

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Bob Reupke, Dean Syta, John Floyd, Bobby Scott, Peggy Robinson, Charlie Fahl, Troy Carlock, Josh Green (Troy and Josh arrived approx 7:50 pm).

Board Members Absent: Steve Sommerfeld

Approval: Previous Minutes: Correction: Charlie Fahl was absent from the January Meeting. Minutes as amended approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Bob Reupke. Our current balance is \$771.62 which includes one donation of \$5 in January. There have been no expenditures since last report.

Executive Board Report: Presented by Peggy Robinson

- Discussed format for candidate forum to be held at March membership meeting;
- Reviewed proposed changes to Title 21 on Resource Extraction with the NECC Title 21 committee chair; board voted 3-3-1 on the motion to support.
- Discussed issues with MOA notification of community business, such as liquor license renewals.
- There are three board member seats up for election in April. Interested parties should speak with John Floyd or Troy Carlock or Peggy Robinson

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bill Wielechowski (Legislative call-in)**
 - Serving on the senate finance, public safety, veteran's affairs, fish and game, and resources committees.
 - Discussed pending legislation he has proposed, including:
 - Ethics Bills
 - Business License fee reduction
 - Repeal of studded tire tax
 - Reauthorization of the longevity bonus
 - Restrictions on the granting of pardons to convicted criminals
 - Restrictions on the deduction of maintenance from an oil companies taxes when the maintenance is due to neglect.
 - Question regarding education funding: A bill has been filed to modify the foundation formula to increase per student funding. However, funding may be affected by the need to fund Medicare, TRS, PERS, and other costs.
 - Questions regarding the longevity bonus program: The longevity bonus reauthorization will not be retroactive. The reauthorization bill in process merely establishes the application procedures. It will also be necessary to fund the bonus program, which has not been done yet.
- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - Not present.
- **Representative Bob Roses (Legislative call-in)**
 - Spoke about the proposed increase to the foundation formula. The governor's bill leaves the foundation formula flat, but funds PERS / TRS. Bob is proposing to adjust the PERS / TRS funding to allow increases in the available school funding.
 - Working on setting up a clearing house for Military and Veterans benefits. Also setting up a workshop for this Fall to discuss medical benefits programs for the military.
 - Medicare funding is being examined to address pending reductions in federal funding.
 - Discussed pending legislation he is working on, including:
 - Bill addressing sexual predation
 - Alcohol awareness requirements as a condition of drivers license renewal.
 - Campaign and legislatives ethics reform.
 - Bob answered questions regarding Medicare, the longevity bonus and PERS / TRS.
 - There will be a public safety meeting for the house committee at Chester Valley, Saturday, February 17.
 - There will be a constituent meeting March 10th at the Anchorage School Board meeting room.

- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - Not present. Was attending dinner with the Governor.
- **Representative Dalstrom, Crawford, and Senator Dyson.**
 - Not present.
 - Peggy Robinson announced a town constituents meeting for Betty Davis, Harry Crawford and Sharon Cissna on February 17.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:**
 - Introduced his wife, Peg. Married for 55 years in April.
 - Discussed the approval of the ASD school bond ballot. Includes 65 million for Clark Middle school, but Chester Valley had been delayed again. ASD has promised the Assembly that Chester Valley will be included on the ballot next year. (assuming this bond passes).
 - Discussed the recent Assembly actions on age limits for the commissioners. After the public outcry, the assembly has decided to postpone action indefinitely.
 - High Density Housing – Ken has been questioning this practice in the Muldoon area, and has requested that the 20/20 plan be reviewed on the issue of density and other issues.
 - Planning and Zoning has acted to remove the Kink Arm bridge from the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This will be discussed by the Assembly. The bridge must be in the plan to be considered for federal funding.
 - Question on renewal of liquor licenses: Licenses for Club 210 East and 2-Go Tesoro were approved without objection.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - Expanded the discussion of the age limits for serving on municipal commissions.
 - Voted no on the Clark Middle School because of ASD's failure to include Chester Valley and Sand Lake Schools.
 - The roads bonds package was somewhat contentious. It is 35 million, but includes a number of projects of questionable benefit, or projects that have some degree of public opposition.
 - The public safety bonds for communications equipment were blended with the public transportation bond.
 - Paul has started discussions on a 4-cornered pedestrian bridge at the Debarr / Muldoon intersection. This has been discussed in the past, but is now very relevant and needed with the school, park, Wal-mart and other construction surrounding the intersection.
 - General discussion on the public safety bonds. Most of the requested money is for expanded network hand-held radios for disaster response that are useful, but very expensive.
 - Peggy Robinson announced a series of Anchorage Town Meetings. The meeting for Northeast will be February 28th at the Anchorage School District Building (Boniface Mall).
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Debbie Ossiander, Bill Starr:**
 - Not present.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - Not present.
- **Community Patrols:**

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 new building signs are up.
 - March 10 is the grand opening for the NE Community Center, WIC, and the Library.
 - The library is supposed to open in February, but it is probably going to be March.

