

# **Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes**

## **January 15, 2015**

**Call to order:** 7:01 PM

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board Member Introduction:** Rick Irwin, Dave Bretz, Lorne Bretz (President, CIP and Bylaws Comm. Chair), Kristi Wood (Parks Comm. Chair), Stu Grenier (Alcohol Comm. Chair and Secretary), Dave Ulmer (Parliamentarian, Trails Comm. Chair), Carla McConnell (Treasurer), Genevieve Holubik (Vice President), late arrival Wes Soper (Picnic Comm. Chair).

**Agenda:** Approved.

**November Meeting Minutes Approval:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** McConnell reported that we have \$1,474.89 minus some printing cost and we have two patrol grants sitting with the Federation of Community Councils, one for \$2500 that expires on June 30 and the other for \$9,000 that expires in 2016. Expenditures for the last three years were sent to the President as requested.

**Anchorage Fire Dept.** We are having another academy and many people are retiring. Many questions were answered.

**Representative Pruitt** gave his report early because he had

to leave for another event. He is on Finance Comm. this year. 4 Billion dollars short in the general funds. Please measure your expectations on capitol and operating funds. Make sure the councils priorities are clear. We need the hot pressing issues. What are the true priorities?

**Senator Wielechowski:** A staffer reported on bills the Senator is working on including addressing the National Guard issues, federal agencies needing a warrant to access information from municipalities, and other consumer privacy issues. Expect a mid to late February constituent meeting.

Other elected officials could not participate due to the phone system not working. Reupke said he will bring the phone next time.

### **Committee Reports**

**Alcohol Comm:** Chair Grenier reported that the Municipal forms have been changed so they now have a box for the magistrate to check to give "red stripes" or alcohol restricted licenses to people.

We expect this will result in many more non DUI convicted persons getting restricted licenses. Friday January 23 at 7 pm at Kavas on Muldoon is the next meeting. We are looking for more ideas on how to solve the inebriate problems and the "runner" problem.

**Parks Comm:** Chair Wood reported that the Parks Comm. met with Parks and Recreation. We have an understanding of what Parks and Rec. perceives the planning process will be for the Muldoon Town Square

Park. We have some maps and some ideas. We need ideas. Please come to the meetings. We are planning at least three open houses. The Assembly unanimously approved the EADP and designated but not dedicated the area as a park. When designated it is under Parks and Rec. To be dedicated park it has to be rezoned and then it would take a vote of the public to make it not be a park. That is our next step.

### **Old Business**

**1. Duben Avenue Upgrades Project:** CRW Engineering Group. There is a Wed. January 28th Open House 6- 8 pm at Muldoon Elementary School. Jessica Smith presenting. We are at about 65% design on the project now. We plan to finish up by Fall 2015. Smith did not know if the speed humps will be left in or not. A five foot side walk is planned for one side. There will be some right of way acquisition.

### **New Business**

**1. Chester Creek Watershed Plan.** Cherie Northon, Anchorage Waterways Council Executive Director presenting. She wrote up the Chester Creek Watershed Plan. It is required for storm water run off. Storm water on streets goes right into the creeks untreated. She has been trying to educate people about this with regards to dog waste and the likes. In 2003 the Chester Creek Watershed Plan was started but never completed. Three years ago a group came together that included F&G, DNR, DOT, AKRR, MOA, EPA, and many other organizations to make the plan. We looked at water

quality, water quantity, social and economic opportunities, how to communicate and coordinate information. Invasive species are in the report as well. Reed canary grass was specifically discussed at this meeting near Begich Middle School. The area has been tarped. It looks like a bamboo plant and it stays green in October and November. It is very detrimental to waterways because it chokes them up. The problem is a lot of people do not want to use herbicides near creeks. There are 75 action items in the back of the plan. We are also the ones that sponsor creek clean ups including the annual clean up in May and have been doing it for 30 years. Northon recommended to work with Josh Durand to work out options for the creek in the Muldoon Town Square Park. She also discussed in detail how badly the local creeks are contaminated with dog waste due to run off and how bad invasive species are out of control. She pointed out how we have many codes in the law but almost no enforcement. "We need help with enforcement". Community Council Comments are due by Monday January 19.

Go to [anchoragewatersheds.com](http://anchoragewatersheds.com) for more information.  
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**Executive Board Report:** The President presented. There was a meeting on January 1. We discussed possible agenda items. We met at Kavas on Muldoon.

**Community Activities Reports:** Muldoon Farmers' Market Chair McConnell reported we had two organizational meetings. Our official name is Muldoon Farmers' Market.

It will be an all Alaska made and gown market. We hope to open in June of this year. Cosponsorship of the Market by this council and others is being discussed. We hope to get the Hmong involved and model it after the Spenard Farmers' Market. We hope to have another meeting at the beginning of February.

McConnell also reported that NIXLE.com is a great site to get information and alerts for your area from the police by city or area code.

Reupke reported from the FCC about NUSA (Neighborhoods USA). Next year they are meeting in Huston Texas. They have many interesting presentations and you see a lot of communities.

Wood reported on social on line networking for neighborhoods for specific geographic areas called Nextdoor. There is a site available for Nunaka Valley. Send Wood an email for an invite.

Wood also reported on a shooting in the park near her home. She joined the community patrol to help make the neighborhood safer. It was the second shooting in 14 years. Please contact her about the community patrol.

The President pointed out a person was killed crossing the road in front of the Muldoon Town Center.

Ulmer said the MOA has said the creek will be flowing in its new location by the end of July.

Adjournment 8:30 PM.

