

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes First Draft. January 21, 2016

Call to order: 7:06 PM. Fire Exit reminder. The Pledge of Allegiance. 34 people present.

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

Agenda: Approved

Executive Board Report: The meeting was held at the Representative Town Hall Meeting at Begich Middle School that the Governor did attend. The items for the agenda that were discussed are on the agenda except for the locked door problem here at the boys and girls club. Mary, our door person, is now making sure folks do not get locked out. The President reported that we plan to have an additional executive board meeting this month because a board member is resigning. It will be posted on the web page.

Community Concerns: Fire fighters from the Muldoon Fire Station gave a report which included a couple of high profile car accidents. These accidents involved children in safety seats. The safety seats made a difference and they are having events at the Muldoon Fire Station to instruct folks in how to use the seats correctly. Flyers were left. Smoke alarms came up since they were discussed at the Dec. Meeting. The Red Cross of Alaska South Central Dist. is putting free smoke alarms in people's homes. It was reported that the smoke detectors they are using are the cheap ones with ten year batteries. Grenier mentioned that he bought one of these and found it did not work and could not get his money back. The fire fighters were asked if they had an opinion on smoke detectors and Capt. Ursa Lively said get the ones with replaceable batteries, 9 Volt or double As. She recommended to change your batteries when you change your clocks.

McConnell asked if the U turns that are being caused by the new medians in Muldoon Road were ever discussed because it is a problem. Ulmer and Ziv said it was discussed. Ulmer suggested it will take an accident before they do anything. McConnell reported that people are turning around in private driveways.

Legislative Reports

Senator Giessel: A legislative update was read from an email. The Senator is the Chair of the Senate Resource Comm. and is on the Sub Committees for Health and Social Services, Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources. Please see her news letter and contact her. They are working on the budget now.

Senator Wielechowski: A legislative update was read from an email. The Governor's State of the State Address is why he could not attend the council meeting. The budget and Alaska's fiscal path are the main subjects. The Governors plan to change the PFD to a Sovereign Wealth Fund is being explored. SB 124 will allow the Alaska Commission on aging to continue for another 8 years and other bills. Please contact me with any questions.

Representative Gruenberg: A legislative update was read from an email. The fiscal situation and HB 126 the Alaska Code of Military Justice. The transfer on death vehicle bill is moving along as well. If you have any question feel free to call the office at 269-0123.

Representative LeDoux: Reading from an email. The Representative is the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. You can see her on Feb. 20 at the Anchorage Caucus held at the Assembly.

Representative Pruitt: The Representative reported by email which was read that he is on the House Finance Comm. and the chair of two subcommittees, Commerce and DNR and that they are currently listening to the Governor's ideas for the budget. Please send him your thoughts and questions.

Assembly Person Petersen: Reading from an email. Unable to attend due to the flu. He would like to be at the meeting for the cell tower

discussion. There is a resolution put forward by other community councils and that is what is probably on your agenda tonight. Not all the items in that resolution were discussed in the working group. He hopes to put multiple providers on towers to reduce the need for more towers.

Assembly Person Honeman: Was not present. It was mentioned that he is not seeking a third term.

Special Assistant to the Mayor Amy Coffman: Coffman reported that there is a Transportation Fair coming up on Feb. 4 at the Alaska Airlines Center. There are opportunities to get on boards and commissions. Capitol Improvement Plans and Budget has an on line process. March 1 to May 31 is when the online form will be open. The Anchorage coalition to end homelessness is doing a count on January 27-8. Volunteers will be going to camps and counting and evaluating people. burkeni@muni.org is the contact for the homeless count effort. Please follow up with Nancy. She would rather have a list twice than miss one. There is no capitol budget from the state except for the port issue and some for domestic violence and substance abuse. We retired \$136M in bond debt and refinanced more to save money. Every single month we are doing an open office with the mayor. The second Thursday of every month you can talk with the Mayor from 4 to 6.

Old Business

1. Alaska's Fiscal Crisis. Gunnar Knapp presenting with an intro from Kristi Wood. Dr. Knapp is director of Institute of Social and Economic Research at UAA. He has been going around the state trying to explain the minimum facts about the fiscal situation we are in. It is a very complicated topic. He is not advocating any plan from the governor or others but just to explain the options we have. He went on to say that in short we spend \$5.2 Billion every year but only have \$1 Billion coming in from oil that works out to be about \$4900 per Alaskan in debt per year. If we gave up our PFD that would solve less than half the deficit. If we continue on as we are our savings will be completely gone in two more years. We must close the gap now. The price of oil has gone from over \$100 a barrel to less than \$30 a barrel and is still dropping and our oil production is continuing to fall. We must cut state spending and raise new revenue. Using the PFD and the PFD earnings reserve was explained.

The PFD is worth more than \$50 Billion but 47 B is principle and cannot be spent. We get more money from the PFD now than oil. SB 114 will use the royalties instead of the PFD for dividends and reduce the dividend by a third. The Sovereign Wealth Plan that the Governor is advocating is very complicated. It would reduce the dividend to half what it is and send all oil revenues into the PFD. We must act now or we will run out of money in two years.

2. Governor's Housing Summit Report. Geneveive Holubik presenting. She attended the meeting and they had a break out session. Issues discussed were affordability in rural areas and reducing recidivism through housing. When you leave prison in this state you leave with no money and only your P.O. cares about you unless you have family to take you in. Incentivising private sector housing, senior housing, energy efficiency standards, and so on. Holubik will let us know when a report will be issued later.

