

Northeast Community Council General Meeting

Minutes Final Draft Nov. 20, 2014

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: Muldoon Glenn overpass update was added by the President. Grenier pointed out that some people want their names included on the committees printed on the back of the agenda. The president pointed out that just because some people attend a committee meetings doesn't mean they are on the committee. Agenda was Approved.

September Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes approved after an amendment to add the reason why the bylaws were not discussed after they were tabled even though they were on the agenda was a majority of the people that wanted the discussion had already left the September Meeting. Parliamentarian Ulmer also clarified his understanding of Robert's Rules that his first ruling on the tabling of the bylaws was correct. Once something has been tabled it cannot be untabled unless it is to allow a guest speaker or other matter to be discussed first for time sensitive reasons. In that case the tabled matter can be untabled as long as it is still the same order of business. Approved by voice vote.

October Meeting Minutes Approval: Yeas 8 Nays 0 Abstain

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on details of recent activity and reported a three year balance has been completed except for two donations they do not know where they came from. She gave a handout to the Secretary that had \$1496.86 dated Nov. 20, 2014.

Committee Reports:

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier reported on a Alcohol Comm. Meeting's main discussion points. The Red Stripe (Alcohol Restricted Box) on the magistrate's forms and the fact that it is on the State forms but not the Municipal forms resulting in fewer people being issued red stripes in the Muni. Other points mentioned were red striping public enibriates, known homeless people and camps in Muldoon, and how group call ins is the best way to have the camps removed by the police, and the "runners" problem. "Runners" are people that often wait outside of liquor stores to purchase for "restricted" people. Rep. LeDoux suggested we bring these matters up at the Assembly rather than wait for the mayoral election. Assembly Person Peterson mentioned that people testified at an Assembly special comm. that they use "runners" to purchase alcohol if they are restricted. Grenier pointed out that the person that sold alcohol to the kids that killed Officer Wollams on the Glenn Highway did six months in prison so the framework already exist to go after the "runners". It just has to be enforced on people that provide alcohol to red stripers not just minors.

Old Business

1. East Anchorage District Plan (EADP): Wood presenting. The long awaited public hearing at the Assembly for the EADP is Dec. 2. This is a huge milestone for those of us that have been working on the Muldoon Town Square Park. The plan covers many other aspects of life on the Eastside. Many questions were asked and answered by board members. 1. How many people live in the EADP area? Nobody could answer for sure. 2. What is happening with the Muldoon Town Square Park now? It was pointed out that the creek is being moved to help salmon and to increase the commercial value of the property and that the council voted over 50 to 0 not to move the creek. The original creek was 8 feet wide and the new ditch they put in is 80 ft. wide. Assembly Person Peterson reported that the pesticide contamination problem has been cleaned up. Rep. LeDoux asked if the EADP made the frontage property a park and Wood explained that the plan provides for a small area planning process that will decide the zoning. More questions were brought up and then Wood requested that folks come or contact the Assembly in support of the plan and the Muldoon Town Square Park. There was a flyer for folks. Wood was thanked for her hard work organizing the stack of petitions the council collected in support of the park. We had over 400 individuals sign the petitions. Assembly Person Honeman also encouraged folks to attend the Dec. 2 meeting.

2. Nunaka Valley Pedestrian Improvements: Nick Oliveira

Project Engineer for the Sterling Way sidewalk improvements reported that in 2009 we did a couple of public meeting to determine what the community wanted. A couple of years later they changed their minds after the study phase. We had more meetings and had a list of projects and let the community vote on them. The sidewalk on the south side of Sterling Way near Nunaka Valley Elementary School became the priority all the way back around the corner to where the baseball fields are with drainage upgrades with lighting and transit stop upgrades. Many questions were asked about the other lower priority items like traffic circles and the \$3 Million for the 170 plus light poles that are planned for the whole neighborhood.

**Motion: to Approve the Sterling Way Project. Kristi Wood.
Seconded by Bob Reupke.**

Yeas 13 Nay 0 Abstain 3 Motion Passed.

