

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes May 19, 2022 via Zoom

Call to order: 7:03 pm with quorum & land acknowledgement

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve agenda:

- Motioned by Donna, seconded by Selina
- Discussion:
- Move Spirit of Muldoon Picnic
- Agenda approved
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1on_IF8TQdFgKU01hOeBOsvqGBUpHQw7kY4zMjiBx6hs/edit?usp=sharing

Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** George Martinez, Lyn Franks, Donna Mears, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier, Ron Meehan, Bob Reupke
- Board members absent: Judy Jessen, T'Shalla Baker, Rick Phillips
 - ~16 participants at 7:20

Board Update

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

FCC Update-Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month

- FCC met yesterday. No quorum. Portia Erickson, Director of community engagement - Peach Investments multi use development on 4th Avenue. Mayor's ice cream social May 24th, Memorial Day on Delaney Park Strip, Suzanne LaFrance - next Assembly May 24th, removal ordinance for those that violate the public trust is likely to be a big issue. Municipal Assessor - Jack Gadamus multiple items on considerations for assessments. Suzanne also mentioned navigation center slated for Tudor/Elmore. The type of material? Not permanent. Very short meeting, but lots of stuff. Will not meet again until September. Seeking leadership for FCC.

Community Concerns

Erika Wilburn - new Brown Jug at 530 Muldoon Road will be opening May 27th, Grand opening at 10am. Everyone is welcome to join for this to check the new store out for the ribbon cutting. David Ulmer - property on DeBarr by Beaver Place. (Donna replied it's on the agenda for tonight)

Stu - Gold Nugget Triathlon started in Centennial Park - really big event. 111 Muldoon dumpster issue continues. Would be nice if they could be picking up, but volunteers have been doing it.

Did Muldoon Road get swept yet? 3 days ago it wasn't - we really need to advocate for Muldoon over the bike trail - it hasn't been working for years.

Ted Eischeid, your neighbor from Russian Jack CC. Thank you for having me. PS- my local streets near my Mellow Place home have not been swept yet by the Muni.

Upcoming NECC meetings:

June- Chanshtnu Muldoon Park

August- Centennial Village (tentative)

[Adopt-A-Garden](#) - Windsong Park

[Patterson St. Site Walk](#)

[Anchorage Municipal Special Election](#) - new Northern District Assembly seat June 21, 2022 - Vote at Home

Some districts have changed and there are a lot of elections coming up so make sure to watch that closely.

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August- Centennial Village (tentative) (Note - we will need to talk to Mark Butler at FCC to give him our physical locations for insurance)

At this time we are not planning to have a hybrid meeting for the next NECC meeting which will be held on June 16, two days prior to the Spirit of Muldoon Park Picnic.

Shannon Koenig from CIHA, in the next 30 days she will pitch to Covid safety committee coming back in August - confident they can offer that space for us.

It's been reported to us that there were shots fired at Standish Park last weekend., and no subsequent APD response. Is this true?

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski, District H**

- 907-465-2435 or email at sen.bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov
- \$500k for Chanshtnu second phase - really pushing the bridge, \$500k ? for traffic and pedestrian safety, Muldoon Curve, Muldoon Library, \$100M in deferred maintenance, forward funded education. East High pool will be re-opening this summer! It's been closed for 3.5 years since the earthquake
- Dave Ulmer Q What is happening with the Muldoon Curve? A: 6 mil put in for that, 3% of all accidents in Alaska occur right there. People are coming around very fast at Turpin and we will need to work with the DOT on how to reduce accidents there.

- **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

Passed the state budget last night at 11:45 pm. Money for roads and traffic calming, about \$1.5 million to the Muldoon Library, funding for Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, Port of Alaska, @2B to state savings & \$250 to scholarship fund, increase to BSA, \$2M for pre-K grants, PFD & energy

rebate all together \$2550 + \$650 = \$3250. Full funding for school bond debt reimbursement. Alaska Reading bill passed! Big changes to statewide education. Reps Rasmussen and Tarr spearheaded efforts to revise the state sexual assault laws and the definition of consent. Last sunday Hmong Veteran's Memorial Day.

