

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Peggy Robinson, Mary Pedlow, Steve Sommerfeld, Bob Reupke, Ron Rivas, Charlie Fahl, Clinton Hodges II, Troy Carlock

Board Members Absent: Dean Syta

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Bob reported that the checking account balance is \$493.61

Executive Board Report:

- The donation of \$1,200.00 from ML&P has been received. Suggestions for meeting room improvements are welcome.

Representatives Reports:

- **Senator Bill Wielechowski**
 - Bill gave a summary of legislation that has passed or is pending in the legislature.
 - Funding requests for 2 new fire stations and for the Eastside Community Development plan have been submitted.
 - For further information, visit Bill's website at www.billwielechowski.com
- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - Discussed issues that the legislature is having with the governor regarding the supplemental funding bill.
- **No other legislative reports were given**
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg**
 - Her aide Rod McCoy spoke about the Eastside Plan and her request to the Legislature for \$80K for our portion to setup the Eastside Planning Committee.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - He came later for the candidate forum

Community Activity Reports:

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - Chief Lopez thanked the community for our support regarding the new fire station. Next week is graduation ceremonies for 30 new recruits.
- **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
 - No one from the either patrol was present to give a report.
- **MOA Parks and Recreation – Jeff Dillon, Director**
 - Jeff indicated that they are facing severe budget shortages. The main focus for supporting additional funding would be to improve Centennial Park. They also wish to move the Russian Jack greenhouses to Centennial Park to take advantage of waste heat generated by the ML&P power plant. More info and discussion will take place at the May meeting.
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- **The Balance of activity reports was suspended due to time constraints for the candidate forum.**

- **Anchorage School District – Carol Comeau & John Steiner**
 - Asked for support of Proposition 2 - \$34 million for renovation of Chester Valley and Sand Lake Elementary Schools, and planning for changes to Girdwood K-8 School. There will be 60% debt reimbursement from the State.
 - Proposition 3 - \$9.4 million is for building system renewal. This is subject to 70% debt reimbursement from the State.

BUSINESS:

- **Anchorage Tomorrow Presentation:**
 - Transit/Ambulance – Not present, no presentation
 - Library/Museum/Sullivan Arena – Angelina Santa Ana asked for our support for Proposition 1 for repair for the 3 facilities.
 - Swimming Pools – Peter Crosby asked for our support for Proposition 4 for swimming pool repairs. He gave some examples of pool uses by the community that show a wide spectrum of users.
- **Nominations for NECC Board of Directors:**
 - Nominations were called for from the floor and three nominees were present: Pete Peterson, Stu Grenier, and Peggy Robinson. Current board members whose terms end this April are Peggy Robinson, Dean Syta, and Charlie Fahl. Dean and Charlie have both declined to run for re-election due to other obligations.
- **The balance of the meeting was used for the annual Candidate Forum.** Participants were:
 - School Board Seat D: John Steiner (incumbent) and James LaBelle. Toni Truelove was not present
 - School Board Seat C: David Boyle, David Dunsmore, Pat Higgins, Steve Pratt, Kathleen Plunkett, and Scott Pryde were present. Leigh Carrigan and Gilbert Sanchez were not present. Jim Bailey withdrew from the race.
 - Assembly Seat 1, East Anchorage: Paul Bauer (incumbent) and Mike Gutierrez
 - Assembly Seat 2, Eagle River/Chugiak/NorthMuldoon: Bill Starr (incumbent) and Janet Brand both were absent but had representatives for them there to field questions from the attendees. Anthony Lemons was not present.

The format was similar to former candidate forums where each candidate was given two minutes for an introductory statement. The candidates were then asked questions for a total of 10 minutes for each candidate for a given race, and all candidates for a given race were asked questions that were submitted in writing by the audience. Moderators Charlie Fahl and Troy Carlock asked the questions. Clinton Hodges II governed time for candidate responses.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM Respectfully submitted by 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 councils@ak.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.
3. 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.
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 15th Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above, and at the meeting.