

## **Northeast Community Council Minutes February 16, 2012**

Call to Order : 7:01 PM

### **Board Members Present:**

Carla Hadley McConnell, Kevin Smested, Bob Reupke, David Ulmer  
Gabrielle Ledoux, Selina Metoyer, Genevieve Holubik, Stu Grenier.

### **Board Members Absent:**

Ainslie Phillips

### **Introduction of the Board**

### **Approval of the agenda**

**Approval of General Meeting Minutes** from Nov. 17, 2011 and  
January 19, 2012 minutes.

### **Executive Board Report by President Kevin**

We spent most of the time on the Muldoon Park Strip / Town Square  
issue and tonight's agenda.

**Treasurers Report:** Bob says we have \$472.68 in our checking  
account. There were donations of \$27 in January and \$154.19 from  
the FCC for the Northeast Community Patrol. A reimbursement  
check was issued to Teresa Rick for this amount. We have \$203.11  
remaining funds out of the \$1,000 donation by ML&P.

### **Business Items:**

**#1 Ryan from the Alaska Club** received his certificate of  
appreciation for their support of the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic held in the  
Muldoon Town Square last fall. Ryan says he wants the Alaska Club  
to be a force to improve the community.

**#2 April Election info for the NECC.** Three seats are up in April.

Seat G (Ainslie Phillips), Seat H (Bob Reupke), and Seat I (Genevieve Holubik). All are 3 year seats. Please see the president or a board member if interested.

**#3 Proposition 5 Anchorage Equal Rights Initiative.** One Anchorage presented a resolution in favor. Lynnette Warren and Trevor Storrs presented after the President Read Prop. 5. Trevor Storrs, "We are not creating a new law but strengthening an existing law which is title 5 a nondiscrimination ordinance. We want Gay and Transgender neighbors to be protected, too. Employment, public accommodations, and housing. People should be judged on work performance and nothing else."

President Smedstad read from Jim Minnery's website. Why Vote No. Ten Reasons to Vote No on Prop. 5. The first three were No need for Prop. 5, it violates the conscience rights of small business owners, it is vague and poorly written.

Questions to Mr. Storrs and Lynnette Warren.

President Smestad read the resolution.

**The Resolution Supporting Equal Rights in Anchorage.**

Whereas all persons who live and work in Anchorage and need equal rights without regard to age, race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and Whereas no one should be refused service in public establishments because of perceived sexual orientation, or gender identity, and where as no one should have to live in fear that they can be legally fired from a job, or evicted from an apartment for reasons that have nothing to do with their work performance, or their quality as a tenants, and Whereas all hard working people in our city, LGBT People should have a chance to earn a living and to provide for their families, and Whereas both U.S. and Alaskan Constitutions promise for equal protection under the law for all citizens, therefore be resolved the NECC supports the inclusion of sexual orientation, gender identity, in the nondiscrimination policy of

the Anchorage Municipal Code.

Seconded

Discussion

**A substitute resolution was proposed by Glenn Carry.**

Resolution No. S1 A Resolution supporting Constitutional and Charter rights in Anchorage

Whereas, all persons who live and work in Anchorage have equal rights provided and protected by the Anchorage City Charter; and Whereas, both the United States and the Alaskan Constitutions provided equal rights under the law for all person; Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeast community council does not support the inclusion of special rights based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the nondiscrimination policies of the Anchorage Municipal Code; and the Northeast Community Council does not support Prop. 5 on the April 3, 2012 Anchorage Municipal election ballot.

Seconded

Discussion

Vote to substitute            64 in favor            18 opposed            6 abstained

Discussion on Resolution S1

Vote on RS1            62 in favor            17 opposed            7 abstained

**#4. Nation Retailer Autozone**

Tanya Hickock. Last month we presented the rezone application for the parcel on the S.E. corner of Muldoon and Sixth. Plan to go to the P & Z Comm. in March and to present for a B1A to B3. Four handouts: Existing B3 Zoning Code, Existing B1 Zoning Code, 1983 B3 Zoning Code, Our Proposed Zoning Amendments. The project is

up for bid and to be constructed this summer. Should mimic with Muldoon Rd. beautification Plan. Up to the retailer to maintain their property. Limited to monument sign.

motion to

support unanimous

**#5 Muldoon Park Strip and Town Square:** Stu Grenier presenting The NECC and SFCC have a disagreement with the Muni about what will happen with the green house property. The Muni is about to move the creek to facilitate a strip mall and to push Debarr Rd. East. The two councils have supported a Muldoon Town Square Park on the Muldoon Road frontage property where the green house used to be as well as a Muldoon Park Stripe East to the military reservation. The location is perfect as a central focal point for the community that you can see from the road and because of the green house has a history of being a de-facto park. The current Muni plan for creek placement is unacceptable for a park because it places the creek at the foot of the "sled hill" and negates any parking along 14 Ave. on the southern boundary of the park. The MOA Project Management & Engineering Dept. Meeting Notes: Subdivision Agreement Dec. 1, 2009 Chester Creek At Muldoon Road Restoration; Proj. No 07-51 Second to last paragraph states "It may not be necessary to push that stream to the edges of the tract if the tract was designated as a park". Folks need to come to the Feb. 28 Assembly Meeting to testify to not put the creek in the current planned location. Mr. Potter suggested to put in the deed on the property that it requires it go through a site plan process if it is sold out from under the community. Paul Honeman said we need to introduce another ordinance at the assembly to change the original one that states the frontage lots be sold.

