

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Bob Reupke, Dean Syta, Peggy Robinson, Charlie Fahl, Troy Carlock, Josh Green, Bobby Scott, John Floyd.

Board Members Absent: Steve Sommerfeld

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved as printed unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: President Robinson noted that MOA Traffic needed to be added, and that MOA Code Enforcement had to cancel. Amended agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Dean Syta for Bob Reupke. Our current balance is \$620.62, with two donations in March totaling \$9.00. There were no expenditures.

Executive Board Report: Presented by Peggy Robinson

- There are two notices of pending renewals for liquor licenses within the NECC boundaries; one for Northern China, to be heard May 1st, and one for Samurai Sushi to be heard May 15th. Please provide any comments to Vanessa Salinas, chair of the NECC alcohol licensing committee.

Representatives Reports:

- **Senator Bill Wielechowski (Legislative call-in)**
 - Senate has been hearing the gas line bill. The focus has been to refine it to reduce or eliminate the likely lawsuits. Have also added provisions to encourage exploration.
 - Bill's legislation for monitoring of paroled gang members has passed the Finance committee.
 - Bill is presently working on funding for Denali Kidcare, and a bill to get congress to change the payment rate formulas for Medicare.
 - Question on status of funding for Headstart program: The Senate budget was just passed, but there was no specific discussion on Headstart funding. Later clarified by Bob Roses: Headstart has been funded at near last year's levels. It was the requested increase in funding that was denied.
 - Question on status of PERS / TRS funding: Bill has been heard in the Senate, it is now in the House Finance committee. Further clarified by Max Gruenberg: the 5% contribution requirement from public employees has been struck out.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg (Legislative Call-In):**
 - Presently working on capital funding for the district. At present, there is about \$200k in the budget for traffic calming in northeast area.
 - Max is presently working on the following:
 - Bill to allow Governor to remove university regents for cause.
 - HB67 – encourages police officers to buy homes in high crime areas. It would be up to the Municipality to define and declare a particular area as high crime, and eligible for funding under this bill.
 - Bill to prohibit DVD players within view of the driver in cars.
- **Representative Bob Roses (Legislative call-in)**
 - House finance committee working on the PERS / TRS issues. There are still questions as to how the unfunded liability should be split between PERS and TRS. Also, HB157 is expected to remove PERS / TRS from the foundation formula, which would leave more money to be spent on education.
 - Question: Status of mortgage lender qualification bill? Bob: This is just being introduced now. The language in the bill needs lots of cleanup.
- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - Not present.

- **Representative Dalstrom, Crawford, and Senator Dyson.**
 - Not present.
- **Anchorage Assembly Shelia Selkregg, Paul Bauer, Debbie Ossiander, Bill Starr**
 - None present.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Police Department**
 - Sgt Dennis Allen, APD has replaced Sgt. Cindy Stanton as the community liaison officer.
 - Phone number 786-2693, email at dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us
 - Police non-emergency number is 786-8900. For emergencies, dial 911.
 - Sgt Allen spoke about how calls for service are logged and compiled for statistical purposes. All calls for service are logged using the common address or geophysical location of the complaint. However, not all calls warrant action or actual police reports. Because of this, statistics may show a lot more calls for service at a given location than actual police reports. Also, all 911 calls are initially received by APD, and are then routed to the appropriate MOA department such as fire, or emergency medical services. APD also routes an officer to the location as a first responder. Again, these activities are logged as a call for service, but probably don't result in a police report being generated.
 - Sgt Allen spoke about problems with giving money to panhandlers. There is a \$75 fine for giving money to panhandlers at street intersections.
- **Community Patrols:**
 - Aaron Pascar and Christy Williams of the Nunaka Valley Community Patrol made a request for volunteers to staff the community patrol program. The 2007 Community Patrol Training Academy is being set up now.
 - Please contact the following individuals with questions, or to volunteer for the Community Patrols.
 - Aaron Pascar, Nunaka Valley Patrol, 223-4630
 - Michelle Daugherty, Northeast Patrol, 748-7800
 - Other phone numbers of interest:

Junk cars - 729-7878	Graffiti Busters - 343-4663
Streetlights - 263-5483	Potholes - 343-6363
- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**
 - The Community Center annual meeting is May 23rd. There are presently five seats available on the board. Please contact Bob to find out about serving on the community center board.
- **Weed and Seed-** Tim Sullivan
 - No report. Not present.
- **Road Construction Updates**
 - No updates.
- **Federation of Community Councils – Bob Reupke**
 - Dan Coffey is the new MOA liaison to the FCC.
 - Carroll Comeau, ASD Superintendent thanked the FCC and the community councils for efforts during the April bond elections.
- **Title 21 Committee – Glenn Clary**
 - No report, not present.
- **Greenhouse Property Update**
 - No new news. The MOA did purchase this land last year, and a portion has been reserved for a park.
- **MOA Parks and Recreation – Teri Peters, Northeast Parks Manager**
 - Spoke under the business agenda.
- **Elmendorf Air Force Base – Bill Day, Public Affairs**
 - No report, not present.

- **Anchorage School District**
 - No report, not present.
- **Wal-Mart Update**
 - Biological remediation of contaminated soil begins this summer. Construction will begin next year, with the intent of being complete and open in winter of 2009.
 - Jim Sawhill with Lounsbury will be on the June agenda, and will present the site plan for NECC review at that time.

BUSINESS:

1. Community Council Executive Board Elections

- Executive Board positions currently occupied by Josh Green, Bobby Scott and John Floyd are up for election for three-year terms.
- President Robinson reviewed election rules, including eligibility criteria, sign-in requirements, and the balloting process. Ballots were issued to members when they signed in, presented photo ID and meet physical location or other eligibility criteria in accordance with the NECC bylaws.
- Nominations were previously taken from the floor at the February and March meetings, and by the executive board. The individuals who were nominated prior to April 10th are included on the printed ballots. These candidates include: Josh Green; Scott Kohlhass and Bobby Scott.
- In accordance with the NECC bylaws, nominations were also taken from the floor. Floor nominations included: Vanessa Salinas; Clinton Hodges; Mary Pedlow; and Ron Rivas. Since these individuals were not on the printed ballots, they will be counted as write in votes.
- Each candidate was given 2 minutes for a presentation.
- Candidate Bobby Scott opted to withdraw his nomination.
- Ballots were collected beginning at 8:02. Ballots were collected until 8:15, at which time they were delivered to the elections committee, consisting of Bob Reupke, John Floyd, Charlie Fahl and Troy Carlock to count. See item #9 for results.

2. Creekside Park Proposed Improvements – Action Item. Teri Peters, MOA Parks & Recreation & Terry Cummings, NECC Parks Committee

- The MOA has a legislative grant of \$9600 designated for improvements in the Creekside Park. The NECC Parks committee has reviewed the CIP and discussed the appropriate use of these funds for park improvements. In order to use these funds, the MOA needs a resolution from the NECC specifying the desired use of the monies. Accordingly, the following motion was made:

NECC April 19, 2006 Motion (1):

The NECC supports the following improvements within Creekside Park:

- 1) *Screen, improve the appearance of, or relocate the connex storage unit;*
- 2) *Install additional gates on the softball field to improve off season access to this part of the park;*
- 3) *Provide new roofing for the softball field dugouts.*

After appropriate discussion amongst the membership, the motion passed; 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining.

- A secondary, supporting motion was also made:

NECC April 19, 2006 Motion (2):

The NECC supports “clean and green” activities at Creekside Park, to include the potential removal of the tennis court backboard.

There was general consensus that the tennis court background was a target for graffiti, and along with brush in the area afforded hiding places. Removing brush, and removing or relocating the tennis backboard would improve this situation. This motion passed; 30 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstaining.

- Teri Peters thanked the NECC for the motions. Teri also announced the Parks and Rec Youth employment program for 16 to 18 year old youths.

