Northeast Community General Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014

Call to order: 7:03 PM 36 people present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Lorne Bretz, David Ulmer, Kristi Wood, Wes Soper, Rick Irwin, David Bretz, Genevieve Holubik, Stuart Grenier, Carla McConnell (late)

President's introductions

Approval of Agenda: One correction #3 Northwest changed to Southwest.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were available.

Treasurer's Report: Genevieve reported just under \$1100. The treasurer had not arrived yet.

Executive Board Report. There were two Executive Board Meeting. One for this meeting's agenda and one to clear up problems with the recent NECC election. Kristi Wood was appointed to a one year term with board approval.

Committee Reports:

Park Comm: Wood. We have the P&Z meeting on June 2 at the Loussac Assembly Chambers. Please attend. Also please submit comments on the East Anchorage District Plan (EADP). The Muni Parks Commission approved the EADP. Saturday Muldoon Town Square Clean Up. Work session with the Assembly on the creek move.

Picnic Comm: Soper. We will have a bigger committee this year

and dancers and a stage. Walmart will help even more. Next meeting will be second week in July. Please get involved with the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic.

Soper also mentioned successful efforts to clean up problem properties. He got 3 out of 4 to clean up by asking.

Alcohol Comm: Grenier. The do not sell list did not make it in Juneau. It was mentioned the need to change forms at the muni level to include a box to be checked for a red strip like state forms have. Meeting on Monday.

Other Announcements

Special Request by the president that election flyers not be placed on the entry table to preserve council's impartiality.

Please just hand them out.

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Candidate Introductions: Kevin Castner HD 16, Lauri Hummel HD 15, Harry Crawford SD N, Cathy Giessel SD N.

Legislative and Assembly Reports: Rep. Gruenberg. Rep. LeDoux Staffer. Rep. Pruitt. Sen. Wielechowski . Assemblyperson Peterson staffer. (Pete did show up later) Assemblyperson Honeman (showed up at the end).

Old Business:

1. Alaska Highway Commemorative Monument: Jean Pollard presented the body with a poem she wrote and explained why Centennial Campground's entrance is the best place for this monument. Shala Dobson and Jim Dault, the artist that designed the monument also commented and answered questions.

Motion made by Wes Soper and, Seconded by Stu Grenier to

approve the following resolution:

The NECC supports the Alaska Highway Commemorative Monument on the land designated in Centennial Park.

Motion Passed Yeas: 20 Nays:0 Abstain:1

New Business:

1. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) List: Lorne Bretz presenting. Anyone can comment on the CIP list on line at the Muni web site. munibudget.org/commuitycouncilsurveyNECC. Need to finalize by May 30. The NECC list was reviewed and informally amended by the body. One item was deleted by formal amendment.

Motion made by Glenn Clary, seconded by Wes Soper to approve the following resolution:

The NECC is deleting the 6th Ave. (Caribou) and Boniface Parkway improvements from the CIP List.

Motion Passed Yeas:14 Nays:1 Abstain: 6

2. Alaska Native Heritage Center. Rick Irwin presenting. Expanding with funding from state and four foundations. Expanding classrooms and other areas for students from Anchorage high schools. Increasing facility size by about a third.

Motion made by John Laux and seconded by Wes Soper to approve the following resolution:

The NECC supports the Alaska Native Heritage Center's expansion.

Motion Passed Yeas:20 Nays:0 Abstain:4

3. Bus stop on Southwest corner of Muldoon and Debarr. Safety

and design considerations. Randy Bergt presenting. 800 people ride bus in this area per day. Relocating bus stop to south side of Debarr so people can use signalized crossing. Same design standards as other lights and sidewalks on Muldoon business district. There was some question and debate if moving the bus stop will actually result in reducing crossings at non-signalized locations.

Motion made by Kristi Wood and seconded by Stu Grenier to approve the following resolution:

The NECC supports a bus stop draft plan that represents the design elements currently throughout the Muldoon Corridor. Wide Pedestrian pathways and safe accessible routes to transit stops including safe road crossings need to be included, as should lighting to match the existing amenities.

Motion Passed Yeas:8 Nays:4 Abstain:4

4. Transfer of Ownership/Location and a DBA Name Change of a Beverage Dispensary Liquor license for the following establishment: Beverage Dispensary The Pizza Studio LL#2267. Stu Grenier presenting. This business is attempting to locate at 1254 Muldoon Rd. In the Northwest corner of Muldoon and Debarr in the GCI building. The owner of Muldoon Pizza was informed and he thinks Muldoon has enough liquor licenses. There is a history of this council not supporting more liquor licenses coming into our area. It is expected that applicants come before the council.

Motion made by Stu Grenier and seconded by Kristi Wood to approve the following resolution:

The NECC due to lack of information doesn't support this liquor license coming into our community and urges the Assembly to table this request.

Motion Passed Yeas:18 Nays:0 Abstain:0

Other Business

The Council is required to list standing committees and chairs and pass said resolution.

Alcohol Comm-Chair Stu Grenier, Selina Metoyer, Carla McConnell Parks Comm- Chair Kristi Wood, Selina Metoyer, Dave Ulmer, Nickel LaFluer, Jerryane Lowther, Roger Shaw, Genevieve

Holubik, Stu Grenier

Picnic Comm-Chair Wes Soper, Chrise Spears, Jerryanne Lowther, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier

CIP Comm-Chair Lorne Bretz, Genevieve Holubik, Rick Irwin, Glenn Clary, Carla McConnell, Wes Soper, Stu Grenier

ByLaws Comm-Chair Lorne Bretz, Carla McConnell, Genevieve Holubik, Glenn Clary, Rick Irwin

Audit Comm-Chair Susan Bretz, Rick Irwin

Motion made by Wes Soper and seconded by Bob Reupke to approve the following resolution:

The NECC accepts these standing committees with their chairs.

Motion Passed Yeas: 14 Nays:0 3 Abstain 3

Special Note: Rick Irwin and Susan Bretz were requested to do a search for past Financial Reports.

Other Announcements

Nunake Valley Picnic June 14, Park Clean Up this Saturday, Alcohol Comm. Meeting Monday, the brick wall along Muldoon is still collapsed in a number of places though it has been reported.

Adjournment 9:45 pm