

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Board members present: Carla Hadley McConnell, Kevin Smestad, Selina Metoyer, Lorne Bretz, David Ulmer, Stuart Grenier, Barbara Bachmeier, Gabrielle LeDoux, and Genevieve Holubik

Pledge of allegiance

President's introduction: Council members introduced. New Board member Genevieve Holubik was introduced. Ms. Holubik replaced Glen Anderkay on the Board.

Approval of meeting agenda: A motion was made and seconded to accept the amended agenda. The agenda was unanimously accepted.

Approval minutes: The April 19, 2012 and August 16, 2012 meeting minutes were put forth for approval. A motion was made and seconded for approval. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer report: The balance in the NECC checking account is \$416.92. The actual balance on July 31, 2012 was \$650.92. \$250 was spent on a permit for the use of the grounds for the Muldoon Town Square Picnic. The NECC is a non-profit organization and receives no funds from the State of Alaska or Municipality of Anchorage. We therefore gladly accept all donations.

Executive report: The Muldoon and Duben Street pedestrian improvement is having a public open house at Muldoon Elementary School. The new Muldoon Fire Station will have an open house October 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Muldoon sign has been fixed at the corner of Debarr and Muldoon.

Special thanks goes to the following individuals and businesses from the Muldoon area that contributed financially or donated products to make the Spirit of Muldoon picnic held September 8th with great success: El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, Fred Meyer, KFC, Thai Village Restaurant, Lions Club, Community Patrol, Boys and Girls Club, Paris Bakery and Café, Representative Pete Petersen, and Senator Bill Wielechowski

Business:

1. Chugiak Electric Presentation: Mr. Phil Steyer reported on the latest windstorms and resulting electrical outages and recovery. During first outage they did not have web based reporting for outages or updates on the web regarding Chugiak's progress in fixing the outages. This service was implemented by the time of the second windstorm. Outages were caused primarily by large trees outside the utility right-of-way falling on overhead lines.

A new power plant is under construction on the South side. It will have three new gas generators and one steam generator. The heat generated from the operation of the gas generators is captured to produce steam for the steam generator. It is anticipated that it will take $\frac{3}{4}$ as much fuel per kilowatt hour as compared with the old plant. With escalating fuel prices, the savings in fuel is expected to offset the increased cost of the new plant over the long term. The Energy Watch program will be advertised this winter. It is a green, yellow, red condition level of alert. If supplies of natural gas get low, the utilities will be asking consumers to conserve. This is to avoid a situation in which the system loses pressure and pilot lights go out causing a major disruption of service.

2. Municipal Traffic Calming: Mr. Tim Myland, traffic calming engineer with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) reported on calming plans for Patterson between Chester Valley Elementary to Debarr Road. Plans include road narrowing and sidewalks. A traffic signal will also be added at the corner of Debarr and Patterson Street.

Other areas of concern: Baxter, Beaver, Nunaka Valley Drive and East Debarr, were addressed. Mr. Myland stated that it is the current administration policy that speed humps generally should not be installed.

Much discussion occurred.

The following motion was made and seconded:

The Northeast Community Council requests more speed humps and speed enforcement in residential areas.

Much discussion occurred

The following addendum to the motion was made and seconded:

The Northeast Community Council requests more speed humps and speed enforcement in residential areas and that the State of Alaska grant money that was appropriated for speed humps and traffic calming be used for its intended purpose in consultation with the Northeast Community Council.

Addendum to the MOTION PASSED Yeas: 16 Nays: 1 Abstain: 3

Much discussion occurred.

MOTION PASSED Yeas: 11 Nays: 6 Abstain: 3

3. Muldoon/Duben Street pedestrian safety study: Ms. Isobel Roy from the MOA was not present. She wanted the community to be aware of the open house regarding this issue at Muldoon Elementary School. If anyone is interested they should attend and comment on the issue.
4. Legislative citation for Mr. Rod McCoy: Citation from the 27th Alaska State Legislature was presented by Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Pete Petersen for his service to the MOA and Northeast Community.
5. Boys and Girls Club Presentation for Senator Wielechowski and Representative Petersen: Ms. Alana Humphrey presented handmade awards of recognition and thanks from the Club.
6. Muldoon Town Square Update: Mr. Stuart Grenier reported that the picnic was a great success. A photograph with 85 people holding signs in support of the parks development was taken. It will be used in future publications of the NECC to garner support for the park development.
7. NECC CIP List Development: Ms. Carla Hadley McConnell requested that the community look around and take notice of what improvements need to be made and notify the council so that they may consider it and add it to the list.

Representative Reports:

Assembly Person Paul Honeman reported that there have been some internal failures with emergency preparedness during the recent windstorms. Communication was a major challenge with phone system failures, etc.

In the upcoming assembly meetings, the John Thomas Building is on the docket as to discuss sell of the asset. Additionally, the repeal of the No Sitting on the Sidewalk ordinance is being considered. Paul was not in favor of this ordinance and will be in favor of repeal. Sign ordinance revisions and bypass of MOA plan review for single family and duplex homes are also being considered.

Senator Betty Davis: Thanked the Council for the wonderful picnic.

Senator Bill Wielechowski reported that he was in Fairbanks last week for a hearing regarding price gouging on gasoline and heating fuel. ADA is looking into the possibility of building fuel storage facilities so that low cost gasoline can be shipped to Alaska and provide more competition and economical fuel supply.

He also attended Joint Armed Services Committee hearing regarding base realignment issues. They have hired a consultant to help them in the process of retaining personnel at Eielson AFB and Fort Wainwright in this next round of base realignments. One of the key issues being looked at is how the energy cost of running the bases can be reduced.

On Monday there will be a State Affairs hearing on lessons that we can learn from the recent storms and resulting power outages. Public testimony will be heard from 12 to 1 p.m.

Representative Anna Fairclough reported that she has been working on fiscal policy issues for some time now. Common Wealth North and Institute of the North have been discussing what Alaska should or should not do as budgets grow. Please go to Alaskabudget.com and let your voice be heard.

Education reform is being studied and discussed by various community groups to determine the best way to improve student education. We need to provide Alaska students with a platform so that they can succeed in a modern society.

Representative Max Gruenberg's representative reported that Max toured the entire district to assess the damage and needs for cleanup.

Representative Pete Petersen reported that he received a good response from the community at the picnic to bring food, batteries, and candles for those that were still without power. Some people were dropping off and others in need were picking up.

Also, at the Joint Armed Services Committee meeting earlier this week there were discussions regarding the upgrading of the missile defense system in Fort Greely.

Representative Lance Pruitt reported that he was able to get the Governor to release some assets from the division of forestry to join the Municipality with the cleanup from the wind storm. The teams focused Municipal right of ways and clearing streams to ensure that there would not be flooding in the spring due to fallen trees.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.