

Northeast Community Council General Meeting
Minutes 1st Draft. **April 16, 2015**

Call to order: 7:07 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Introduction: Dave Bretz, Wes Soper (Picnic Comm. Chair) , 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), Rick Irwin.

Agenda: Approved with the Crazy Cow Caribbean Grill's new application Restaurant / Eating Place Liquor License #5380 request added as an amendment after being posted on line the day before the meeting.

March 2015 Minutes: Not Approved.

Treasurer's Report: McConnell reported that we had \$500 donated from Northwest Auto. We also had \$21 from general donations from the last NECC Meeting. Current total is \$1995.89. in our bank account. We also 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). The president added that the Board knew nothing about the \$500 donation from Northwest Auto until long after they appeared before us. It is not required.

Representative Pruitt: We have been incredibly busy

here. The 90 days ends on Sunday. If we go longer it is up to the Governor. The Committee Substitute (CS) Capitol Budget was heard here today in Finance Comm. Tomorrow we will take amendments and on Saturday it will be on the floor. It has been paired down substantially from what we got from the Governor. It is mostly money to match Federal money as well as a few other projects. The House has \$47 Million more in education funding than the Senate. We will soon work on confirming people the Governor has put forth for commissioners. We are giving bonding authority for new power lines between the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage since there is a bottle neck from Bradly Lake. We got lots of people working on stuff.

Representative LeDoux: We have not been able to get discretionary money for the district. Last year we were able to get things for schools in our district like computers but this year things are really really tight. As Chair of the House Judiciary Comm., we are working on the marijuana and National Guard Bill. We will also be working on the appointments from the Governor. Many of them are not slam dunks. If you have any questions please give me a call. I am looking forward to getting back and attending community council meetings. I will not be around for the month of May. Answering a question about whether the state will cover the 70% in bonds that were in the municipal election she said there were not enough votes for the immediate effective date so maybe the state will be picking up those bonds and maybe it wont.

Assembly Person Peterson: Paul Honeman is sick this

evening and will not be joining us. The Budget Comm. met today. And we are preparing to do first quarter budget adjustments. We will have a \$400,000 adjustment for the fire department because of overtime. You may have heard the Muni is considering selling Solid Waste Services. We are trying to determine the value of it. We voted not to give the mayor fast track authority to sell it. They expect it to turn a \$2 million profit this year so he is wondering why they want to sell it? SAP Software needed another \$8 million which puts us at over \$40 million so far and we are still not sure when it will work. He said they tried to do it on the cheap but it has turned out to be very expensive and to not work. If they got specialist from the beginning it probably would have been cheaper. They have hired a consultant to work on it. A question about designated and dedicated parks came up and Peterson says Paul and him are planning on adding the green house property to that. A question about getting the plat updated for Nunaka Valley Park was asked. Also the alcohol related rape and death at the Muldoon Road Baptist Church by a repeat pedophile was brought up. Why are known pedophiles allowed to purchase alcohol? A question brought up the Spirit of Alaska Liquor Store in Fair View and Peterson reported that the FVCC had given a list of improvements they had to make over the next year or their license renewal would be protested. They did not follow the recommendations. Other local businesses have moved or failed because of the street people problems at Spirit of Alaska. The assembly worked on this until 11 PM the other night. The Assembly recommended the ABC board not renew their

license. Many more questions were asked.

Executive Board Report: The President presented. We discussed agenda items and the bylaws and default bylaws. We did approve as a board to just submit the default bylaws to the Assembly for approval.

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier presenting. We are planning a meeting for next month if you want to get involved contact the Chair. An update on what has happened with the homeless camp in Centennial Park that was an item on last months agenda. Assembly Person Peterson was present at last months meeting when Janna Brickley testified and gave a one page written report about what she had experienced and Grenier told about efforts to remove the camp that has been there for eight months. Peterson contacted the City Manager and the Chief of Police about it. Grenier reported that they had moved the camp twice about 50 yards deeper into the park two different times so somebody has been talking to them. He talked with them again and told them they cannot stay in the park. A copy of the minutes of the last meeting and Janna's one page report were handed to Mary the clerk at the mayors office. She encouraged people to call the Mayors Office to make sure something is done. The recent alcohol related rape and death of an underaged girl involving a known pedophile at the Muldoon Road Baptist Church is also being monitored by the alcohol comm. Grenier said he is interested in red striping known problem people and wonders why known pedophiles are allowed to purchase alcohol.