- **Weed and Seed-** Tim Sullivan
 - Weed and Seed has applied for a continuation grant to continue services this year.
- **Road Construction Updates**
 - None.
- **Federation of Community Councils** – Bob Reupke
 - No report. FCC is meeting next week.
- **Title 21 Committee** – Glenn Clary
 - Not present.
- **Community Development Updates:**
 - The Grass Creek Development (CIHA) was approved by Planning & Zoning last week with minor revisions to the site plans.
 - CIRI / Browman Retail Center. Planning & Zoning postponed the hearing due to late arrival of planning information packets. There is a work session February 28th from 11am to 1 pm. UDC met on February 14th, and turned down the variance request for the 60-foot sign. UDC did make a recommendation to allow some thinning of trees along the highway buffer, but only after the buildings were built.
 - There is an Assembly resolution pending to disband the UDC. Paul Bauer: the thought is to expand the Planning and Zoning Commission functions to encompass the UDC functions.
- **Anchorage Police Department – Sergeant Stanton**
 - Not present.
- **MOA Parks and Recreation – Terry Peters, Northeast Parks Manager**
 - Not present.
- **Elemendorf Air Force Base – Bill Day, Public Affairs**
 - Not present.
- **Anchorage School District**
 - Not present.
- **Other:**
 - NA

BUSINESS:

1. Turpin Street Signing Resolution – Beautification Committee -- Terry Cummings

- Terry presented information and photos showing the signing on Turpin Street. There are 40 signs on the street, many of which could be consolidated onto few poles or onto the light poles. Some of the signs are simply too large, like the no parking signs. The desire is to reduce these in size and number, similar to the signs on Beaver / Baxter.
- Terry made the following motion:

NECC February 15, 2007 Motion (1):

On Turpin Road between Debarr and the Glenn Highway, consolidate the existing street signs in order to reduce the overall number of signs and poles to visually upgrade the appearance of Turpin Street. Use existing light poles wherever possible and replace the current excessively large “No Parking” signs with the smaller style as is currently used on Beaver / Baxter Street.

This motion passed: 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

2. Earned Income Tax Credit Presentation – Tim Sullivan

- The NorthEast Community Center is hosting free tax preparation assistance. This is a great value, because private preparers charge \$150 to \$500, which can eat up all of your refund.
- The earned income tax credit (EIC) is a credit that returns money to working people with income, who happen to fall within the poverty classification.
- Tim distributed information flyers on the program.

3. MOA Weatherization Grant Program Presentation – James Boehm with MOA Department of Neighborhoods.

- The MOA provides a weatherization program for households with low income. This program is comprehensive, and includes a home inspection complete with blower door tests and energy analysis. Then, once the analysis is done and recommended improvements identified, the MOA has a contractor do the actual improvement work.
- Typical weatherization improvements include air sealing in attic and crawlspaces, insulation improvements, work on boilers and water heaters, ventilation improvements, and sometimes skirting on trailers. The program also provides low energy light bulbs, and CO detectors.
- The MOA also has a repair program for more extensive or expensive work. This program currently has a 2 year waiting list, but this program addressed more major work such as roof repairs or furnace replacements, up to about \$15,000 in construction costs.
- Eligibility for the program varies with income and household size. Mr. Boehm distributed applications and informational brochures about the available programs.

4. Title 21 Subdivision Agreement Changes (21.87) -- NECC Title 21 Committee

- Not present, no report.