### **Resolution**

We the NECC request that the frontage property on Muldoon Road at the old green house property become dedicated park land and that the current proposed realignment of the creek be dropped or redone to facilitate a park, not commercial development. Also that the

easement for Debarr Rd. to go East of Muldoon Road through the proposed park be vacated.

Vote                      51 in favor                      0 opposed                      1 abstained

**#6 ID required for package store alcohol purchase.** Harry Crawford and Stu Grenier. Stu talked about the murder in Centennial Park where underaged men took alcohol from an inebriate and then came back again and killed him as well as how the threat of the red stripe law seems to move inebriates out of the park. Public inebriates are a source of alcohol for the underaged. The red stripe law can be used as a handle on the public inebriates but it is not illegal to be drunk in public in Anchorage, only to drink in public. This makes it more difficult to use the red stripe law to solve the public inebriate problem. Harry Crawford gave a short history and facts. 80 % of the people in prison are there on alcohol related offenses. On Christmas Eve. 2004 his wife was hit by a (3.5) drunk driver. He wanted to prevent this from happening again to other people. Felony alcohol offenders can get a red stripe on their driver license. A former police chief said there are about 200 people in Anchorage that are "frequent flyers" that account for about 40% of money we spend in the whole police budget. We (Legislatures in Juneau) added to the law that if they have three misdemeanor alcohol offenses they can get a red stripe. Now we have to make sure the Municipal Prosecutor puts this in as a condition of the plea agreements. More than 90% of offenses end in a plea agreement and never go to court. When this came out they said we have 500 in Anchorage but 900 in Fairbanks. The difference is we have a Municipal Prosecutor here whereas in Fairbanks they have a State Prosecutor. State Prosecutors have a box to check on the plea agreement form. Municipal Prosecutors do not. Sgt. Rein APD said, "they have been trying to get over serviced cut. Inebriates buying more booze in package stores leads to sexual assaults and violent crimes". Paul Honeman talked about 0 for 12. Zero DUI deaths in 12 months as a goal. He went on to say when he started with APD in the 1980s public inebriation was a crime. This was stricken down and reversed by court review. Now the inebriates

must be seen drinking in public or do something else illegal or it is not a misdemeanor offense. Gabrielle LeDoux asked, "Why doesn't the Municipal Prosecutor have a box on their forms like the State Prosecutor in Fairbanks"? Harry replied, "Because they work for a different boss". Question from unknown woman. "Many people with red stripes find other means of ID. Is there ever going to be anything done to actually force someone to get their red striped ID"? Harry answered, " If somebody uses a passport or military ID and the sales clerk writes down their name and numbers and submits it to the ABC board and if the person has a red stripe lodged against them they might lose their probation and get a \$1000 fine". Paul Honeman suggested to write a resolution that has merited suggested changes that could be done. For example 1) request the Municipal Prosecutor place the box on their intake or plea agreement forms. 2) that the Municipal Prosecutor and the Municipality urge the courts to impose on the convicted a mandatory state issued ID or drivers license with a red stripe. It is as simple as making a judge order that and they come back in a certain time period and show that they have one.

It was suggested that the resolution would be too complex to attempt at this meeting and to have something ready for the next meeting.

### **On the Telecom with Legislatures.**

**Sen. Bill Wielechowski** Capitol Budget. Working to get what we need. Veterans' issues. Transfer military service to credit for schools on the G.I. Bill to avoid duplication. DOD to cut \$487 Billion over next ten years. Current active duty pensions are targeted. Passed a restoration to urge congress to not do this. Base Realignment Comm. "a run on " JBER or Eielson. Military makes up 13% of our total economy. Declaration of honor for Alaskan KIAs. We have \$16-18 Billion in savings. Another 3-4 Billion surplus this year. Our capital budget could take care of our infrastructure needs like roads and parks. \$9-11 billion for pension liability.

**Rep. Lance Pruitt** Went to DC to talk about opening ANWR and a bill passed out of the U.S. House. Had an invite from the Pentagon to

talk about energy. May be able to put F35s at Eielson. Integrated resource plan for Southeast Alaska and future energy needs. Will do the same for the rail belt. Meeting coming up in Anchorage.

**David from Rep. Pete Petersen's Office.** Pete is coming back for the Anchorage Caucus Meeting so you can talk to 20 other legislatures at the same time. He is supporting Police and Community Patrols. Energy Comm. voted unanimously to move Pete's resolution on waste energy to the next comm. On the Muldoon Park Strip Pete will make a resolution to turn the whole green house property into a park. (applause) Genevieve requested the 100 x 100 foot lot be included. Education funding and inflation proofing of education.

**Paul Honeman.** On Feb. 28 you need to have a reasoned approach when presenting at the Assembly. Thank Harriet Drummond for getting an extension or motion to reconsider.

**Adjourned at 10:15 pm**