

**Northeast Community Council
General Meeting Minutes Fourth and Final Draft
Sept. 18, 2014**

Call to order: 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

President's Introductions: Lorne Bretz, Kristi Wood, Rick Irwin, David Bretz, Carla McConnell, Dave Ulmer, Stu Grenier

Agenda Approval: McConnell made a motion to remove the bylaws from the agenda to have more time to work on them since it is harder to amend them once they have been submitted. Wood seconded. The President asked the Parliamentarian if things can be removed from the agenda before they have been discussed. The Parliamentarian said he is not familiar with that but that the approval is for the order of it. A hand count was needed to approve the agenda 17 yeas Nays 8 Abs. 1

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Treasurer's Report: McConnell reported \$2000 contributed from Walmart and some expenditures, current balance is \$1704.86

Committee Reports: The President pointed out that the

committees and their chairs and members are on the back of the agenda. He encouraged folks to participate.

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier reported the ABC Boards head has stepped down and she reported the board is more interested in maximizing sales than restricting them. Brown Jug on Peck inebriates and possible association with the Safe Harbor was discussed.

Bylaw Comm: Chair Loren Bretz reported the MOA has been reviewing Community Councils' bylaws. We have been working on it for seven months. The last Executive Board Meeting turned into a Bylaws Comm. Meeting. The changes are up for your approval tonight.

CIP Comm: Capital Improvement Projects. Chair Loren Bretz informed the body of the list and asked for more ideas. Go to the website at munibudget.org/council/northeast

Parks Comm: Chair Wood. We meet prior to this meeting.

Trails Comm: Chair Dave Ulmer. We are working on two trails. One along the military civilian boundary East of Muldoon and one from Cheney Lake to the Muldoon Town Square Park Proposed.

Executive Board Report. There was no Executive Board Report.

Legislative and Assembly Reports:

Senator Wielechowski's: The Senator said he will contact Safe Harbor about the alcohol issues. Nunaka Valley

Pedestrian Improvements Legislative Grant a few years ago Sept. 29 tentative meeting at Nunaka Elementary coming up. Roundabouts have been put in but they are coming out for the Winter. Bolin St. drainage funding. The water level has risen due to more rain the last couple of years. A drainage ditch behind Bolin will be cleared out this fall. Next year drainage repairs for Bolin. Other street issues on the following streets 10, 11, 12, 21, 22 were mentioned. They are MOA roads but we get state funding for them. 21 and 22 had funding diverted so maybe next year. Oct. 28 Meeting on Muldoon Rd. channelization. Judiciary Comm. We spent 250 Million on Goose Creek Prison and it will be full in two years. Over 90% are drug and alcohol related. Better ways to deal with this problem. Oct. 1st 7 am Constituent Coffee at Denny's.

Representative LeDoux started by thanking the Picnic Comm. for the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic. She added on to previous reports on Bolin that work is going to start on Sept. 22. She thinks Bolin would not have gotten done if there was not such an outcry. Veteran Affairs Comm. meeting was Sept. 16. VA is trying to extend their serves. If you are a veteran and have any issues with your benefits contact her or her office. She is going door to door now to reach her constituents.

Representative Pruitt reported about road work and how folks have been complaining about the noise to his office. He says these are temporary issues with long term

benefit. We are seeing work done in East Anchorage that has needed to be done for years. Support Bartlett Football and the school community centers. If you have questions about road work or legislation he would like you to get a hold of him.

Representative Gruenberg's Wife Kaylin Stien: She said Max could not be here and how wonderful it is we are getting \$1818 in our dividend. She said Max will be working on real-estate and probate so property can be passed on after your death to people other than spouses without going into probate. We are going door to door to hear what people want. A dog park for small dogs and a dog poop survey were mentioned.

Assembly Person Peterson reported that Assembly Person Honeman works evenings so he probably will not make the Council meetings. We had a budget Comm. meeting. It appears we may have a slight surplus. Police will be over budget due to being so short handed they have to pay a lot of overtime. Hotel tax and rent a car tax revenue is up so we have a surplus. Also building permits are up. Chugach State Park Access Plan is on the agenda at the Assembly. We could not stop the creek move contract. Work could start before freeze up. AO 37 is still being worked on and the EADP will becoming before the Assembly.

Candidate Introduction. Don Hadley House Dist. 16,
Harry Crawford Senate District M,

Old Business:

1. NECC bylaws amendment to conform with new requirements due to changes in the Anchorage Municipal Code pertaining to community Councils. President presenting. The NECC is very late in getting this done.

Motion to table this item until the following meeting.

Carla McConnell Seconded by Selina Metoyer

Yeas 18 Nays 15 Abstain 3

A Motion to remove the item from the table so it could be discussed because there was not a time certain in the previous motion and because there was an expectation that it would be discussed at this meeting was attempted by Glenn Clary. Selina Metoyer pointed out that the motion did specify the next meeting. Mr. Clary did restate the motion to just removing the item from the table so we could discuss it tonight since people came to the meeting for this item. Parliamentarian Ulmer said he thought it could not be removed from the table once it was tabled. (Later in the meeting upon looking it up in Robert's Rules the Parliamentarian did find that it could be removed from the table.) The reason we didn't go into discussion was the majority of people that came for the discussion had already left. The President also pointed out that we did say we were going to discuss this at the last meeting at this meeting, and the reason we did not pass it at the last meeting was because the Secretary had not brought enough copies to share with the body. The

President went on to say he expected everyone that voted to remove it from the agenda to be at the next Bylaws Comm. Meeting. (Later on in the meeting he decided as Bylaws Comm. Chair that there would not be another Bylaws Comm. Meeting.)

