

**Northeast Community Council General Meeting  
Minutes First Draft. Aug.  
20, 2015**

**Call to order:** 7:06 PM. Fire Exit reminder. The Pledge of Allegiance. 42 people present.

**Board Member Introduction:** Rick Irwin (President), Kristi Wood (Parks Comm. Chair), Dave Ulmer (Parliamentarian, Trails Comm. Chair), Carla McConnell, John Ziv, Selina Metoyer, David Bretz (Vice President), Stu Grenier (Secretary, Alcohol Comm. Chair).

**Cake:** Kristi Wood talked about the celebratory cake that was for the dedication of the Muldoon Town Square Park. Many names were mentioned and big thank yous to all that helped make it happen. In a few years she hopes to have a formal ribbon cutting ceremony and more recognition for the folks that made it happen. The Parks Comm. meets an hour before the General NECC Meeting in the same place every month and the formal planning process will hopefully begin in Sept. All are welcomed to attend. Cook Inlet Housing Authority was also recognized with a citation for giving \$5000 to the Parks Comm. Tyler Robinson accepting.

**Agenda:** Approved.

**Executive Board Report:** The President reported that we set the agenda and all board members were in attendance except McConnell and Soper.

## **Community Concerns**

**Cheney Lake Gun Fire:** Virginia Sears presenting. She reported at her annual neighborhood picnic that gun shots have become a problem in the area at night. The park is having a lot of activity all through the night and folks are sleeping in the park. She and her home owners association are working on a petition. She asked about community patrols.

**Muldoon Community Assembly Parking Lot:** Dave Ulmer and Bill Cox presenting. The parking lot drive through problem has been solved by the church's efforts. At one point there were 250 cars driving through per day. Phillips asked for documentation for future reference. Many folks said thank you.

**Muldoon Fire Station:** Fire Captain Coastanios reported that the "fill the boot" effort will be Aug. 28

at Debarr and Boniface. Also school is back in session and there are many construction zones.

## **Legislative Reports**

**Senator Giessel:** Akis Gialopsos presenting. The senator would like to help out with the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic.

**Senator Wielechowski:** Brook presenting. Muldoon Farmers' Market has over 35 registered vendors now. July 29 was the Muldoon Channelization Project Town Hall Meeting. Rep. LeDoux and the Senator worked on this and wrote a letter to the DOT about their concerns that was available at the meeting. They also did ride alongs with DOT. The Senator also wrote a letter in favor of the Muldoon Town Square Park to the Assembly that was available. In 2010 funds were acquired for a skate park. They are looking for a location now so the funds will be utilized. \$180,000 remain in traffic calming funds. The Senator will be working on identifying which streets will get the priority. The Senator and Rep. LeDoux have met with the Mayor. Traffic Div. has a list of streets that qualify for traffic calming.

**Representative Gruenberg:** Ted Madison was reporting for Rep. Gruenberg. He would like to once again host the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic. He is working on legislation and talking with stake holders in animal welfare cases.

**Representative Pruitt:** A staffer reported that Representative Pruitt is down in Kenai. He is seeing how the money from the last session is being spent. If the funding for the park does not get encumbered we will have to watch out for that in the next session. A discussion ensued about what encumbered means.

**Representative LeDoux:** She said she had her second meeting with the mayor. They talked about the Muldoon Town Square Park and are trying to make sure the funds are encumbered or spent so the funds are not swept away. Speed humps were also discussed with the mayor. She asked for the petitions for the speed humps. She would like to see beat officers, a police station, and Hmong police officers here in Muldoon. The Muldoon Channelization project was delayed a week but construction has started. The Rep. has a commitment from Governor Walker to attend a town hall meeting here in Muldoon.

**Assembly Person Honeman:** Speed humps cost about \$8-10K a piece so we should have enough money for a lot of speed humps. We will be getting a new Chief of police. We will be working on the budget. We will have a pinch with state funding. Police will probably get more funding. 4 marijuana ordinances have been introduced. It may be similar to alcohol. How much tax revenue will it produce for the city is a good question. There were many questions about marijuana and spice laws. You can now be fined \$500 for each package of spice on your person.

