

Northeast Community Council General Meeting
Minutes 1st Draft. March 19, 2015

Call to order: 7:01 PM 38 people present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Introduction: 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).

Agenda: Approved.

January and February Meeting Minutes: January Approved. February approved after noting that a statement made by the presenter for the motion banning commercial marijuana shops in this council area was incorrect. This council area did in fact vote to legalize marijuana.

Treasurer's Report: McConnell reported that we have \$1,474.89 with no expenditures since last month. \$2450 and \$8820 in a grants. We have \$321.89 left in the picnic fund. There is also \$500 from Fred Meyer that is having FCC tax work done on it for now.

Senator Wielechowski: Reported on a number of bills including a bill relating to sports fish and dip netting, a bill prohibiting the state from assisting the NSA in collecting

personal data, a bill promoting veteran employment, a bill for Native and Indian Veterans' Memorial in D.C. The speed hump grant is for \$350,000 and is set to expire this year. The Muni has asked for an extension on it. You may want to ask the mayoral candidates where they stand on it.

Representative LeDoux: The Governor's Medicaid expansion Bill is being discussed. She would like to hear what we think about it. She has also introduced a bill on the National Guard Uniform Code of Military Justice. The marijuana bill seems to have been stalled in the Senate on the issue concentrates. The Veterans preference hiring bill was passed out of committee today. Day light saving time questions. Zoning of marijuana sales outlets is a Muni thing not a State thing.

Representative Pruitt: We have been working on the budget and we have passed it out of the House. We had only about three weeks to do it because of the budget books from the Governor. It has about \$377 Million dollars less than the last fiscal years budget. I expects the Senate to cut more. The bonded items coming up in the next Muni election may not be getting state funding. The Mat-su is more likely to feel this since they are growing by 400 students a year. We are only a month away from the end of the session so things will start moving fast soon. He is not supporting the Day Light Savings Bill at this time. Let your house members know how you feel about Day Light Savings.

Assembly Person Peterson: The Assembly had their finance comm. meeting and we will have a \$3.1 Million surplus. The reason for the surplus is car, road, and building permit tax revenue was up. The Fire Department is \$400K over budget. In some parts of town over half of their calls are dealing with street inebriates. There are about 200 repeat offenders that use these services over and over again sometimes twice a day. The many shootings that we have had have all resulted in arrest except for one. A special team of police is working on this problem. Shootings like this tend to be cyclical. Uber has withdrawn from the Muni. The Assembly is still trying to work out issues with them.

Executive Board Report: The President presented. We discussed agenda items.

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier presenting. Alcohol issues are on the New Business agenda in the form of 1. Centennial Park Homeless Camp and 2. Alcohol Comm. recommendations so issues will be covered then. We are planning a meeting for next month if you want to get involved. A sign up sheet was handed around the room for interested people to sign.

Parks Comm: Chair Wood Presenting. We meet an hour before this meeting here in this room. We are doing the preplanning process for the Muldoon Town Square Park next-door. The official planning process starts next fall. The issue we are now working on is fill from street maintenance from Northeast Anchorage. The Muni would

like to dump it in the park. It could be used for a sled hill or other facility in the park. We have a deadline of April to answer them. Russian Jack Springs Park has a group, Alaska Trails, trying to improve existing trails in RJs. They have already passed RJCC. Tyler Robinson spoke about their plans. More signage and trails. Alaska Trails is applying for a \$16K grant from the Anchorage Parks Foundation. Plan it this summer and work on it next summer. Alaska Trails may come back for a formal resolution later.

Bylaws Comm: Chair Lorne Bretz presenting. We did have a Bylaws Comm. Meeting before the Executive Board Meeting. Bretz gave out a handout of the bylaws with changes at this General Meeting. We are operating under the default bylaws. This handout was just a report. The committee will decide if we vote on them next month. The next bylaw is to be announced.

Election Comm: President presenting. The NECC Board elections are coming up in April. You need to have attended three of the last six NECC General Meetings before the April Meeting to be able to run for a board seat. There are three seats with three year terms up for election. Rick Irwin and Stu Grenier are the nominating committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the March and April meetings. Proof of eligibility will be the meeting roster.

Old Business

1. 2015 Capitol Improvements Projects Update.

President presenting. Please go to the website and make comments. We will take it up again when we have the actual list before us at the next meeting.

2. Duben Avenue Upgrades Project: CRW Engineering Group. No Show.

New Business

1. Centennial Park Homeless Camping. Stu Grenier and Janna Brickley presenting. Brickley gave the council a one page handout of what she has been experiencing at her condo near Centennial Park and why she thinks it is associated with a homeless camp in the park visible from her building. She said she has been broke into six times and has lost many valuable items. She also spoke passionately about it. She has spoken to their social worker and also tried to help them. The President asked her not to use their names. The two people in question were invited to the meeting. Brickley has moved someone into her home for safety but she doesn't feel safe in her home. She also said that one of these homeless people has a relative living in CIRI Housing next to the park and gets support from that person enabling them to live in the park. Tyler Robinson, a manager for CIRI Housing, was present and requested if there was anything that he could do. Grenier suggested that CIRI needs to have a policy that residents cannot have friends and relatives staying in the woods around CIRI Housing.

