

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm.**

**Board Members Present:** Peggy Robinson, Steve Sommerfeld, Ron Rivas, Bob Reupke, Mary Pedlow, Clinton J. Hodges III

**Board Members Absent:** Troy Carlock, Dean Syta, Charlie Fahl

**Approval: Previous Minutes:** Minutes of June 21, 2007 approved unanimously.

**Approval: Agenda:** Agenda approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** The checking account balance is \$664.39, which includes two donations in June, totaling \$50.00. There were two approved expenditures of \$79.99 for a recorder and \$361.24 for a portable PA system.

**Executive Board Report:** Peggy Robinson gave a brief summary of actions taken by the board on time sensitive issues during the executive board meeting on August 2, 2007:

- The sign variance request by Broadway signs for the new Begich Middle School was approved.
- The Wal Mart plat was reviewed and a few comments were passed on to the Planning & Zoning Board. The main one was to ensure that buffers were indicated on the Plat and Plat Notes.
- The proposed fence on the property north of the Begich Middle School track and east of Fire Station #6 was discussed and comments and recommendations were submitted.
- The ASD superintendent had suggested that the school CIP list reverse the order of #5 & 6 since population projections for elementary students indicated that the school on the Totem site would not be needed for a long time. The board approved switching this with the additional bleachers at Begich Middle School.

There was also some concern about meeting notifications to the membership by the Federation. The Federation has had some personnel changes that have affected the email and mail notifications. This hopefully will correct itself shortly.

**Representatives Reports:**

- **Senator Bettie Davis** (Tom Obermeyer, Legislative Aide)
  - A brief synopsis was given regarding the Senator's active involvement in moving several bills concerning medical assistance for children, tuition assistance for children, and other issues concerning the welfare of children
  - The Senator has also been active on the Joint Task Force for school funding as well.
  - Senate Bill 14 Substitute regarding compulsory school attendance until children reach the age of 18. Public comment is welcome during a public forum that will be held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Senator Bill Wielechowski**
  - SCHIP- Children's health insurance is an issue the Senator has been actively involved in.
  - Toured the Ft Greeley Missile Defense site with the Joint Military Services Committee.
  - Reviewed the projects that were line item vetoed by the governor in our area.
  - Has pre-filed a bill to strengthen Alaska's sex offender registration laws regarding their use of Internet email addresses.
  - There was also some discussion of the PPT tax that will be discussed in a legislative special session in October.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg:** Mentioned again about the special session that will start in October and probably run for about a month. The location is yet to be determined by the Governor.
  - Application has been made for a small hazardous waste disposal site on a lot in the Fairview area at 1<sup>st</sup> and Ingra St. Of special concern is the fact that adequate notification of the application was not given to the Community Councils for review. Will bring this up at the next Community Council meeting for additional review and recommendation to the Muni regarding the notification process.
- **Representatives Bob Roses, Dahlstrom, Crawford and Senator Dyson not present**
- **Anchorage Assembly Members Bauer, Selkregg, Ossiander, Starr not present**

**Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)**

- **Community Service Patrol**

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
- No one from either patrol was present to give a report.

- Other phone numbers of interest:
 

Junk cars - 729-7878	Graffiti Busters - 343-4663
Streetlights - 263-5483	Potholes - 343-6363

- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**

- A brief report was given regarding the discipline problems and vandalism in the north end of the Mall and in the parking lot. The Community Center Board of Directors is actively pursuing a solution to this problem. A part-time security guard has been hired by the Mall to help control this problem. The Mayor will be meeting with the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club next week to discuss their role in the problem.
- The Community Center Board of Directors has 4 vacancies and anyone who is interested is welcome to apply.