**Assembly Person Petersen:** He has been coaching his 15th year of Little League. Finance Comm. meetings reveals that we are \$3 million ahead for this year. We will be getting about \$4 million less from the state next year and the RCA ruled that we cannot get \$7 million in dividends from ML&P. 2% budget cuts are in the works for next year. That is like 5% considering inflation. He is on the election comm. and voting by mail is an idea they are working on. He is chairing the sub comm. on cell phone towers. 45% of people in town only have cell phones. He thinks we have a plan to keep the park money so the legislature doesn't steal it

next spring. He thinks it would make sense to vote by computer since 86% of the people already have a "My Alaska Account" for the dividend.

**Mayor's Office:** Amy Coffman Special Assistant to the Mayor introduced herself. 343-7112 The President would like to add her as a regular to the meetings.

## **Old Business**

**1. Creekside Sub. Tract E rezone (lot between Fred Myers and Walmart):** Kristi Wood presenting. Dowl was here presenting in May and June. We put together a committee to examine the rezone. The members are Selina Metoyer, Carla McConnell, Terry Cummings, and herself. R3 to B3SL is the rezone. The big change is the B3 would allow for a transit center. The resolution has allowed for this. Ainslie Phillips requested that the resolution stipulate a maned police substation. Height was also an issue. With R3 you are allowed to go up to 35 ft. B3 over 45 ft.

## **Motion**

**The NECC resolves to approve the Creekside Subdivision Tract E Rezone from R3 to B3SL**

**under the following two conditions:**

**1. A deed restriction and a special limitation get placed on Tract E Rezone to require a manned APD substation to be placed on site and maintained in perpetuity should a Transit Center be implemented on the property.**

**2. Development height shall be limited to two stories of 22 feet, unless a proposed development includes a residential component, in which case development up to three stories in height, or 35 feet, shall be allowed, and a site plan shall be required and recorded.**

**Wood, seconded by Cummings.**

**15 Yes, 3 No, 5 Abstain Motion Passed.**

**2. Alaska Highway project rescheduled for next month.**

**3. Using digital photos to get a telephone tree and websites for callouts on local homeless camps to get more timely service from CAP (Community Action Patrol) Teams.** Stu Grenier presenting. This has been discussed at the Alcohol Comm. meetings and at NECC meetings, as well as the Board meetings. The way the system works is folks call in homeless camps to the 786-8900 non

emergency number and dispatch takes down the location of the camp. Only after a certain number of calls have been made about any one camp will the CAP team go out and write a ticket. After the ticket has been written the illegal camp has 15 days to pack up and leave. The problem is it is taking the CAP team weeks to even get to the illegal camps and then they get 15 more days. The extended time leads to more mega messes for volunteers to clean up and more problems with these people taking over our parks, not to mention the drug and alcohol issues going on. The recent alcohol related death and rape of a 14 year old girl in front of the Muldoon Road Baptist Church by a registered pedophile that had been living in a park in this area has also drawn attention to this problem. I would like to have a system set up to help get folks to call the number so we can get these camps removed quicker rather than later. By using digital photos on line folks can see exactly what they are being asked to call about. The photos should show only the camps, not the people. Wood suggested we have just an "email tree" rather than a website since it would make our parks look bad having photos like that where anybody can see them. John Ziv pointed out that the Supreme Court has ruled that sleeping on public property is legal if there is not



enough beds in homeless shelters. A woman from Eagle River pointed out that they had problems with an email tree when they used reply all. Things did not work so they started a closed group on Facebook that you can add members to directly and then you can post on it. It is not searchable to the public. Only those who have been added can find it. An Admin runs the group and they approve each person.