Parks Comm: Chair Wood Presenting. Our annual park clean up will be May 9 and we will focus on the back part since the front is a construction zone and there have been homeless camps in the back area. We will meet up on Boston Road behind the Muldoon Mall. Bring gloves and supplies. We have bags. We received \$5000 from the Cook Inlet Housing Authority to use for the future park. The President asked where the check is at the moment and the Chair said she will look it up. The Vice President suggested we might want to organize clean ups for other parks as well and to put it on the website, Nextdoor, or I love Muldoon. She pointed out that it usually was dependent on one person in the neighborhood to draw attention to a certain park. Rick Irwin said that the Alaska Native Heritage Center and CIRI every year clean up from the overpass to the road to Bartlett with between 40 and 70 people out there.

Trails Comm: Chair Ulmer presenting. Working on the bike trail from Chenny Lake over to Muldoon Road. We are in good shape except for the section going through Begich Middle School. It is over 400 ft. from the school and it is currently opened to the public but they are afraid that if it is officially opened it will present a hazard to the students. We need to come up with a way that if the trail is officially opened it will be safe for the students.

Safety Fair: Wes Soper reported the first Saturday in

June will be the Safety Fair. They are working on it now and it will come before the board with details.

NECC Board Elections: Election Board Chair Grenier presiding. Genevieve Holubik declined to run at the last minute. There were no surprise nominations from the floor. There were three positions available. The five candidates were Lorne Bretz, John Laux, Selina Metoyer, Kristi Wood, and John Ziv. John Laux was not present. The five candidates had three minutes to give a speech. After the voting Selina Metoyer, Kristi Wood, and John Ziv were elected to three year terms. There were 32 ballots cast.

Old Business none

New Business

1. Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails. The President asked if anyone was here to speak to this issue and no one was. Kristi Wood did give info on it when a question was asked. Non paved single track with signage.

2. Crazy Cow Caribbean Grill and Liquor License:

William Dee Dil presented and is the administrative Assistant to the owner of the Crazy Cow which is next to the Whaler. He has lived in the community since 1986 and served in the Marine Corp. The Crazy Cow is a family oriented business. The owner is Elvis Rodrigues. We applied for a beer and wine license. The inspections from the Muni and State have been

done. We are now just waiting for a permit. We opened on March 6. Tues- Sunday. We are asking for your support. The owner is from Puerto Rico where there is a famous "Cow" restaurant.

Motion

We the NECC support a beer and wine license for the Crazy Cow Restaurant.

Kristi Wood seconded by Dave Ulmer.

Yeas 21 Nays 0 Abstain 2 Motion Passes

Community Activities Reports:

From the FCC. Bob Reupke reported that the meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at 1057 Fireweed Lane. All the community Councils can be represented. Dick Traini attended and talked about the Spirit of Alaska Liquor Store problem and mention a \$7 Million surplus which Peterson mentioned it is now down to \$3.1 million. Traini suggested using it to have a police academy and to lower property taxes. May 5 is the runoff election for Mayor and will cost the Muni about \$62K. ASD came by and were sad because they had a \$30 million cut. CIP List is due at the end of May.

Reupke went on to say that there are going to be no more grants for Community Patrols because of the price of oil and that some Community Councils have gotten \$30-50,000 dollars for special projects. Tom Davis, an MOA Planner gave a presentation on land use and the

2020 Plan. He will contact the NECC in the next six months for presentation. NUSA is in Huston Tex. this year.

Safe Harbor: Dave Ulmer reported on the tour he took at the Safe Harbor on Peck and Muldoon. It was very nice and they had a lot of food.

AFAC (Anchorage Faith in Action Congregation): Bob Reupke reported on a support medicaid expansion rally at Cuddy Park. About 350 people showed up. He expects it will help about 50,000 Alaskans.

Nunaka Valley Little League: Assembly Person Peterson reported that due to the warm weather little league tryouts this Sunday at Nunaka Valley Park noon to 3 or 4. Please park at the school.

Cutting Through Muldoon Road: Dave Ulmer reported that Memorial Day Weekend is still the plan for cutting through Muldoon Rd. for the Chester Creek move.

Adjournment 8:25 pm.