

# NECC

**Northeast Community Council**

**Minutes – January 20, 2011**

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

## **Introduction of the Board:**

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Smestad, Stuart Grenier, Genevieve Holubik, Gabrielle LeDoux, Selina Metoyer, Ainslie Phillips, David Ulmer, Carla Hadley, and Bob Reupke.

**Approval of January Meeting Agenda:** Kevin Smestad moved to delete item business #4. Elise Huggins could not make the meeting. Also, approval of the minutes for October 2010 was added to the agenda since they were not approved last meeting. The motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda with the added items. The agenda was accepted.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes for October and November of 2010 were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Reupke provided the Treasurer's Report. There is \$594.58 in the checking account. An amount of \$78.30 was expended to buy new lights for the lighted balls that are hanging on the light posts at Debarr and Muldoon. Four hundred dollars was received from the Federation of Community Councils to reimburse the Northeast Community Patrol for expenses.

**Executive Report:** The President stated that the Executive Board developed the agenda for tonight's meeting.

## **Representative Reports:**

**Assembly Person Mike Gutierrez** asked the community what they thought about the New Year's Eve fireworks. Approval was about 50/50. He stated that the city will need to address some issues with the fireworks such as time and duration of legal fireworks in Anchorage.

Regarding the renewal of liquor licenses, Mike noted that it is a laborious process to find out the violations of licensees. The Assembly wants to put the issue of 100% ID check in front of the Anchorage voters for an advisory vote. Mike warned that the industry is already gearing for battle, and that we need to prepare for the fight.

**Assembly Person Paul Honeman** announced that Forgetmenotmission.com will possibly be a voice for getting the 100% ID check ballot approved. He brought copies of the 100% ID check advisory vote verbiage for review.

Paul reiterated Mike's concern on how cumbersome it is to track down liquor license violations.

Paul also announced the bonds that will be coming up in the April election. One is a change to downtown parking meter monitoring and the other is a charter change on property tax.

**Senator Bill Wielechowski**, in Juneau for session, announced that this year he will be chairing the State Affairs Committee and the Joint Armed Services Committee. He is the Vice-Chair of the Resources Committee and the Judiciary Committee. He is also serving on the Administrative Regulations Committee.

Bill stated that a big issue this session is the roll back of the oil tax. He is working on a senior benefits bill, a bill for a micro-loan fund for small businesses, and a follow-up revolving loan fund for businesses to weatherize. He is also working on a gas-gouging bill and a bill for subsidized student lunches and breakfasts.

**Representative Pete Peterson** announced that he is on the Transportation, Joint Armed Services, Energy, and State Affairs Committees. He has introduced several pieces of legislation such as updating computer hacking laws, the price-gouging bill, a bill that requires utility companies to have a refund plan in place before they may collect increased rates, a bill to lower property taxes, a senior benefits bill, and a bill to require health insurance companies to cover autism spectrum disorders.

**Representative Lance Pruitt** is sitting on the Judiciary and Fishing Committees, he will be the Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Education Committees, and he will be Co-Chairing the Energy Committee.

Lance, like Bill, expects the hot topic to be the oil tax issue. He is also working on trying to outlaw synthetic marijuana.

**Community Activities Reports:** None

**Business:**

1. Kevin announced that no work has been done yet regarding the grant for \$50K to upgrade the Nunaka Valley Little League (NVLL)/Park. Ainslie Philips gave a brief history of the intent of the grant. There has been a continued problem of parking for the park, the fields are too small for regulation little league, drainage is a problem, and the park may need to be reconfigured. There is also a question of whether or not NVLL has outgrown the park. The NVLL would like to possibly use the grant for concessions and storage. In the past, the NECC has asked for specific plans from NVLL or Parks & Recreation, but has yet to receive any.

The NECC would like to see information regarding the NVLL population and boundaries before supporting a use for the grant. John Rodda from Parks & Rec attended the meeting and announced that Parks & Rec will try to help establish use for the grant by gathering information.

Kevin suggested that we hold a special meeting in March to revisit this issue so that we may all have time to do due diligence. Genevieve Holubik offered to be the point of contact for this issue since she lives near the park. John asks that all fact finding be forwarded to him. Ainslie started to compile a list of questions and concerns and will forward them to John.

2. John Rodda announced that a Russian Jack Springs VIP Committee had met to discuss the use of funds appropriated for the Northwest corner of the park. The committee will meet two more times in the future and John encouraged citizens to give input to the committee.
3. The NECC met on December 2, 2010 to discuss concerns regarding Russian Jack Springs Park. John Rodda attended the meeting to address the taking of trees around the trails in the park. John stated that he allowed clearing due to complaints from citizens regarding wildlife and unsavory characters in the park. He also discussed the removal of run-down buildings near the old campground on the north side.
4. Blasé Burkhart gave the final update for the design of Fire Station #6. He showed final design, colors and the landscaping plan before the final UDC review.
5. Gretchen Guess, the Director of Business Planning and Development for Providence Hospital, presented a project that Providence is building on the corner of Debarr and Boniface. The project is a long-term care facility that will consist of eight cottages with a commons area. Each cottage houses twelve residents.

**A Resolution: NECC January 20, 2011, Supporting the Providence Alaska Cottages.**

We, the Northeast Community Council, applaud and support the Providence Alaska Cottages to be located at Debarr and Boniface Roads for a conditional use permit.

**A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. The resolution passes.**

6. A motion was made not to support the subdivision of two lots into one lot at Woodland Park. The subdivision is not supported due to the influx of high-density housing in the community.

**A vote of the motion: 6 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained. The motion passes.**

7. **A Resolution: NECC January 20, 2011, Concerning Support for the Renewal of the Beer and Wine License for Muldoon Pizza.**

**A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. The motion passes.**

8. **A Resolution: NECC January 20, 2011, Concerning Support for the Renewal of the Liquor License for Carpentiers upon Assembly's Approval.**

**A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained. The motion passes.**

9. Ainslie reported that she is still working on the CIP Redesign/Reconstruction of the Muldoon/Glenn Interchange. She will give us an update at a future meeting.

10. **A Resolution: NECC January 20, 2011, Supporting the Muldoon Manor Request for the Creation of a New Park on Private Land.**

**A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. The motion passes.**

11. A motion was made to move the Community Chairs Update to the February General Meeting. A vote of the motion heard no one opposed. The motion carries.

Kevin requested that all other agenda items be moved to the next meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.