Grenier told of his experiences with this homeless camp and the system. The APD CAP (Community Action Patrol) team came to the NECC in the past and an officer left his business card and explained that calling the non emergency number 786-8900 0 was the best way. Grenier called this CAP officer and the non emergency number many times as well as sending an email to the CAP Officer. At one point Grenier thought they might be able to help the illegal campers because Brickley thought she could talk some sense to them. He also reported the conditions of the camp to the officer in hopes of having the camp removed. What he found was a social worker from Rural Cap began to give aid to the them. When he complained they only have a tarp they were given a tent. When he said human waste was a problem they were given a bucket. He went on to say Centennial Park is clearly posted closed from 11 pm to 6 AM. Vodka bottles were seen under the woman's sleeping bag and other activity would suggest other illegal activities. Grenier suggested he may have done something wrong to prevent the camp from being removed. He also said the social worker has informed him the illegal campers had been offered housing but refused it, maybe because they have a dog. He said they no longer seem to have a dog. John Phelps commented that nobody in this town gets to violate the law like the homeless do and suggested that the Assembly needs to take action regardless of the ACLU. Pete Peterson reported that

they have 15 days notice once they have been sited and that the Assembly has a special committee working on this that should have something out in May.

Wood suggested a resolution demanding that the CAP Team take immediate action but before a second could happen heated discussion jumped to item 2 new Business since the topics were related. Other people spoke passionately about the homeless issue in general.

2. Alcohol Committee Recommendations: Stu Grenier presenting. The four recommendations came out of the Alcohol Comm.

A. "Runners", people that provide alcohol to "restricted" people (people with red stripes), should be treated under the law the same as if they were providing alcohol to the underaged.

B. People convicted of "running" should also be issued restricted licenses (red stripes).

C. Community Patrol and other volunteers should monitor parks for overnight camping and post notice that the CAP team will be notified if they do not vacate their camps.

D. Community Patrols and other volunteers should provided photos and names of public inebriates to carryout stores and request these stores do not sell to these individuals.

A. and B. produced much discussion as folks tried to reword and clarify what they thought A and B stated and the following motion was passed. It was also suggested

that we ask Fair View Community Council for the wording that they have used in their motions dealing with these issues. Grenier agreed to save letter C for a later date.

Motion

We the NECC request the following

- 1. Chronic inebriates should be identified with a "red stripe" and placed on a no sell list distributed to liquor stores.**
- 2. Runners who sell to anyone with a red stripe should be treated under the law same as a primary seller (liquor store) would be treated for selling to someone with a red stripe and or a minor.**
- 3. Convicted runners should be given a red stripe and placed on a no sell list distributed to liquor stores.**

Genevieve Holubik. Seconded by Stu Grenier

Yeas 12 Nays 1 Abstain 6 Motion Passes

- 3. School Bonds:** Kathleen Plunket presenting. She mentioned what the school bonds are covering this year and what will happen if the state does not help with funding the bonds. They are 30 year bonds.
- 4. Purchase proposal for additional park land:** 100 x 100ft lot located Southeast corner of Debarr and Muldoon. Kristi Wood presenting. Parks Comm. would like the council to pass a motion placing the purchase of this lot on

the NECC CIP List.

Motion

We the NECC request the purchase of the privately owned 100 by 100ft plot in the Northwest corner of the Alaska Green House Property on the 2016 NECC CIP List as a low priority. We understand public funds are in short supply due to current economic conditions and primarily want this item placed on the list to document our belief the eventual purchase of this property is important to the Muldoon Town Square Park.

Kristi Wood. Seconded by Stu Grenier.

Yeas 14 Nays 0 Abstain 4 Motion Passes

Community Activities Reports:

Crazy Cow Liquor License. Dee Dil came to present about his new Caribbean style restaurant next to the Whaler. He has just applied for a beer and wine license so will have to get on the agenda for the next meeting. ABC Board Meets next April 29th.

From the FCC. Bob Reupke reported that the meeting is the third Wednesday of the month. You do not get to vote though. We have a new website.

WWW.communitycouncils.org. He also mentioned that the state grant for \$2500 will expire in June. Dick Traini reported to the FCC that if the public garbage contract is sold rates are likely to go up. Reupke also had flyers from the FCC for the school board and mayoral elections.

Bob Reupke also mentioned that he went to Juneau with 14 people to lobby for the expansion of medicaid as a

member of his church. He talked with many legislatures and the Governor.

Selina Metoyer requested that all committees announce their meeting dates, times, and locations at the General Meetings.

The President reported that Charlie Tom James died while working at the Port of Anchorage. Mr. James was known to this community and a long time fire fighter. A funeral time was given.

Carla McConnell reported that the Muldoon Farmer's Market is looking into locations and wanted to know if anyone had a contact for the Muldoon Road Baptist Church. Muldoonfarmersmarket.org and on Facebook.

John Ziv mentioned the idea of giving fines for jaywalking on Muldoon Road.

Bill Cox from the MCA Church had photos to show folks about the gates the church will put up to stop the drive through traffic that was the subject of last months meeting.

Adjournment 9:25 pm.