

# NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NSCC)

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month September thru May  
North Star Elementary School (Library) - 605 West Fireweed Lane

## NSCC ONLINE

- Federation of Community Councils - <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/24.html>
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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

# MINUTES

for

November 11, 2015 Meeting

### *Call to order 7:03 p.m.*

- **Round of introductions**
- **Approval of agenda**  
Mark Butler moved to approve the agenda, someone seconded and it was approved with no opposition.
- **Approval of minutes**  
Gordon Glaser moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Mark Butler seconded and with no opposition the motion passed.

### *Reports*

#### **Council Officers**

- **President Sam Moore**
- **Vice President Marcus Wilson**—discussed recently received test scores and indicated that he is not surprised nor worried by them. He indicated that his students have low technological literacy and the new test is computer administered, but said his students are learning and doing well despite their challenges.
- **Secretary Eileen Collins**—mentioned she and Kyle Raese will not be here next month (December and that Kyle was visiting an ailing grandfather today).
- **Treasurer Andre Camara**—the treasury report was presented by past treasurer Melonie Rieck who reported that there was \$605.54 in the savings account and \$712.00 in the checking account.
- **FCC Delegate Sam Moore**—nothing to report
- **Member at Large Susan Miller**—nothing to report
- **Member at Large Kyle Raese**—not present

#### **Legislative Representatives**

- **Sen. Berta Gardner** (SD-I) reported on the great special session just ended. She explained what had gone on and said that there will likely be a constituent meeting regarding fiscal issues facing the state before the next regular session in early January.
- **Rep. Harriet Drummond** (HD-18) also reported on the special session.

#### **Assembly Representatives**

- **Ernie Hall** (District 3 W Anchorage) was not present.
- **Tim Steele** (District 3 W Anchorage) discussed the previous night's meeting which covered new fines and fees, and spice epidemic.
- **Dick Traini** (District 4 Midtown) discussed SAP which is restarted as there has been determined there is no going back. He spoke about police and fire department retirement plans which he explained are now fully funded. There was also a discussion of property taxes and new penalties for spice dealers.
- **Elvi Gray-Jackson** (District 3 Midtown) was not present.
- **Eric Croft, School Board** asked for input on the new superintendent search. He asked for anyone interested to send emailed about budget discussions that are upcoming. He mentioned public meeting dates and said there will be some painful discussions on choices for school closures. He expanded on what people should expect.

## *New Business*

### **Presentations**

- **Westchester Lagoon Nature Trail** Glen Hemingson and Johnny Hays, a landscape architect, updated the NSCC on the Nature Trail plans. Hays indicated that the trail had been designed as an accessible trail in 1977 long before ADA would require this. However deferred maintenance has caused the need for the renovation which will be done in conjunction with nearby schools and part of their school lessons. Hemingson provided a resolution for the CC to consider. After discussion and consideration that this topic had been presented to the council previously, Mark Butler moved to vote on the resolution that evening. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Chester Creek Flooding** Mark Butler provided an update.
- **Nelson Godoy** presented from the Anchorage Police Department Liaison Task Force and gave an overview of citizens' rights when pulled over for traffic stops and in similar situations.

## *Old Business (there may be no updates on items below)*

- **C Street homeless encampment** no update was provided on this subject.
- **Cannabis legalization** Sam Moore suggested creating a committee to review future marijuana licenses that may come up for approval in the neighborhood. Discussion followed and suggestions included the need for the committee to meet year round due to the year-round nature of Assembly meetings, the committee being the executive board, and suggestions to look into the bylaws to ensure there is not a flood of one time attendees to stack votes on marijuana issues.

## *Announcements*

- Xefirah Pepek presented the NS flag to the council.

## *Adjourn 9 p.m.*

Gordon Glaser moved to adjourn, and Melonie Rieck seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.