? Bob Reupke - CBR amount - A: still moving around, will get back with an answer, but it's low

? Dave Ulmer - when is \$ coming out? A: The Energy Relief & PFD will come at the normal October time

- **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

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**

- Forrest.Dunbar@anchorageak.gov, pete.petersen@anchorageak.gov
- Airport Heights now in East Anchorage and meeting at the same time.
- Largest development is passing the revised budget, restoring SROs, MCT, Girdwood EMS
- Mayor vetoed funding mostly for public safety funds which the Assembly had put back in for inspectors and other items and then the Assembly overrode the vetoes.
- Navigation center - numbers were revised down and Mayor would give good faith effort for making Golden Lion available for treatment. Will be a very large expense for both construction and operations, some with ARPA funds. Heard today that Mayor said he intends to sell teh Golden Lion in conflict with agreement w Assembly
- ARPA - call for request to community - Mayor requested infrastructure which is usually bond items. Will weigh against community requests, already 40+. Last time there were a number of nonprofits and community projects that have been brought online. Probably less money to small business grants. Long term economic development- particularly job training, affordable housing, childcare a big one which was one of the largest expenses the last time- several daycares may have gone out of business otherwise.
- National conference of counties and boroughs happening right now and Pete is currently at that event as our AML representative
- ? Stu Grenier: Lots of issues but all he sees is all the people in Centennial Park. He gets best results from directly calling Mayor's office. Can some of these people be identified to go to \$10M drug house? No difference in number of homeless in park. Will keep putting reports in Anchorage Works form. Also, downtown Muldoon sidewalks are not plowed. A: Drug & alcohol treatment and housing is the answer to homelessness. Why they've been pusing mayor to turn on the Golden Lion and another salvation army site. Some housing downton coming on line, concerned about funding since so much is going to tudor/elmore shelter. Navigation center - navigating to where? Needs housing.

- ?George Martinez: Has there been a difference in funding for street cleaning? A: No but if they ask for more we will provide it to them. State roads that are in part maintained by the municipality, Forrest was not aware that we were responsible for street sweeping in Muldoon however they are oftentimes in worse shape when it is on the state.
- ? Dave Ulmer: Surge capacity, is there a limit for how long a surge can last? Have you heard about expanding the 150 bed facility? A: the admin is permitting the land south of where the facility is going in part because the current pad they have is not large enough. It is a very large area that they are permitting which suggests that they might expand and put more facilities there. They have said they don't intend to do that and there are not a lot of funds available to them to do so. I am not sure about the time limit on surge, I know it can be at least a few months which has been done for cold weather in the past. It can happen anytime that the health director declares that more space is needed.
- **Assemblyperson Constant:**
 - Christopher.Constant@anchorageak.gov
New in CC with Northern District. Second member will be added in July, so more full participation from Northern District when there's another rep.
- **Assemblyperson: TBD**