## **Motion**

**The NECC resolves to approve the creation of an email list or closed group on facebook to use photos for homeless camps to inform folks to call the non emergency number to have the camps removed.**

**Grenier, seconded by Dave Ulmer**

**10 Yes, 0 No, 8 Abstain Motion Passed**

## **New Business**

**1. Rezone of Tract A, Eastview Estates Subdivision (off Idaho St. between Duben Ave. and Peck Ave.) S4 Group, LLC Tom Dryer presenting representing a petitioner. Dryer asked if everybody got the packet from the MOA or letters.**

It is a 2 1/2 acre parcel at the East end of Peck Ave. on the West side of Muldoon Road up on the hill. It is a gravel pit right now. Idaho St. comes off the Southwest corner. There is access from Idaho and Peck Ave. There seems to be confusion on how the property is currently zoned. Dryer is calling it R2M and changing it to R3 or R3SL. Tonight he hopes to hear comments especially about traffic issues. He would like to put in 80 units of the smaller newer condos that are only about 550 to 650 sqft. If we were stuck with R2 we would have the same buildings with larger units. Under R3 we can put in about 154 units. We will suggest a special limitation of 80 at the planning department as shown on the drawing. Access through Melody Commons Condos was discussed. Parking is planned but how many spaces per unit was not clear depending on what they decide the code will be. There are four three story buildings in the drawing. He is planning an engineering study on why they cannot connect with Peck on the steep hill side. He initially thought they would connect Peck and Idaho but people seem to not want that. The president asked for volunteers to work on a committee. Dryer suggested at a special comm. meeting they could have civil and traffic engineers present. Dryer also said all the local residents should have been

informed and the property owners as well in the current mailing. No one came to the meeting specifically for this issue when hands were called for. Dryer would like to present again next month. Ziv, Phillips, and Holubik volunteered to work on the committee.

**2. Formation of a Traffic Calming (speed humps) Committee. Chair open.** Grenier presenting. We have heard a lot about the money the the MOA has for traffic calming in our area. We have five year old petitions that folks who wanted speed humps on their street turned in. I envisioned that the committee would develop a system with the MOA that would allow new petitions to be compiled to see where there is support for traffic calming features like speed humps. The committee chair would take responsibility for the petitions and make sure they are what the MOA wants us to use. The Chair would keep copies and make sure that they make it to the powers that be. Phillips pointed out we have a NECC traffic calming study that was completed in 2002. Smestad pointed out that there is a newer study that has not been published yet. Current balance is \$2555.41 Chair Grenier

**Alcohol Comm:** Chair Grenier reported he got to

talk with the Mayor on a radio call in show and brought up the issues that have been brought up by the Muldoon Road Baptist Church front alcohol related rape and death of a 14 year old girl by a registered pedophile that was living in the woods in our area. He suggested that the system of notifications that is used when registered pedophiles move in to our neighborhoods needs to be expanded to include the registered pedophiles that are camping illegally and legally in our parks. There is no planned meeting of the Alcohol Comm. this month. Metoyer wanted a meeting sooner.

**CIP Comm:** The Chair is now ex-president Kevin Smestad. Ex- CIP Chair Lorne Bretz said anyone can go on line and make comments about the CIP list. President Irwin asked Bretz to help make Smestad the administrator.

**Trails Comm.** Chair Ulmer reported on the trail connection that goes through the Begich Middle School grounds that connects the Cheney Lake Green Belt with the Muldoon Town Square Park. He said that John Rodda said it could go through the grounds with the option for the school to close the trail if they had to or if something happens.

**Picnic Comm:** Chair was not present. Many people talked generally about the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic which is Saturday Sept. 12. It looks like it is being held in the field next to Walmart. It seems there have been no formal meetings of the committee, only email chains, but it is happening and is organized. Metoyer suggested the time be changed to after the Muldoon Farmers' Market so everyone can participate.

**Bylaws** Chair Holubik reported nothing happening yet.

**FCC:** Bob Reupke talked about NUSA.

**Treasurer's Report.** Current balance is \$2555.41

**June NECC Meeting Minutes:** Approved. There was some question as to how to spell John Rodda's name.

**Community Activities Reports:** Grenier mentioned Centennial Park Clean up after the Muldoon Farmers' Market. Moetoyer mentioned her grand daughter is the lead in the play Bus Stop from Aug 21 - Sept. 19. Also Bartlett Football started and the game with Chugiak is Friday and she has Go Cards for Bartlett Hockey

at \$20.

Adjournment 9:38 PM