

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes Final Draft. June 18, 2015

Call to order: 7:06 PM. Fire Exit reminder. The Pledge of Allegiance. Just 10 voting members in Attendance not counting the board so there was a quorum.

Board Member Introduction: Rick Irwin (President), Kristi Wood (Parks Comm. Chair), Dave Ulmer (Parliamentarian, Trails Comm. Chair), Carla McConnell (Acting Secretary), John Ziv, Selina Metoyer, Wes Soper (Picnic Comm. Chair).

Agenda: Shobu liquor license moved up from 5 to 3. Approved.

Executive Board Report: Approved. Wood reporting since the president was not in attendance. We just did the agenda and John said he was doing some research about homeless camps.

Community Concerns: Terry Cummings requested speed bumps and said she thinks other streets are getting them now. Wood asked about the traffic calming money. Rep. LeDoux said she has spoken

with the new mayor and feels that there is money for speed humps. Wood also reported that Nunaka Valley tried really hard to get speed humps and the administration came and talked us out of it.

Dunsmore said there are a couple of pools of money and right now there is not a process because the Sullivan Administration eliminated the program.

Wes Soper had some small first aid kits with the NECC logo on them for folks to take home if they wanted. They were left over from the Safety Fair. And he announced the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic is Sept. 12.

Legislative Reports

Senator Giessel: The session has ended and Erin's Law did pass. Senate Resource Comm. has been working on the AKLNG (Alaska Gas Line Project) and oil and gas tax credits have also been a subject of the Resources Comm. They are very complex and the senator has been trying to make sure the legislatures understand them.

Senator Wielechowski: A staffer reported that the senator has just had a talk with the incoming mayoral administration and the mayor is aware of the concerns about the Muldoon Park Strip, planning

and speed humps. The Muldoon Farmers' Market is moving ahead and he attended the meeting on the Kenai about the gas line.

Representative Gruenberg: Ted Madison was reporting for Rep. Gruenberg. The Rep. is currently in Washington D.C. serving on the Council of State Governments Comm. he is the only person from Alaska serving on that committee. The committee gets good ideas from around the country and sends them to state legislatures around the country.

Representative Pruitt: There are a lot of road construction projects going on now that have been paid for with funding from the last few years. We have been getting calls from folks who were not informed by the Muni about what was happening. The DOT seems to be better at informing people about construction projects than the Muni for some reason. In August we will be having a constituent picnic with Senator Giessel.

Representative LeDoux: She was glad to be back. They succeeded in trimming the budget by \$800,000,000. We fully funded the BSA and state employee contracts and put money into the ferry system and so on. Medicaid is still on the table.

Consultants have been retained by the legislature and the governor to try and figure out what medicaid expansion will really mean. She thinks the special sessions cost about \$430,000. There will probably be another special session on the gas line but she was unsure what gas line would be the subject of the session.

Assembly Person Honeman and Petersen: David Dunsmore presenting. Honeman is at another meeting and Petersen is doing little league. On Tuesday they will be introducing an ordinance to dedicate the whole new park strip as a park. The public hearing will be July 14. We are confident that we have enough votes. This will get that grant money moving that we are worried about losing. It never hurts to have folks there showing support. Title 21 was the subject of a question at the last meeting. On Tuesday there is a proposal up for public testimony that would delay for another 18 months the beginning of the new code. Hight limitations for high density residential housing is also on the table and that is important for this area. The land swap over by the air port and un-dedicating the Point Woronzof Park is on the agenda. The new mayor takes office on July 1. Because there is so much smoke in the air if you have asthma you can

get the air quality report for the day at Health and Human Services Web. Site. The three strikes issue for public inebriates is up again for Tuesday but they are still working through legal issues for that.

Old Business

1. Glenn Highway / Muldoon Rd. Interchange Improvements: Dowl's Kelly Kilpatrick presenting. Last time we were here was before public meeting number three on the Glenn Muldoon Interchange. We are at 95% design now. Working towards a final design in August. Hope to start construction in 2016. Expect a three year construction to 2018. Water line relocation. 36 inch water line along Glenn Highway is being relocated along Boundary and West Edge of Star View Dr. Steve Nuss, Capitol Program manager for the Anchorage Water ways Utilities, also talked about the water line. If the water line breaks we have to repair damage so we try to place it in the best location. The Star View Dr. is on park land and the park was bought with money from a water conservation fund. Moving the line to Star View saves across the board. We are going through park land. John Rodda also spoke about the MLP Plant Two project which ends in June of next year. We expect to begin the restoration of the

park as soon as Spring hits.

2. Formation of a committee for the Creekside Sub. Tract E rezone (lot between Fred Myers and Walmart): Kristi Wood. We had a discussion about this in our May meeting and there were many concerns. It was tabled until we get more information. The executive board also discussed this and we think we should have a short term committee and give the community the opportunity to see how things are zoned now, look at the proposed rezone and figure out if there is anything in the proposed rezone that we have concerns with and what they are. Dowl Engineers are here to present and give more info on the rezone. If you think you have a concern about this rezone please speak up now and get on the committee. Michelle Ritter presented a power point about the 3.4 acre site. Tim Potter and the owner were present. There are some deed restrictions since it was purchased from Walmart. Many special limitations were listed. A transit facility was mentioned again. Sending out notice to residents within 500 feet of the project was mentioned and other stipulations to keep the council and neighborhood informed.

New Business

1. Anchorage Waste Water Utility Water Line Going through Centennial Park: Was skipped since it was already covered in Old Business 1.