Community Leadership Updates

- JBER - Joy Boston
 - joy.boston.2@us.af.mil
 - - Boniface Visitor Center is open! Richardson Visitor Center is closed until September 2022
 - - The next unaccompanied veteran committal service will be Wednesday, May 25 at 2:30 PM at the National Cemetery; contact Virginia for help getting on base, Virginia.Walker1@va.gov
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 - - 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
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 - - The National Cemetery on JBER will hold a Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30; music will begin at 11:30AM and the ceremony starts at 12PM at the flagpole. Everyone is asked to park on Davis Highway, outside the cemetery, and walk into the grounds. Handicap and VIP parking will be available inside the cemetery. Please call the National Cemetery at 384-7075 for additional information
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 - - 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>
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- - 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/>
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- - Red Flag Exercises – joint (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps) and coalition (UK, Canada, etc.) field training exercise (FTX) with personnel and equipment located at Eielson AFB and JBER and operations conducted in Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC)
- 9 – 24 June
- Information to file a noise complaint at <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-Us/>
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- - Several leadership changes coming up this summer at JBER
- Alaska NORAD Region/Alaska Command/11th Air Force incoming commander Lt Gen David Nahom
- 673d Air Base Wing incoming commander Col David Wilson
- 3d Wing incoming commander Col Kevin Jamieson
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- Anchorage School Board
 - lessens_kelly@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
 She will be our regular School Board contact starting July 1 as the board reorganized and realigned their districts. Last day of school! Joyful time of year. Last week was renaming for Dr. Etheldra Davis Elementary School. 2,400 seniors graduated from ASD. For returning students, they can be registered through Q Parent Connection. Chromebooks can remain checked out. One push is that we need help from community members keeping eyes on school facilities. These facilities are a community investment. Here is contact information:
 Emergency contacts:
 - APD Emergency: 911
 - APD Non-emergency: 311 extension 1
 - ASD Maintenance: 348-5111
 - ASD Security: SEM@asdk12.org

Recently looking at reading metrics which need improvement. What do rates of growth look like? Not just proficiency, but growth.

Finance committee meeting next Tuesday- try to understand what the things happening in Juneau means for ASD. Working with communication to the public through ASD.

Calendar for next year: [Anchorage School District 2022-23 School Year Calendar \(asdk12.org\)](#)

Donna?: Noticed East's graduating class ~320, but 100+ less than when this class were freshman. A: Number of reasons and we'll get more into it. This is happening all throughout the district and representative of what's happening

throughout the district. Lots of other programs are being utilized, people moving out of state, but other things.

- ? Stu Grenier: Some empty school available for homeless shelter? People out in the park every summer may find one with showers. A: That is the first time I have heard it. About a year and a half ago the board approved a plan to redraw school boundary lines starting some time in the fall of 2022 before she was on the board. We need to look at our numbers and the ways the buildings are used, they are something we all have a share in. Conversation about how we can best educate our students safely and efficiently but also being aware of how all of this fits together.
- 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
 - Muldoon Library Jim (343-4030), james.curran@anchorageak.gov, Red (343-4035) General (343-4032), www.anchoragelibrary.org, www.facebook.com/APLMuldoon

Presentations:

None

New Business

Baltazar Subdivision - Jon Lang

- Combine 4 lots into 3 and remove some easements. Since it includes a road easement it needs to go in front of the Platting Board. Postcards were sent inviting neighbors within 900 feet. All violations of current zoning must be resolved including removing existing shipping containers. Would like resolution of support from cc. Platting board later this summer.
- ? Dave Ulmer: What is project? A: walked through site plan provided on mailer
- Donna Mears: Point of order on process. We would like you to provide some language for the resolution two weeks prior to the next meeting so that we can present it to the community and vote on it which will allow for enough time for public comment.
- ?Stu Grenier: Lot 1 currently has about 15 cars and tires on it but there aren't any buildings on it, is that correct? A: Yes, it isn't allowed to have structures as it isn't the primary use but he plans on getting this figured out.

Arcticorp (Royal Roller Rink)

- Moving ahead with project. Some clearing of trees and in the process of working through permitting. Has special limitations. Doing major site plan review to officially move it over into that zoning. Clearing permit has been initiated. June 9th community meeting 6pm at the site 6411 DeBarr Road. Does need to go through this public meeting process again. Will have landscaping and fencing. Fence will be about 10 feet off property line so, some changes from the plans provide.
- ?Donna: CC requested the standard for site obscuring fencing be higher than the chain link w slats in Title 21. A: No specs yet on fencing, but talking about a wood fence
- ?Stu: Thanks for storage for Doon Dangers

