

Minutes

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

June 15, 2023, | 7pm

Centennial Village- Multipurpose Room

9131 Centennial Circle, Anchorage, AK 99504

*NECC minutes are always taken by a volunteer board member

Board Members Present

Ron Meehan, President | Jamie Lang, Secretary | Lyn Franks, Treasurer | Selina Metoyer, Member | Stu Grenier, Member | Bob Reupke, FCC Delegate

Ron Meehan Calls Meeting to Order at 7:01PM

people were present virtually or in the room.

Pledge of Allegiance- Bob Reupke

Board Roll Call

Minutes Approval: May - One change needs to be updated under Anchorage Public Transit - the total project needs to be updated to \$500,000. **Bob Reupke motions, Selina Metoyer seconds.**

Treasurer's Update - Lyn Franks reports \$2074.68 but there are outstanding checks for the picnic.

FCC Report

Bob Reupke: No FCC meeting this month. Reminded people that they should attend the farmer's market.

Community Concerns and Activities (opportunity for community members to share concerns, requests for the council, and upcoming needs/activities, 2 min each).

- Selina apologized for any misunderstanding or offense in the officer's meeting
- Why is the Holiday closing at E. 20th? Nobody knew
- Stu complained about Muldoon and E 11th being a complete mess with lots of trash and tents. Centennial now has illegal tents but also renters enjoying the campground. Send letters of complaints.
- The bridge is in by the dog park at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park and the rent-a-cans are in bad shape
- Selina attended the transit meeting and it appears to improve all routes, so positive changes.
- Stu says that shopping carts are flooding the parks. Irene Boll wants to help pick them up and return them

Legislative Reports (limit 3 min. each, including questions)

David Dunsmore, Office of Sen. Wielechowski: The session ended and the budget passed. Largest school funding ever. Reach out to the Gov asking him to support it. Big push next session: community solar and renewable projects bill. Alaska work safe: auto payroll deductions for 401ks.

Corey Alt, Office of Rep. Mears: Corey.Alt@Alaska.Gov 510.599.3893 on Zoom for Rep Mears reported getting organized for the next session. Topics: food security. Working on reports and refining them.

Assembly Reports (limit 3 min. each, including questions)

George Martinez: Homelessness committee still has Centennial on their "plan"

- Lots of planning going on, but some things like the pallet houses will need a title and code change

- Hicckel's lawsuit is still being hashed out - lots of discussion about how long he has been working in this city, how they used Muni gasoline and that everything that happened with this project was devoid of business as usual. George encouraged the public to speak up.
- Zoning changes are being worked on for R4 - which is multi-family like 4-plexes. It would allow for some "in-fill" housing, like tiny houses.
- Stu asked about how many stabbings and the shooting happened at Centennial last year - George asked him to confirm that with Steve Rafuse and to CC him.
- George is looking at starting a chamber business group for Muldoon

Community Leadership Updates as available (3 min each) [JBER](#), [Mayor's Office](#), [Police Department](#), [Fire Department](#), [Parks & Recreation](#), [Muldoon Public Library](#), [School Board](#), [Community Patrol](#), others.

Kelly Lessens, School Board: Governor received the budget with one time funding for \$49 million for upcoming school year to help cover the 80-90 million deficit. Community request: please urge him to support the base student allocation. 2023-2024 calendar revisions coming. Increase for paid meals as well, not for those that do not pay. Policy revision requiring 60 minutes of fentanyl education. There was a surge in health related claims and cost of healthcare in the last year so money was moved around. DOD funding of 80% and ASD 20% for Ursa Major school on JBER - good news! Summer schools have started. Later start times are coming so watch for that. Kelly is moving to another CC as board members move around throughout the year, but it is unknown who will attend NECC.

Summer food program webpage: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13924>

Location	Dates	Times
Baxter Elementary	June 5 – 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lunch: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Begich Middle School	June 5 – 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9 – 10 a.m. Lunch: 1 – 2 p.m.
Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School	June 5 – 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Lunch: 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Chinook Elementary	June 5 – 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lunch: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Clark Middle School	June 5 – 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Lunch: 1 – 2 p.m.
Creekside Elementary	May 30 – June 16, July 24 – 28 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9 – 10 a.m. Lunch: 11:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Wendler Middle School	May 30 – June 29 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. Lunch: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Wendler Middle School	July 10 – 21 Monday – Friday	Breakfast: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lunch: 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Willowcrest Elementary	June 6 – 29 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Breakfast: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Lunch: 1 2:15– 1:15 p.m.