3. Marijuana Business able to start sending applications on Feb 24. NECC Marijuana Comm. presenting. Kevin Smestad pointed out that legal pot is headed our way and the MJ Comm. will be meeting next week so we need to have something in place. (kevinsmedstad@outlook.com). McConnell pointed out that some shops are preparing to open along Muldoon already and that maybe the council should be more firm with what we would like to happen in our neighborhood. Grenier pointed out we already voted 19 to 0 to not have sales outlets in our area and suggested the Muni should consider having a red light district where people can go to get it but keep it out of other parts of town. Ziv suggested they would try to put the red light area in Muldoon. Soper said red light areas are full of crime in Europe. Smestad said Fairview CC already has a resolution and a neighborhood plan that our council might be able to learn from. There was some question if they have to come before the community council to get their permit and if any laws have been passed yet. Holubik pointed out the tax has to be paid in cash and that creates cost and problem at city hall.

New Business:

1. AMATS Pedestrian Plan Implementation Project. Side walks along Patterson St. from Debarr Rd to Chester Creek (\$500,000) and side walks

along Boniface Parkway from DeBarr rd. to Carrs-safeway (\$270,000). Matt Edge from CRW presenting. The Anchorage Pedestrian Plan was done in 2007 and these are the first two projects to implement that plan. This is a Federally funded project but the state matches 10%. Flyers were available at the front table. Comments were requested. www.anchoragepedplan.com. A person that lives on the Patterson suggested having the side walk on the same side as the light poles would be safer but Edge suggested the poles force folks off the side walk since they are in the way. McConnell said that this was on our CIP list a long time ago but the residents did not want it so it was dropped. Another Patterson resident said he put a heated driveway in and Edge said he needs to know about it and will fix it if it is damaged. The Anchorage Pedestrian Plan ranked these two side walks high. Signage for the Boniface side walk was suggested so folks can find the transitions where the side walk leaves the road. A bike lane along Patterson was also mentioned and parking issues were a concern.

2. Was combined with one.

3. Title 21 Cell Phone Tower Public Comment Restrictions. Annette R. Cartier from the Roger's Parks Community Council and Robert Levine from Turnagain Community Council presenting. The Cell Phone Ordinance is going before P&Z on Feb. 1 for public comment. Cartier gave a sort history of how she got involved in the cell phone towers and how the Title 21 rewrite is where the public was loosing its ability to have a voice. After discussion the following prepared motion was presented.

Motion in Support of The Resolution Supporting The Citizen's Suggested Changes to The (Title 21) Working Draft 11-18-15 Cell Tower Draft Ordinance Submitted to Planning and Zoning Commission For Their Recommendations. Grenier , seconded by John Ziv.

Whereas, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development;

Whereas, direction was given to finalize a Working Draft 11-18-15 Cell Tower Draft Ordinance ("Draft Ordinance") at a Community and Economic

Development Committee Meeting on November 18, 2015;

Whereas, the Draft Ordinance will first go to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its review and recommendation to the assembly;

Whereas, a group of citizens have reviewed and revised the Draft Ordinance and have sent their recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, including some of the following key points:

- Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), small cell (non-tower) and a telecommunication facility affixed to an existing pole, an existing building or an existing structure are the preferred installation for neighborhoods.
- A Type 4 Tower – A stealth (camouflaged) new construction in residential areas and being approved by the MOA Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process.
- A Type 5 Non-Tower – Utilizing Small Cell and Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) and concealed telecommunication facilities in residential areas being approved by the MOA under the Administrative Site Plan Approval (ASPA) process.
- A Type 6 Existing Building – Affixing a telecommunication facility to an existing building being approved by the MOA under the Administrative Site Plan Approval process.
- Certified Information – Information provided by the applicant for either a CUP or a ASPA also be supported with a signal analysis, data analysis, and cost analysis and be

certified by an independent third-party engineering review by a consultant that is an Alaska licensed professional engineer directly under contract with the MOA.

- Minimum Separation Distance for Types 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Towers) - 200% of the allowable height; to no less than 150% of the allowable height.
- Minimum Separation Distance for Type 5 and Type 6 - no additional separation distance required other than the current distance of the pole or building.
- Co-location for Type 5 and Type 6 – made available to as many licensed carriers as can be co-located that would not result in injury and detriment to the service of the customers; cooperation, sharing of technical information, and exercising good faith between the licensed carriers for evaluation of the feasibility of the co-location.
- Co-location prohibited if violates the standards originally approved or in violation of concealment.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeast Community Council approves the (attached) modifications to the Working Draft 11-18-15 Cell Tower Draft ordinance going before the Planning & Zoning Commission for their recommendations to the Assembly.

Yea 12 No 2 Abstain 1

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

FCC Report: Reupke reported on Walden Park over on Tudor and had

flyers for the Ombudsman and the Anchorage Transportation Fair. You can visit the school every Tuesday and revenue sharing is going down.

Bylaws: McConnell reported there was a meeting and a draft was finalized and hopefully it will be voted on at the next meeting. Copies of the draft are on line and public.

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier reported nothing new.

Parks Comm: Chair Wood reported we are moving on with the Master Plan Process for the Muldoon Town Square Park. We will be putting all our priorities into developing the frontage along Muldoon Rd. and hope to do fund raising to get the rest of the plan done. Grenier reported about the icon that was developed by the muni for Muldoon and that more ideas will be presented in the future since many were "underwelmed" with the proposed icon that looked like a highway.

CIP Comm: Chair Smestad reported nothing new.

Trails Comm. Grenier Chair Ulmer reported nothing new.

Picnic Comm: no report and we need a new Chair.

Treasurer's Report: \$1785 reported by Soper

Dec. 2015 NECC Meeting Minutes: Secretary Grenier reported that the person that seconded the Muldoon Town Square Park Motion that lives just north of the park could not be identified. The board member sitting next to the door must make sure everyone signs in with complete information or folks can challenge what motions are passed or not passed at the meeting as we have seen in the past. Approved

Community Activities Reports: none.

Adjournment 9:23 PM