- ? Jon Lang: The Conceptual Site Rendering shows the area just clear cut as “Existing Landscaping”. A: South of the rink? Yes, SE corner of the project. Might have changed that on the plans this week.
- ?David Ulmer: When is the plan to have the lot cleared off? Have an appointment for dirt work and getting that cleared up but does not know the exact date offhand.
- Need a new Chair for Marijuana and Liquor license committee
- Marijuana license renewal: none
- Liquor license renewal: [Fred Meyer](#) - [Firetap Alehouse](#) - [Northern China](#)
 - No comments or objections

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement Project List
 - Capital funding coming from the state which we haven’t seen for several years. Funding from the state may close out our financial needs for the Chansthnu Park. Number of small parks throughout the area that people were asking for improvements- Donna talked with someone in Parks and Rec at scoping those out so that when we need to identify areas for bond improvement we have the list readily available. Currently 13th on the list, though we may want to move this up the list with tonight’s news.
 - Approval of capital improvement projects, motion by Donna Mears and seconded by Bob Rupke, passed unanimously (11?)
 - ? From Karen Cameron to Everyone 08:26 PM
 - CIP.....Yes, streets are a critical priority. However there may be other worthy projects that could be added. Does Chanshtsu Park require anything further ? Library is mentioned, sometimes adding Community Center and sometimes dropping the "Center" portion. Do we have a strong written proposal for having the community center ? Has the NECC looked on its own for a site ? I sent Donna Mears a number of CIP suggestions. She pointed out correctly that many had been thought of and rejected, many were duplications, many were ahead of their time. Is there a way that a case for signage that is welcoming and aesthetic to be added at edges of Muldoon. ? Is there something we could request to assist in eco dev and/or work force training ?
- East Side Infrastructure Priorities Resolution
 - Wanted to put a pitch in for East side projects in addition to the CIP list with the funding streams available. Focus on taking care of what we got rather than taking on new projects. Motion by Donna Mears and seconded by Bob Rupke, passed unanimously
 - Where the resolution goes: Wwwmas, state elected officials, and neighboring community councils, FCC
- Resolution: Opposition to Boundary Avenue Extension - Centennial Circle
 - ?Karen Cameron: Ryan Kim is designer, also designing two alternatives to it but the money is already being spent. Resolution could be worded a little better which we may want to clean up. An argument could be made that Boundary could be made satisfactory for ambulances and emergency vehicles for far less.

From Shannon Koenig, CIHA to Everyone 08:46 PM

Stu, CIHA supports this resolution.

- Motion to clarify language as Karen brought up and add Whereas about CIHA supporting resolution

Bob: poorly presented, a lot of senior citizens in Centennial Village and there needs to be a way for them to get out.

9 approval 2 abstention

- Where the resolution goes: PM&E, AFD Brooke Blessing, Ryan Kim, Ryan's supervisor Russ Oswald, Chief Doug Schrage, wwwmas, FCC
- JBER Perimeter Trail request - denied, but it's a long game. Joy - our current commander is a female.
 - Joy: In order for any lands to be given away or traded, be very clear on what we're offering as an exchange. Made it hard on her since it wasn't clear. These are needed, utilized training areas. Known trespass issues in the area. Please consider these points. If lands are determined to be excess, they go to BLM.
 - This is really good information for informing the process

Public Notices:

Selina: Muldoon farmers market starting on June 25 9:30AM-2:30PM at Chansthu Muldoon Park and will run every Saturday through 9 24

David: The completion of phase 2 of Muldoon Park is nearing an end.

George: Begich Middle School United Way is hosting with the School Board community event around student support called cradle to career- it begins at 10AM this Sunday

Committee Updates:

- Spirit of Muldoon Picnic Update - June 18 noon-2
 - George will call a meeting next week
- Muldoon Wall - recent new damage & cap rails pushed off

Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

No additional business other than identified during the meeting.

Minutes Approval: [April](#)

Motion to Approve by Donna Mears, seconded by Dave Ulmer. No objections

Public Notices:

[AARPA Funds Project Proposal](#)
[Chugach Electric Board Elections](#)

Motion to adjourn at 9.:24 pm