**BUSINESS:**

- **AWWU UPDATES:** Todd Carroll presented an update of AWWU water main projects affecting our area. Of special note was the decommissioning of the wellhead and storage facility on Jordt Circle. Water main improvements up Edwards to 6<sup>th</sup> and Donna will be coordinated with the Edwards St upgrade. There will be a water main connect done that will close Debarr at Edward that is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Concern was noted regarding the closing of more than one arterial at the same time and urged AWWU to time closures so as not to cause too many roads to be closed at one time no matter what agency is doing the digging.
- **THE SUMMIT PROJECT:** Harvey Prickett from Dean Architects gave a summary of the changes in the project since the Council last gave its approval. The original investor group dropped out and the project has been turned into a senior housing project that will consist of a multiple story building with 66 units. The design of the project incorporates many of the design features that were previously approved. He will return in a few months with drawings.
- **GRASS CREEK DEVELOPMENT:** Jeff Judd from Cook Inlet Housing gave the Council an update on the project. Water and sewer work has been completed. Grass Creek Village will be comprised of 80 units, 11-1 bedroom units, 32-2 bedroom units, 23-3 bedroom units, and 14-4 bedroom units. Most of the foundations are in and they have full permits to build many of the units. Phase One should be ready to rent in April 2008. There was further discussion regarding how the properties will be rented and eventually convert to ownership. It was explained that credits would be issued for months rented that will be applied to the purchase price after 15 years. Jeff also introduced Gary Sanchez who has joined the development team and will be actively involved at future meetings with the Council. Harvey Prickett of Dean Architects gave an update on the Clubhouse design and the accompanying grounds, which will include multi-use areas that will be handicap accessible and even includes a gas-fired fire pit.
- **EDWARD STREET SITE PLAN:** Loren Becia of Lounsbury & Associates gave an overview of the project along with some of the concerns that were expressed at the Open House in June. He introduced a number of consultants that are involved in the project. Steve Gillette addressed the question as to when the project will be built. He said there would probably be a bond issue out spring 2009 with construction probably in 2010. This should give everyone ample time to express any concerns and get the project right the first time. Estimated cost of the project will be roughly \$8 Million. The Alaska Trailblazer's property next to Edward Street may have to be taken by eminent domain. He also announced that there are some upcoming meetings next month with the Urban Design Commission on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and Planning & Zoning Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

**A MOTION:** NECC August 16, 2007 Motion 1:

The NECC approves the Edward Street plan as presented.

**THE VOTE: 18 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining. Passed**

- **ALCOHOL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT at 924 Muldoon Rd. Don Jose's ("A" Frame building):** Jose Ramos gave a presentation about putting a "Don Jose's" restaurant at 924 Muldoon Rd. He would like to have a full dispensary liquor license that is a transfer from the bowling alley license. The restaurant would have a maximum capacity of 92 customers. Discussion followed about whether it should be a full license or a "beer and wine only" license as well as the goals of the community regarding liquor in general. Clint Hodges, Chair of the Alcohol Committee, gave a report from the committee and recommended that the full dispensary liquor license be supported. A motion was made to support the full dispensary license. An amendment was made to limit it to beer and wine only failed on a vote of 10 in favor and 11 opposed.

**A MOTION:** NECC August 16, 2007 Motion 2:

The NECC supports the full liquor license transfer for the new Don Jose's Restaurant at 924 Muldoon Rd.

**THE VOTE: 11 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstaining. Passed**

- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – CIP PARKS & RECREATION PRIORITIES:**

**A MOTION:** NECC August 16, 2007 Motion 3:

The NECC approves the CIP Parks & Recreation Priority list as presented.

**THE VOTE: 17 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstaining. Passed**

- **TITLE 21 COMMITTEE: Proposed changes on 21.10.028, 21.15.015 & 21.15.030-Case 2007-136. Increasing Urban Design Commission's Authority:** Glenn Clary, Chair of the Title 21 Committee explained the proposed changes regarding the increase of the Urban Design Commissions (UDC) authority. The changes are basically "housekeeping" issues regarding the language in the document.

**A MOTION:** NECC August 16, 2007 Motion 4: "To support these changes to Title 21 regarding UDC's authority as presented.

**THE VOTE: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining. Passed**

- **TITLE 21 COMMITTEE: Proposed changes to Chapter 12:** Glenn Clary, Chair of the Title 21 Committee explained the re-write in Chapter 12 regarding existing non-conformities and how they are to be "registered". These variances to existing codes and right-of-way issues are pre-existing and have grandfather rights. It is the recommendation of the committee that restrictions on registering these non-conformities be no more lenient that they are currently. Glenn also appealed to the constituents to have anyone interested to give him their email address for information and updates as the re-writing of upcoming chapters are very important.

**A MOTION:** NECC August 16, 2007 Motion 5: "To support these changes as presented, as long as any changes do not make nonconformities any more lenient than they currently are."

**THE VOTE: 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining. Passed**

- **WAL-MART UPDATE:** Planning and Zoning has postponed the revised site plan approval until additional questions and concerns are addressed in writing regarding the site plan. Action has been put off until their September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONERNS:**

- No time.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted: Steve Sommerfeld, Secretary

**Other Important Notes and Announcements:**

1. Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.
2. Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail. Send E-mail to [info@communitycouncils.org](mailto:info@communitycouncils.org) if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.
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4. We are a non-profit organization and receive no funds from the State or Municipality. Our treasurer would be happy to receive your donation.
5. Revised bylaws as approved by the members at the September 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above, and at the meeting.