Committee Updates (limit 2 min. each)

Lyn Franks CIP: List was submitted as it and left in order. It's available to look at on the FCC website. Stu wants the 10th & Duben bike paths added to the list but needs to find out who "owns" those paths.

Stu Grenier, Parks and Trails: Park: worked hard on clean-up day, Donna, Brenda, Bob and Stu filled up 8-9 bags of thrash. Centennial Park walk though - he's requesting that the rock wall get removed as nefarious things happen behind it. Overall, he's happy that it's cleaned up and being used as a campground again.

Jamie Lang, Alcohol and Marijunana Committee: The Tree House AK Cannabis renewed license

- All seven (7) Oaken Kegs renewed their licenses

Presentations (limit 3 min. each, unless otherwise note)

No Presentations

Old Business (Limit 6 min/item including discussion)

[Supporting Current NECC Boundaries Resolution](#)

Motion passes with 12 years, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

JBER Muldoon Realignment Trails Map- Stu Grenier

- JBER realignment Trails Map - attaching to previous resolution. No opposition from members.

Dave Ulmer motions, Bob Reupke seconds.

Centennial Park Open Discussion

- Centennial Park Discussion - George notes that it has been removed as an option and should never be an option as there is no controlling a site in the woods in a humanitarian way. We need "right sized" permanent housing so looking at existing housing, treatment beds and beds for lower barriers. Looking at taking bad places and turning them back into housing with incentives - some of which are owned by banks and bad owners. Northway Mall is not an option as the city should not warehouse people. We all have a stake in this so should get involved. Kevin from Eagle River is involved, and ER is very NIMBY (not in my back yard) and very outspoken. Bill Oakes complained about the homeless moving behind Walmart.

New Business (Limit 3 min/ item including discussion unless otherwise noted)

Meeting Space Location- Ron Meehan

- Meeting space. Jamie is in-touch with CITC about their new Fab Lab next to Krispy Kreme, across from Fred Meyer. They are just opening and will discuss further around August. No changes in location at this time. Tabitha Toloft and LeAnne Garrick are the contacts. George pointed out that he just toured the location and it's high tech and excellent, and would fit our needs perfectly.

[Overnight Parking Ban Resolution](#)

I am strongly opposed to the parking ban. I know in Nunaka Valley many people park on streets while working in yards or driveways. My driveway only holds one car which is true for many homes in my neighborhood. The condos off Pembroke only have room for one car. If a person is entertaining their guests would have no where to park. The ball fields in Nunaka do not have enough parking for families if there is a big event. During school events at Nunaka Valley parents park all around the school on the streets. Many people stage the RVS in the streets before going camping.

I am not sure why the resolution implies there is enough in the area. If families want to go to Nunaka Valley North there is very little parking unless the people park in the Church Parking lot. There is no parking if entering park from Atkinson Drive.

The municipality does not enforce laws on books already. It takes weeks to get an abandon car removed. The municipality can't keep up with crimes taking place in our neighborhoods. Where would enforcement of this resolution fall in their priorities?

If this resolution moves on to assembly I will loudly speak against it. I have walked these neighborhood street multiple times day for 36 years, I have not felt unsafe at any time.

Thanks

Susan Williams

Russian Jack Single Track Trails- Steve Cleary

- Russian Jack Springs Park single track trails presentation by Steve Cleary steve.cleary@alaska-trails.org They are very excited to offer these trails to East Anchorage, as there are no other such trails on this side of town. The trails will be intermediate and beginner single track trails. YEP will be helping out. It's on the side of the Polar Bear Park. On 7/5, for two weeks, YEP they will clear some brush, but it will be minimal, along with minimal tree removal. They're using existing ski trails. Main build will happen in 2024. Stu asked about YEP kids and hiring - Steve referred him to Muni HR as they have no hand in that.

Anchorage Muni Ranked Choice Voting- Stu Grenier

- Ranked Choice Voting: Stu presented his idea and will write a resolution in support of ranked choice voting.

Community Announcements

- Zoom comments - attend Juneenth!

Ron Meehan adjourns meeting at 8:57PM

Upcoming NECC meetings: August 17, 2023

Respectively submitted by,

Jamie Lang, Northeast Community Council Secretary