5. Fire Station #6 Replacement Resolution -- Bobby Scott for the NECC Fire Station 6 Task Force

- Over the past several years, the NECC has had various discussions revolving around improving the existing Fire Station 6, or possibly construction a replacement fire station. This NECC committee has been meeting with the Station Captain at Station 6 to determine the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) needs in the NECC.
- In general, the existing Fire Station 6 is over-utilized and not able to respond well to all the demands of NorthEast Anchorage. This situation will grow worse with the ongoing development in this part of the city. Ideally, the fire station needs a ladder battalion and additional EMS equipment. This cannot be accommodated at the current location at Patterson and Debarr. In addition, the building is old and in need of major maintenance to extend its useful life. A new, larger station at an alternate location (possibly Edwards Street and Debarr) will be required to provide for fire protection in NorthEast Anchorage. The Legislature is considering a \$350,000 request from MOA for a study to determine the exact needs and location for a new station.
- The committee prepared a motion with supporting data that was made before the membership. In part the motion reads as follows (entire document available at the FCC / NECC website):

NECC February 15, 2007 Motion (2):

The Northeast Community Council hereby requests that the funding for a new, larger replacement Fire Station 6 and its required equipment be added to the 2008 Capital Improvement Project List as a priority item. We also request that it be added to the 2008 State Legislative Program List.

This motion passed: 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

6. Liquor License Renewals for Club 210 East at 720 Muldoon Road and 2 Go Tesoro at 545 Muldoon Road --- Vanessa Williams, NECC Alcohol Committee.

- Vanessa reported on the renewal status of the liquor licenses for these two establishments. The NECC did not receive timely notice on these licenses, which were approved for renewal by the MOA at the February 13 assembly meeting so any NECC action is moot at this point. However, the committee did have some statistics to report on these licenses:
 - Club 210 East has had 9 police calls in 18 months. The nature of the calls is not reported, but the police indicate that this is actually a fairly low number of calls for this type of business (restaurant with a full dispensary license). The committee did not feel that Club 210 East was a problem.
 - 2 Go Tesoro has had 58 calls in the past 18 months. The police indicate that this is fairly normal for a package store. The nature of the calls was not reported, but they are probably due to a number of things. Some of the calls may include the store calling the police to report minors or intoxicated persons trying to purchase alcohol. If this is the case, the store is to be commended. The committee did not feel it was appropriate to take action on the 2 Go Tesoro store because it

isn't clear that this is a problem location. Keith Holloway visited the store, and the adjacent Shell Station, whose owner attributed nearby vandalism and break-ins to this liquor stores customers.

- There are 5 package stores within ¾s of a mile on Muldoon, and perhaps a dozen other locations with beer and wine licenses.
- Peggy Robinson explained to the membership that notification of liquor license renewals to the community councils has been very poor. We have asked the City Clerk to provide earlier notification so that the committee can review and address the renewal requests.

7. MOA/ASD Land - notification when proposing change of management authority & use --- Peggy Robinson, President, NECC Executive Board

- The MOA has in recent months investigated or performed a number of land trades and land management transfers in and near the NECC without any public notification or discussion. These have included a land swap at the Begich Middle School, which impacted the future site for the NE Community Center, Bartlett High School Land that was to be part of a trade for South Anchorage ball fields, and land at Clark Middle School, which is to be sold to the POB Montgomery commercial development.
- While the MOA Administration may believe is acting in the best interests of the city or the community, these land transfers have been made without any and/or timely formal notice or public involvement to the affected community councils. Other land trades, when advertised, are identified solely by property legal descriptions without any street address or common name.
- The following motion with supporting data was made by Peggy Robinson to require public notice on MOA land transfers. In part the motion reads as follows (entire document available at the FCC / NECC website):

NECC February 15, 2007 Motion (3):

The Northeast Community Council officially requests the administration of the Anchorage School District, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Assembly to require public notice and a public hearing on any transfer of management authority from one division of the Municipality to another, including to or from the Anchorage School District. This notification shall go the community council(s) where in the land lies and also to the councils in the attendance area of the school if it is ASD managed land. Notification shall also go the school community (staff, students, parents) if it is ASD managed land. Notification shall include the address and school name and description of the property. No action shall be taken on transfer of management authority of the property until proper notice, public hearing, and vote has occurred.

This motion was discussed at length by the membership and passed: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM

Other Important Notes and Announcements:

1. **NECC Executive Board Elections will be held at the April 19th membership meeting. Nominations are now open for three seats. Interested persons may contact Peggy Robinson, President, Troy Carlock, VP, or John Floyd, Board Member.**
2. Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.
3. Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail. **Send an E-mail to councils@ak.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.**
4. The NECC now has a web page maintained by the Federation of Community Councils. Minutes for the meetings, other NECC documents, and NECC contact information are online on this site at www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/23.html.
5. We are a non-profit organization and receive no funds from the State or Municipality. Our treasurer would be happy to receive your donation.