

# **Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes Second Draft. Nov. 19, 2015**

**Call to order:** 7:06 PM. Fire Exit reminder. The Pledge of Allegiance. 25 people present.

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

**APD Officer Jones and Sgt. Molder.** Sgt. Molder ([jmolder@muni.org](mailto:jmolder@muni.org)) is head of the Community Action Police Team or CAP. He stated that the CAP team has two goals. Giving out information about recruitment and a program called Attack Rates and Nixel. Attack Rates is a system we have where you can go in and type varying types of crimes where you live and see up to date information about what is going on in your area. APD plans to have three academies next year and are still a hundred officers short. CAP Team should have two teams of seven officers but now there are only four officers. The city is trying to come up with a plan with the Homeless Coordinator Nancy Burk to get housing first and treatment. We are not sure

what to do with people that refuse housing. APD can only issue a 15 day notice for them to move unless another crime is being committed. A question was asked about the government seizing homes that are being used for drug dealing. Sgt. Molder responded by saying there is a law and it goes through civil courts and takes a very long time. One is going on now and it is taking more than a year. If you have a drug house in your area get license plates and call repeatedly. A question was asked about gun shots. He went on to say please report gun shots. We use the data to solve crimes. Jim Curran, the Muldoon Library Librarian, talked about a serious incident in the Muldoon Library two weeks ago. Four kids came in and attacked another kid. There was a 40 minute delay after the call was made, to when police arrived. There is a video. Curran said he was the ninth manager at the Muldoon Branch in five years. The security guard on duty is not allowed to touch the kids. A second security guard is being discussed. The officer said police work is triaging the calls and simple assaults are ranked below assault with a deadly weapon and so on, so you may have to wait. Even with the 100 officers APD plans on getting, they still will be only half the size they should be according to some models. He went on to say call as early as possible

to get faster service. Metoyer asked about someone breaking into single women's' homes that she learned about on Next Door. Sgt. Molder said he had not heard about it but maybe a patrol officer had. Reupke asked about pensions for new police officers and Sgt. Molder said since 2006 state employees do not have a pension so many leave the department after training and get employment elsewhere.

**Agenda:** Approved after amendments.

**Executive Board Report:** The President, McConnell, and Ziv were not present at the meeting. We set the agenda. A number of issues were mentioned that maybe on next month's agenda. Kevin Smestad and Debbie Halick attended.

**Community Concerns:** Reupke discussed the Cook Inlet project South of Creekside Center Drive. The deadline for comment was yesterday. The Secretary mentioned that it has been traditional for the President to receive the Council mail at their home but now it piles up at the FCC and we often do not get it until it is too late to comment. Reupke later suggested we have a post box.

## **Legislative Reports**

**Senator Giessel:** The Senator emailed to say she will not be able to come since she is at a hearing of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and could not be here. She sent an email with details about the proposed gasoline.

**Senator Wielechowski:** The Senator introduced Brooke Ivy, one of his staffers. The special session was about 15 days. Back when we passed Senate Bill 138, about 18 months ago, it forced a shotgun wedding between the State and Trans Canada. Trans Canada was to finance the line but they do not have an AAA credit rating like we do so it would have cost us more to stay with them. The medians on Muldoon may be the subject of a town hall meeting with the Governor. We are looking at Dec. 16 as a date. We will let you know as soon as we know. You will be able to talk about whatever you want at a town hall meeting. The Senator is also working on a bill on opioids. Spice is also a problem since the bad guys keep changing the drug so the current laws do not apply. The Syrian refugee issue is a Federal issue, not a state issue. We are looking for ideas on how to solve the budget deficit. Senate Bill 114 and the Sovereign Wealth

Fund was discussed. The Senator said the big corporations want to tax the working people and take their PFD rather than they pay more taxes. A long discussion continued about LNG transport and price.

**Representative Gruenberg:** The Representative said he and Rep. LeDoux are moving right along to create a uniform code of military justice for the National Guard while they are not federalized. He discussed this in detail. Other bills we are working on are, one that transfers ownership of vehicles after someone dies, one that helps decided the conservator when there is a conflict of interest with the person that is the best choice, and other aspects of elder fraud. We are also looking at corrections and how to improve upon that. Ted will be here next month but the Rep. will be with his family.

**Representative LeDoux:** Staffer Lisa Vaught presenting. The House voted unanimously for the Trans Canada buy out. She said Senator Wielechowski took care of the special session and Rep. Gruenberg took care of the code of military justice. We are planning on having a Joint Judiciary Hearing on the Dept. of Corrections. Rep. Le Doux will be doing a ride around with the police this

month. She is sorry she could not be here. Also a letter was received from the Mayor's Office with details about the roads selected for the speed bumps and one of them maybe outside of the district.

