

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held at North East Community Center / Muldoon Mall

Minutes – November 18, 2004

Call to order - 7:00 PM

Approval: Previous minutes: Delayed approval until January

Treasurers Report: Treasurer report not available

Representatives Reports:

Senator Guess: provided a newsletter and discussed a meeting that would be held on December 4, 2004 to discuss funding for a new North East Community Center.

Representative Tom Anderson: introduced the new structure of the House of Representatives and spoke about \$50,000 that was designated to North East Community Center. He stated that there was some confusion as to the dispersment of those funds. He had understood that the funds were given to the Center but was told the funds were actually forwarded to the Boys and Girls club that manages the center. He stated that he was looking into the actual use of the funds.

Anchorage Assembly member, Brian Whittle: extended congrats to all who worked to help the passage of school bonds and gave an update on road improvements planned during 2005 and 2006 for the NECC area. Improvements discussed included Edwards, Duban and Oklahoma Streets. He also discussed how the road RAP program worked. Brian encouraged residents to submit speed bump needs for coming year then spoke on the status of plans to compete for funding through the KROK foundation for Community Center funding.

- ? Community Council member had a concern about Chip seal for Northeast. Stated that if chip sealing was not good enough for South Anchorage why is it O.K. for Northeast Anchorage. Brian defended the merits of chip seal use as a viable option for the roads previously mentioned.

Community Activities Reports:

- ? Community Patrol member David Knoll said they are looking for volunteers. He also stated that the community patrol is not the police. If you need to report a crime, call the police.
- ? Northeast Community Center representative informed the council that the center will start charging the NECC to use the center. Owen Carey has donated funds to pay for the first three months of usage fees for the NECC. Bob Reupke stated that he would be donating necessary funds for the second three months.
- ? Ainslie Philips gave FCC report and stated that the majority of Assembly members want to get rid of Community Councils. She also said that information distribution is a problem and community councils are not consistent.
- ? Parks and Rec. committee reported that Russian Jack Park is now fully staffed. Council Member stated she would donate two ski lessons to a low income family.

Scheduled Business:

1. Anchorage Police Department: Community briefing
Ainslie Phillips stated that the Police representative, Sgt Morton, is not able to come to the NECC meetings.
2. Town Center Update, Dowl Engineers, (update attached)
Dowl representative briefed updates provided in a handout attached to agenda.
Lori Johnson had a concern about the stores that would be in the proposed town center.
Dowl Engineer said if stores are proposed they would advise NECC at that time
3. Status briefing – Trash Committee Report
Trash committee report was pushed to the January meeting.
4. Title 21
Bill Wielechowski and Ron Slepecki stated that Title 21 Module 3 public testimony has now been delayed to late January and full package public testimony on Title 21 will be delayed until approximately Fall of 2005.
Ainslie asked for a motion to put Title 21 back on the January agenda and asked that a representative from Planning & Zoning or Anchorage City Coalition give a briefing. Motion was unanimously supported.
5. People Mover – City of lights globes

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (1):

Ainslie Phillips made a motion that the North East Community Council (NECC) agree to decorate light poles in front of Muldoon Community Center with decorative globes as part of the City of Lights program. Ron Slepecki asked that the motion be amended to state that globes be purchased with NECC funds and donations be solicited to offset the NECC account funds used.

The motion reads: The NECC supports the purchase of decorative globes to be used to decorate in front of the Muldoon Community Center with funds from the NECC general account.

Motion carried 16 in favor 2 opposed

\$176.00 was collected during the November 21st general meeting to offset the cost of the globes approved for décor.

6. Traffic Problems (4th & Boniface; Turpin & Queensview)

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (2):

Sheila Howe made a motion that the NECC support the installation of a protected left turn at the intersection of 4th street and Boniface. Bob Reupke seconded the motion.

The motion reads: The NECC supports the installation of a protected left traffic arrow as part of a traffic signal at the intersection of 4th street and Boniface.

Motion carried 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (3):

Ron Slepecki made a motion that the NECC support efforts by neighbors to have modifications made to the concrete walls built recently during the Turpin road upgrade that constrict drivers view of oncoming traffic when accessing Turpin from Queensview Drive. Sheila Howe seconded the motion.