3. Glenn Highway Interchange: presenters were not present so the president said we will come back to it if they show.

New Business

1. Gas Station: A presentation of the new gas station being built at the corner of Debarr and Summit View. Steve Ellis with Cook Inlet Marketing Group presenting. They are applying for a conditional use permit for a Chevron Convenience Store and gas station. President Rocky Brew explained that seven Alaskans bought the complete Chevron network in 2004 when Chevron decided to pull

out of the state. They decided to have a completely different business model under the Chevron brand. Each site is managed by an individual Alaskan family. We do not offer liquor for sale at any of our stores. The property is 66,000 square ft. We want to build a 29,000 square Ft. store and behind it a 17,000 square ft. commissary where we will prepare food for sale rather than import food. Musubi will be one of the products we produce. We pay about 26% above the new minimum wage. This is the old Indian Hills Gas Station site. The new site plans was handed out. Many questions were asked and answered. There is contamination on site. Chevron USA has deep pockets and is taking responsibility for the clean up and is legally obligated to do so. "We are really about being involved in the community".

Motion: to support this new development located at Debarr Rd. and Summit View. Wes Soper. Seconded by Genevieve Holubik.

Yeas 16 Nays 0 Abstain 2

Legislative Reports.

Senator Wielechowski: He talked about his and Rep. LeDoux's efforts to keep the Muldoon Job Center open. About 700 people a week use it. It is not clear to him how shutting it down will save money since they will lay nobody off and they have a ten year lease for the building. The governor seems to have changed his mind for now. Bob Roses is with the Military Youth Academy and may be moving to the Muldoon Mall from the Dimond Mall. Petersons on 20th and Muldoon traffic problems. F16

may be brought to JBER. Base Realignment Commission is back. Base cuts may be in the works. Expect to lose about 900 soldiers from JBER. Expect much much smaller capital budgets in the future.

Senator Geissel: She will be chairing the Senate Resource Comm. again. We expect about \$70 a barrel for the next few years. We have AAA rating. The amount of oil in the pipeline is increasing. Getting kids trained for Alaskan jobs. She is also a commissioner on the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. They are finalizing a report on the arctic.

Representative Gruenberg: Staffer Bailey. Max is on vacation now. Please call or email if you have questions.

Representative LeDoux: She talked more about the Muldoon Job Center and a letter to the Governor to keep it open. She is Chair of the Judiciary Comm. She has walked the district 4 times already but she still wants folks to call her to report problems. Make sure resolutions that are passed make it to the legislative offices. Fourth and Bolin is starting to get worked on now.

Representative Pruitt: Staffer Craft. Lance is traveling now. He is now on the Finance Comm. We hope to move into the new building soon. Please call us at anytime.

Assembly Person Honeman: The Muni is completing a budget. Some amendments are in the works to add a fire inspector, planner, and building inspector. He would like to make whole public transit that took a cut last year. Thanks your legislature for Fourth and Bolin. We have extra fill that if can be stored in the park we can get more money to use in the park. John Rodda also talked about

where the material can be stored and how we can make this work for the park.

Assembly Person Peterson: come testify on the budget. UBER is being worked on now. A pilot program has been passed. There may be changes to the taxicab ordinance. The taxicab owners are very upset. EADP is coming up please come and testify on Dec. 2. and use the NECC list serve to get the public out to the Assembly. A bill of rights has been created for those that are being towed.

Executive Board Report: The President presented. Paul already covered the items about the sled hill and the EADP and public hearing. We did discuss the bylaws. We will be scheduling a date for the bylaws comm. to meet probably in December.

Community Activities Reports: Grenier. Doon Dangers Will be up soon. Bob Reupke FCC talked about the FCC Meeting. The school surplus came from laying people off and then they could not fill the positions again. Jerryann and Bob got a resolution passed in support of the Muldoon Town Square Park. Reupke talked about the Community Center's history from 1996. The Boys and Girls Club manages it and the budget is \$196,175. and the Boys and Girls Club puts in another \$60,000 plus. Please support our budget.

Adjournment 9:17 PM.