**Special Assistant to the Mayor Amy Coffman:** I learned a new term this week "Doon Danglers". The situation with the wrong kind of light poles across from the Muldoon Town Square Park at the new bus stop was discussed. The Doon Dangler poles are more expensive than what is usually used. The Mayor appointed an ADA Commissioner. Nancy Burk might come to the next meeting to talk about homeless issues. Nancy Burk seems to think that we can solve the homeless problem according to Coffman. In January we hope to go to the camps and make a list of names so we actually know who and how many homeless there are. Coffman also wants to help us to diversify the community council.

**Assembly Person Petersen:** We passed an ordinance to increase fines. The last time they were increased was in 2001. Excessive noise for cars or parties is one of the fines that have been increased. First fine is \$150. Second fine is \$450. Third fine is \$1500 plus loss of equipment. The

SAP Computer System will be continued because it will cost us more to start over with something else. The city budget will be discussed tomorrow if anyone is interested. Probably one more animal control person will be hired. A new cell tower ordinance is being put together. 45% of people in Anchorage do not have land lines.

## **Old Business**

### **1. CIP List speed humps and traffic calming.**

CIP Chair Kevin Smestad presenting. The MOA is slowly introducing speed humps but they are not a huge priority to put on every single street on our list. They suggested that most likely there will be some kind of alternative. Studies have to be done. In Nunaka Valley they removed the electric speed sign and they are looking for some kind of replacement. There is approximately \$190,000 to fund traffic calming. A list was read of 11 of the proposed speed humps that would take about \$110,000 of the grant that the MOA has chosen. Eight battery powered speed signs will be purchased to be used at a number of the streets at \$40,000. The remaining \$40,000 will be used to mitigate run off and so on caused by the humps. Smestad was thanked for his efforts.

## **2. Marijuana Sales Permits and Other Related Issues.**

Bob Reupke (snow@alaska.net) presenting. Please do not tape the door open anymore with duct tape. The Muldoon Mall Manager, Morie says that they have had vandalism. Paying someone to be at the door was discussed. Metoyer pointed out we pay over \$27,000 a month in rent so we should not be locked out. Reupke said that people can call him to get in after 8:30. Others thought that was not good enough since some folks have no cell phones.

Reupke reported that Dick Traini says every community council should have some kind of committee on marijuana. A MOA marijuana regulations handout was passed around. It mainly dealt with land use. A license will be required from both the MOA and the State. The marijuana will be grown in industrial areas. To open up a store a permit will have to be issued and 21 days notice will have to be given and then a hearing and then 30 more days for comment. There was some question if the amount of time would be enough for the councils to respond. The Secretary said the Council is already on record as having a motion requesting no sales points for marijuana in our council area. The President suggested a Marijuana



Committee be formed. Kevin Smestad and John Laux showed interest in forming the committee.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Bella Terra Apartments Informational**

**Discussion:** Presenter could not make it.

**Alcohol Comm:** Chair Grenier reported that they have a list of issues to bring up at this council in the coming months so no meeting is planned unless someone has a pressing issue.

**Parks Comm:** Chair Wood presenting. Please bring a friend to the Dec. NECC General Meeting at 7pm so we can be sure to have a quorum and pass the Muldoon Town Square Park Plan so we can get the funding for the park encumbered. Park Meeting at 5:30 before the NECC General Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17.

**CIP Comm:** Chair Smestad said we need a completed CIP List by the end of January or the beginning of February. It is not due until April. Grenier mentioned the bollards for the wall along Muldoon to keep folks from knocking the wall over in the parking lot in front of the strip mall that has El

Rodeo in it. Also a new trash can for the bench by Samurai Sushi should be on the list.

**Trails Comm.** Grenier reported that a trail had to be rerouted connecting Centennial Park and the moose fence due to ML&P work on power lines in the area. There is lots of work going on on trails this time of year especially if there is no snow for skiing.

**Picnic Comm:** no report.

**Bylaws:** no report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Grenier reported that Soper gave \$1787.05 at the Executive Board Meeting.

**FCC:** Covered in Old Business #2.

**October NECC Meeting Minutes:** Not Approved.

**Community Activities Reports:** Grenier and Debbie Halick attended the Community Patrols Meeting at Denny's at 6 pm the first Friday of the month. Paul Honeman, Arron Pascara (726-7038), and Keith and about 5 other community patrollers attended. We discussed a massive pile of mattresses on Zappa and calling

code violations, the homeless issue was also discussed. The mattresses got taken care of. We still have that \$2600 in the NECC Community Patrol Fund for the Muldoon Community Patrol that needs to be encumbered before next year. Petersen suggested that we should call solid waste services and that he could call the city manager's office. Grenier reported that Steve and Johnny and Van at the Parks Comm. Meeting gave us the nice poster of the park that is now on the South Wall of the meeting room.

Adjournment 9:05 PM