Discussion revealed that the same problem also exists with access from 4th street on to Turpin where a wall similar to the one at Queensview was also constructed as part of the Turpin upgrade. Ron Slepecki agreed to modify his motion to include the 4th and Turpin wall as well. Ainslee Philips stated that she had been in discussion with the city concerning this issue and did not think that any action was possible till Spring when the weather broke. There was also discussion about a problem with visibility being impaired by a dumpster located at 8th & Turpin.

The motion reads: The NECC supports efforts by neighbors to have modifications made to the concrete walls at Queensview & Turpin and 4th & Turpin that pose a traffic hazard by constricting the view of drivers when they are attempting to access Turpin road.

Motion carried 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

7. Scott Ruby then submitted a proposal to groom walking and Cross-country ski trails at Windsong Park. NECC voted unanimously to include this on agenda due to its time sensitive nature.

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (4):

Ron Slepecki made a motion that an additional agenda item be considered for discussion concerning the grooming of cross country ski trails through Windsong Park. Scott Ruby seconded. Consent for this action was unanimous.

Discussion revealed that this is an annual request that is required to satisfy the permitting process needed to allow trail grooming. Mr. Ruby stated that area residents have all had favorable opinions of the grooming of these trails. A written proposal was submitted by Mr. Ruby that stated the that the width of the proposed groomed trail would be 6-8 feet wide with a classical set of cross-country ski trail guides cut adjacent to the trail.

Motion reads: The NECC supports Mr. Scott Ruby's request to groom the existing summer walking path through Windsong Park with a walking and cross-country ski trail for winter recreation by area residents.

Motion carried 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (5):

Bill Wielechowski asked that the NECC to consider submitting a suggested name for the frontage road that runs northeast from Boundary Avenue, east of Muldoon Road. The municipality has proposed "Sullivan Drive," however discussions have revealed that this name is already used in a number of other areas.

Sheila Howe made a motion that the NECC support the replacement of Sullivan Drive with Karabelnikoff Way. Discussion resulted in three other name suggestions: Kinchi Way, Peratrovich Way and Centennial Way.

An amendment to the original motion was suggested by Lori Johnson to send forward all four names as a list from the NECC.

The amendment failed 5 in favor, 9 opposed, 5 abstained

Ron Slepecki then proposed that the NECC vote for each name submission and forward the winning name as an amendment to the original motion.

This amendment passed 18 in favor, 0 opposed

The vote was taken with the following result:

Karabelnikoff Way	10
Kinchi Way	1
Peratrovich Way	0
Centennial Way	8

The result of the voting resulted in the original motion being validated.

Motion reads: The NECC requests the replacement of Sullivan Drive as the name for the frontage road that runs northeast from Boundary Avenue, east of Muldoon Road with the name Karabelnikoff Way.

Motion carried 13 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstained

Bob Roses made motion to reconsider items on the November 18 agenda at the December 2, NECC Executive meeting

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (6):

Motion reads: Request the general NECC body authorize the reconsideration of items on the November 18 agenda by the Executive board at the December 2, NECC Executive meeting.

Motion carried 17 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

Three motions submitted by Lori as Neighborhood Concerns

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (7):

Motion reads: The NECC requests the Community & Economic Development Committee of the Anchorage Assembly to research grants for the Northeast Anchorage area based on the high density of low-income population.

Motion carried 16 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (8):

Motion reads: The NECC requests the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Anchorage Assembly to update Nunaka Valley parks platting maps.

Motion carried 19 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstained

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (9):

Motion reads: The NECC requests the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Anchorage Assembly to designate Valley Street Park as a maintained park.

Motion carried 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained

Community Patrol representative asked that Community Patrol have a key to the Parks. Ainslie Phillips asked that it be added to the agenda for January. All agreed

Community member stated that her son who was previously deployed to the Middle East will be giving a talk to kids at the Muldoon Community Center.

Bob Roses publicly thanked all who worked to get the school bonds passed.

Ron Slepecki made Motion that NECC publicly thank our Alaska military serviceman for their sacrifices and state that the NECC is extremely proud of their service to our great country.

NECC November 18, 2004 Motion (10):

Motion reads: NECC is extremely proud of the outstanding job our Alaska based military serviceman are doing to defend our great nation.

Motion was unanimous with 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

For the Good of the Order: None

Adjournment - 9:45 PM