - Meeting extended by 15 minutes.
- Community Announcements
 - May 17th at the Loussac Library to celebrate Vic Fisher, last standing member of constitution.
- Meeting minutes motion by George, seconded by Selina passed

Committees Updates:

- Capital Improvement Project List - due June 15
- Baby Bull, LLC dba Canna Bliss, 149 Muldoon Road (Vito's) will attend the June meeting.
- Picnic meeting
- Community Patrol-Aaron still going

Public Notices:

[Transportation Planning / AMATS Transportation Improvement Plan \(muni.org\)](#) Comments open until May 5
[Adopting standards for cleaning up contaminated soil](#)

Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

- Selina worked with MOA to get a permit for the picnic.

Minutes Approval: March

Motion to Approve by Lyn, seconded by Rachel.

Motion to adjourn at 9:58 pm