(the meeting was stopped to confirm that a quorum still existed. Ten voting members including one board member. There still was a quorum).

2. Title 21 (multi family housing design standards): Tom Davis with MOA Planning Commission presenting. Soon after the adoption of the title 21 rewrite we began hearing concerns. Title 21 is change in codes for residential design standards. The first ordinance is still a case in the P&Z. 15 49. Developers have concerns with the new code. Case 49 is an attempt to respond to those concerns. Visuals were shown of how the new title 21 would change a design that was done in 2011. This was the example of what it is about for new multi family developments. We work with the Assembly Title 21 Comm. It has been temporarily tabled at the P&Z and will be deliberated in July. It reduces open space requirements and so on and is the newest approach to attempting to resolve the developers concerns. Many standards were mentioned for multi family housing. A second ordinance introduced by

Honeman and Demboski came out of the Live Work Play Group. AO 59 would table residential design standards up until January 2017. It would make their return to being effective conditioned on a study to determine whether the design standards are consistent with the comprehensive plan. Cost is a developers concern for incoming multi family developments. Eliminating height restrictions from the R4 and R4A (handout with pictures made available). Higher density can be earned through bonuses with one system but would be eliminated with the new AO as well as height restrictions. For example 75ft buildings would be allowed in Town Centers with the new code. Some heights in town centers would be unlimited. These changes are a departure from the title 21 rewrite. We do not want to throw the baby out with the bath water in an effort to fix some of the problems. Jon Ziv stated that it is a question of profitability for the builders verse livability for the community. Tim Potter pointed out that the new code is unclear and unworkable and has stopped projects from moving forward so AO 59 is needed.

3. Shobu Liquore License 351 Muldoon Road Suite C. (Just South of Flow's Pancake House)
Transfer from outside of council area. #5283 Beer

and Wine. Ms. Kim and Calra McConnell from the Alcohol Comm. presenting. It is just a beer and wine license. It is a Sushi restaurant.

**4. Medicaid Expansion in the state of Alaska
NECC Position.** Dave Ulmer presenting.

Motion

**We the NECC support Medicaid Expansion in the
State of Alaska.**

Dave Ulmer seconded by Terry Cummings.

Discussion. Bob Reupke said he thinks this is a win win for the state because right now the Feds pay 50% for the medicaid. If this goes through they will pay 100% until a few years down the road when they will pay 90%.

**Yeas 9 Nays 0 Abstain 2 Motion
Passes**

5. Erin's Law NECC Position. Ulmer presenting. This law had already passed the legislature but Ulmer commented that since Alaska is the rape capitol of the country they should not wait two years to implement it. Rep. LeDoux pointed out

that the version that passed the House had no waiting period.

6. CIP Addition. Box Garbage Can for park next to Samurai Sushi. Grenier was not present so this item was skipped.

7. Telephone Tree for callouts on local homeless camps to get more timely service from CAP (Community Action Patrol) Teams. Grenier was not present so this item was skipped. The President did mention that a reporter is looking for someone from the council to interview on this subject.

Parks Comm: Dave Ulmer presenting. Ulmer presented a motion that the parks committee passed requesting that the legislature not reallocate the funding for the Muldoon Town Square Park since the reason the money has not been encumbered yet is that the EADP took so long to get passed. Rep. LeDoux suggested that it would not hurt but that it was more important that the Muni gets the money encumbered as soon as possible. Dunsmore agreed. Ulmer pointed out that other legislatures

suggested we pass this motion. There was no second on the motion. Soper suggested we get barbecue pits or something started on the back section of the park to show that we are at least starting something. Dunsmore suggested that our new target should be the Mayor not the legislature and Rep. LeDoux suggested the Mayor wants to go a head with the park and to find a way to spend or incumber the money by the appropriate date. The President suggested we need to refocus and wait on this.

CIP Comm: The president reported that that ex-president Bretz is no longer interested in chairing the Capitol Improvement Committee but will remain on the committee. He asked for volunteers to chair it. There were non.

Picnic Comm: Chair Soper reported that the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic will be Saturday Sept. 12 and that it will be more like the picnic we had two years ago. There was discussion if we will be able to have it in the Muldoon Town Square or not. It was unclear if the area will be ready. The creek was to be rerouted by July 15 and the dirt was to be removed by August though nobody knows who owns the dirt

according to Ulmer. Lowther pointed out the picnic overlaps with the farmers' market.

NECC Safety Fair Saturday June 6. 10 to 2 at the Anchorage Christian School: Chair Soper reported we had 12 vendors. We had public service announcements out to 5 radio stations, Federation announcements, flyers and Ilovemuldoon.com blog and Face book post. We gave away door prizes like medical kits and crank lights. We had about 45 people show up. We were refunded \$715 money by Papa Murphy's because the showing was not so high. There was a lot of other stuff going on in town that day.

Trails Comm. Chair Ulmer reported nothing new.

Bylaws Comm: Chair Holubik reported nothing happening yet.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Soper reported the balance is \$2491.00 and that a Muldoon Town Square Park Fund might be established. Many other details of the account were reported.

May NECC Meeting Minutes: Approved. There was some question as to how to show when board

members come late to the meeting or when they leave early in the minutes.

Community Activities Reports

Muldoon Farmers' Market (MFM). McConnell said June 25 will be great. Please come.

Mayor's Meeting. The president asked for someone from the council to attend the meeting of community councils with the mayor that he heard about on the radio on the way to the meeting. Bob Reupke and Selina Metoyer volunteered.

Adjournment 9:46 PM