2. East Anchorage District Plan (EADP): Kristi Wood presenting. It has passed Planning and Zoning. We do not know when it will come before the Assembly but expect if before the end of the year. The Muldoon Town Square Park proposed is a component of the plan. We are hoping that the Assembly will pass the EADP and the small area planning process that is outlined in the plan for the above mentioned park. Once the planning process has been approved we can start planning the park since it has been funded. Since the creek is being moved we asked the Council to send out a notice to the list serve. The notice reads: The Northeast Community Council needs to inform the community thru the list serve that Chester Creek is being moved starting this month at the old Alaska Green House property in the proposed Muldoon Town Square Park even though the Northeast Community Council voted over 50 to zero against the move. Carla McConnell reported that Fred Myers has about \$150,000 annually that could be used for park upkeep.

3. Nunaka Valley Pedestrian Improvements: Kristi Wood reporting. She has a detailed map at her home that has the details of what sidewalks will be put in and what trees

cut down. Assembly person Peterson reported that they are planning on putting about 173 LED light poles in.

New Business:

1. The Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) has applied for an increase in the number of alcoholic beverage dispensary use - catering permits allowed in a year. Laura Atwood Presenting. The ANHC is a non profit that supports their mission by renting out the facility. Since there is not a liquor license there is a limit on the number of events that can serve alcohol. We currently can serve 30 but are asking to increase to 50. There is no self service of alcohol. Tams cards held by servers. Harry Crawford asked about if they check for red stripes (alcohol restricted) licenses. Ms. Atwood said, "I will ask them to do that." There was a question if they are legally required to check.

Motion to support the increase of events that serve alcohol to 50 for the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

David Bretz seconded by John Zyles.

Yeas 14 Nays 2 Abstain 1

2. Multi-family residential project located off the west side of Muldoon Rd. between Creekside Center Drive and Old Harbor Ave. Representatives from CIHA, DOWL, HKM and Spark Design will present. Tyler Robinson CIHA. We bought this property from Walmart two years ago. We have teamed up with the other companies since this is a large 100 unit project. CIHA will own this project and

lease it out. 10 four bedroom units, 30 three bedroom units, 40 two bedroom units. The 80 units will have garages the multi-family will not. They are hoping to finance with low income tax credits. The alleyway behind Old Harbor was discussed and Tim Potter said he would go on record and would work with the city to improve it. This area is outside the town center area. Funding will come from CIHA and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Motion of non objection. David Bretz seconded by Rick Irwin.

Yeas 19 Nays 2 Abstain 2

3. A drive through coffee shop on Tract 5 and a drive through donut shop on Tract 6, The Alaska Village Subdivision (Plat 2006-169) in the Creekside Business Planned unit Development; generally located at the southwest corner of Debarr Rd. and Muldoon Rd. Bob Oneal from Pfefer Development presenting. A Crispy Creme donut shop is interested in coming. It would be the larger type where they make donuts. Creek side dining like an Arctic Road Runner was not a priority so will not be happening. The ingress and regress onto Debarr Rd. was an issue. Wood, "The 2001 ordinance was specific in there would be no more ingress or regress." People were surprised that P&Z approved this plat because some considered it very dangerous for pedestrians and traffic movement in general and not inline

with a pedestrian friendly town center concept. Side walks and trails at the site were discussed with a pedestrian bridge to the south.

Motion to support this drive through if the site plan is modified so the second ingress-regress on Debarr Rd. is only for right turns. Kristi Wood, seconded by Selina Metoyer.

Yeas 21 Nays 3 Abstain 3

4. Muldoon Rd. speed limit: Reduction in speed limit proposed from 40 MPH to 35 MPH. Stu Grenier presenting. The minutes from last month showed Muldoon Rd. to be the most dangerous road in South Central. Lowering the speed limit is a safety issue. One speaker said that DOT is not keeping track of all the accidents that occur on Muldoon.

The NECC request that the speed limit on Muldoon Rd. between Northern Lights and the Glenn Hwy. be reduced from 40 MPH to 35 MPH for safety reasons. Carla McConnell, seconded by Selina Metoyer.

Yeas 14 Nays 4 Abstain 3

Community Activity Reports: Bob Reupke reported from the FCC, discussions are going on about what to do with 6th graders. Should they stay in elementary school or go to middle school, \$85,000 for the FCC is requested. Uber is a way for folks to act as their own taxi company. The transition period for title 21 may be extended. Third

Wed. of the month 6-8 pm for the FCC meeting 1057 West Fireweed Ln.

Neighborhood Concerns McConnell home invasion report. Assembly Person Peterson added details. An elderly woman was badly beaten by three guys in a gold SUV when they broke into her home to steal her new TV. She had left the box in front of her house. Grenier reported that the Choke or Bird Cherries are invasive and are taking over the Muldoon Park Strip and are showing up in the military reservation. In other parts of the world they have taken over hundreds of square miles and nothing but they can grow there. Ulmer reported the Marlow Manner is going bankrupt. Metoyer is selling booklets to support the 5 & 0 Bartlett Football team. Jerrienne is putting the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic photos on Ilovemuldoon.com. Both sides of Prop. 1. Adam Elly a firefighter from the Muldoon Fire Station request you to vote no since it will reduce fire fighter numbers. Richard Kholer wants you to vote yes because the median income for all people is \$74K while for MOA employees the median it is \$134K. Cummings reported Muldoon Community Assembly has people cutting through their parking area at unsafe speeds. Someone brought up a 17th speeding problem. Mark Petterson talked about problems he is having at the NE corner of 20th and Muldoon with unsafe drivers coming onto his property and him not being allowed to put up vehicle blocks.

A vote was taken to extend the meeting.

We urge the MOA and DOT to work together to fix safety concerns at the Northeast Corner of 20th and Muldoon.
Senator Weilechowski, seconded by Carla McConnell.
Yeas 21 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Ajourned 10:05PM