3. MOA Land Use Enforcement Presentation, Rich Fern, MOA

- Was not able to attend. Will be rescheduled.
- Land Use Enforcement is currently working with Fish and Game on bear attraction issues.
- Land Use Enforcement is beginning a number of small scale neighborhood sweeps for nuisance trash, abandoned vehicle, and Title 15 violations.

4. Edwards Street Updates, Anne Brooks, Brooks & Associates

- Edwards Street Design from 6th to Debarr is underway. It will include the reconstruction of about 2500 feet of street to Urban Collector standards. This project is being driven by the pedestrian safety issues associated with Ptarmigan Elementary School. Right of Way (ROW) is required for this project. A portion of the ROW was already purchased by the MOA (the Billik Inn property). Land will also be purchased from the Trailboss yard.
- Design will be coordinated with ADOT&PF work on Debarr Intersection improvements. One idea that the community brought forward that will be examined is the realignment of Beaver Street and Edwards Street into a single intersection.
- Also presently examining the upgrade of 6th Avenue between Muldoon and Patterson to collector standards. This project recently was revised to include Oklahoma Street from 4th to 6th.

5. Grass Creek Development Update, Jeff Judd, CIHA

- Jeff Judd did not attend or report. Will be rescheduled.

6. CIRI / Browman Development Update, Greg Jones, CIRI

- Greg Jones reviewed the status of the CIRI / Browman shopping center development, which is presently anchored by Target, and a variety of other retailers to be announced soon.
- Project is presently in the process of architectural approval. Construction is beginning on the site now, with Target opening October 12, 2008.
- The project will include the reconstruction of North Muldoon Road to include 5 lanes (some are turn lanes) with traffic lights. DOT has stated that DOT will be responsible for any improvements required to the interchange, but at present they believe the existing configuration will work for a number of additional years, even with the added traffic.
- Question regarding the phasing of the project: It was understood that the project design was going to be phased, and broken into a number of site plans? Greg Jones: The project construction is in phases, but the site plan was developed as a single project and permitted that way. There are also a number of phases that pertain to just the traffic issues. The landscaping plans themselves are associated with each individual building, so the landscaping will be permitted as each building is done.
- Question: Is the 30-foot highway screening buffer being maintained? Greg Jones: Yes, the buffers are being maintained. The approved site plan prohibits clearing of the buffer.
- Question: What is the status of the proposed 60-foot sign? Greg Jones: The sign has been converted into a 55-foot architectural tower being constructed on the corner of the building.

7. MOA Traffic Department, Bob Kniefel

- Bob did not attend or report. Will be rescheduled.

8. 2008 NECC Capital Improvement Program. Proposed timeline for work and approval.

- The NECC Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP) will be holding work sessions on May 3rd, May 17th, and on June 7th (if required) from 6 to 7 pm at the community center. The purpose of these work sessions is to allow the membership to voice their concerns about community needs, to these can be added to the NECC's CIP list. The NECC list of needs and desires for public works projects in the community will be given to the MOA at the end of June.
- The CIP committee is chaired by Steve Sommerfeld and Ainslie Phillips. Please contact either of these individuals with ideas for the CIP list or to serve on the committee.

9. Remainder of Community Activities Reports

- Due to constraints, community reports were split between beginning and end of the membership meetings. The minutes of all reports are included above.

10. Announcement of Election Results.

- Election results were as follows:
 - Josh Green 9 votes
 - Scott Kohlhass 18 votes
 - Bobby Scott 1 vote
 - Mary Pedlow 71 votes
 - Ron Rivas 65 votes
 - Clinton Hodges 63 votes
 - Vanessa Salinas 43 votes
- The new NECC Executive Board members are Mary Pedlow, Ron Rivas and Clinton Hodges.
- President Peggy Robinson thanked the out going board members for their service, and presented them with certificates.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Street Lighting Globes, Mary Pedlow:
 - Need volunteers to help take down the NECCs "light globes" that the NECC hangs each year along the length of Muldoon. Please meet Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 at Fred Meyers. Ladders are needed.
 - Also need someone to volunteer a storage location for the globes.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 PM