

NECC

Northeast Community Council

Minutes – May 19, 2016

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Rick Wood, Selina Metoyer, Stu Grenier, David Ulmer, Kristi Wood, John Ziv, John Laux and Carla McConnell (She came in late)

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Smestad

Approval of May Meeting Agenda: Kristi Wood moved to delete #3 Resolution in support of an East Anchorage APD Substation from the agenda, until a further date. It passed. Stu Grenier moved to move the approval of the minutes until after the Community Reports. It passed

Treasurer's Report: Stu Grenier reported that our current balance is \$1,787.55, based on last month's report by Carla McConnell.

Executive Report: Rick Irwin reported that we changed a few posts around. Stu Grenier is the new Treasure and Kevin Smestad is the new Secretary. Rick Irwin is still the President, Selina Metoyer is still the Vice President and David Ulmer is still the Parliamentarian. Everyone was present except John Laux. We went over the items on the agenda and the resolutions for the meeting.

APD Officers Report: Office Jones to talk about the camps in the Northeast Community Council Area and what they do. They will take calls about the camps and they can go out and find a specific description about a camp that was called in, while also looking for other camps in the area. Because of a lawsuit they have to give 15 days' notice, email Community Workspace (they go and clean up the camps after 15 days) and take all their possessions and safe guard them. Officer Jones said they would not like to do this. Stu mentioned there are 4 camps in Centennial Park currently to have tagged. Stu asked if the Northeast Community Council had a place to put the items from the camps would that help and Officer Jones, said no they have to be taken and stored by the APD and they have to come to the APD to get them back. Community Workspace does a good job cleaning up per Officer Jones. John Ziv asked the question why are the homeless camps allowed to stay if it is breaking the law to have fires going and health and safety concerns. Officer Jones said they have given citations to homeless people in the camps when they have come across these issues. Who do they contact; follow State of Alaska statues and Municipality of Anchorage codes, Officer Jones said you can find these on line. Stu Grenier asked about the Anchorage Town Square Park possibly being privatized. Officer Jones hadn't heard about that. He said the City/Mayor is trying to get the homeless people out of the parks, by getting these people into housing, but some of the people in the homeless camps are refusing to move out of the camps. Officer Jones believe that the homeless people are scary

and that we should be concerned as citizens going into these camps, as he feels that he may get shot approaching one of the tents. Officer Jones said they will be putting the information on line when the camp is reported, so that you can see the follow up on line instead of going back to the area to see if the camp is gone. Stu asked the question if Officer Jones knows how many of the people living in our Parks are registered Pedophiles and how do we let people know about them? Officer Jones said if they are registered properly then they are within their rights, if they are not registered then they take them right away. The homeless can use the Park as an address. Selina Metoyer asked did APD know about the panhandler standing on the median at Glenn and Airports Heights because that was a dangerous spot to be panhandling. Officer Jones said it is only against the law for the people that give money to them. Selina said she thought panhandling was against the law. Someone asked if the property was privately held versus publically held are you more equipped to take care of the person. Officer Jones said on privately held land they can contact the owner and get a letter and then give 20 minutes to remove the people. Someone asked about the 15 days notice and if they could move them before that. Officer Jones said that they have to wait 15 days during the abatement period before moving the person. Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux asked if they could check into removing the people, but leaving their items and Officer Jones said he will look into it. He did mention that they have 24 hours for trespassing. In 24 hours they can have them moved, but not arrested in regards to public property. He cannot make them stay out longer than 24 hours. Officer Jones said he was there let everyone know what they are doing in the housing they are trying to get the homeless people into the new housing.

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel: was not there

Senator Bill Wielechowski, has 4 graduation ceremonies to attend. A few accomplishments from this year's legislature are the Criminal Justice Reform and Medicare Reform. Where Bill sees the hold up with the legislature is with Oil Tax Credits. The Senate has passed the Capital Budget. The smallest Capital Budget for general funds in years. No longer funding the LIO building, they are looking to purchase the Wells Fargo building. The House has not passed the Capital Budget. The Operating Budget was passed by both the House and Senate, but they are different versions. Both are still working on the Operating Budget. For Oil Tax Credit the House and Senate both passed a version, but they were not the same versions. Bill thought the Oil Tax Credit coming out of the House was better than the Senate, but says we are as a State paying out more than we are making with the Oil Tax Credits.

Questions by Selina Metoyer, first is there another building that the legislature can move into besides the LIO building. Senator Wielechowski said the Atwood Building and one of the problems is moving in 2018. The other question is on the Bragaw Extension and giving of the 18 million. The Senator said that the NECC has not taken a position on the issue. There are 9 Community Councils that have said no to the Extension. The Muni and the Mayor do not support it. The money was given to the University or it will, so the University can build the road.

Bob Reupke mentioned that his concern with the LIO Building was the litigation cost. Senator Wielechowski said it is what it is right now.

Mr. Potter mentioned that there was not a clear approach to the LIO Building and moving to another building. Senator Wielechowski said there should be an open bidding process for the LIO Building.

Stu Grenier NPR has done stories that Iran is coming on line and other countries that they can make it with a cost of 8 or 9 dollars. Why can't we keep these companies? Senator Wielechowski said that our costs are higher here in Alaska, but with places in North Dakota there are a lot more drill rigs and it is a smaller well. In Alaska they have longer life to the well and they are drilling less.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, the regular session is over, since the work was not finished the House or the Governor will call them back. The Governor called them back. Some of the Moderate and Conservative Republicans hammered out an Oil Tax Credit and then the Democrat's came together and they passed this bill. This was sent to other body where it was gutted and then passed another version and was sent back to the House and the House failed to concur. They will be at ground zero on this when they start again. We have a budget problem and the Governor wants to reconstruct the Permanent Dividend. Rep LeDoux cannot go there. To pass the budget the House Republicans do not have a 2/3 majority and will have to work with the Democrats. The Senate does have a 2/3 majority on the Republican side.

David Ulmer asked if they can pass the budget without passing the Oil Tax Credit. Rep LeDoux said yes, they only need to pass the budget. But all of these are intertwined and with the way the Oil Tax Credit is connected to the problems. The Governor has called us into a Special Session the items are Budgets, Oil Tax Credits, reconstruct of the Permanent Dividend and 10 more items.

Stu Grenier asked about the medians in Muldoon for the Muldoon Town Square Parks and Kristi Wood said that the DOT has asked that the Parks money pay for the medians. Kristi said that we would agree to that if all private developers would pay for medians and/or any other developers were forced to pay for medians as well, but that is not the case. Rep LeDoux agreed and said she will look into it. There should not be a rule made only for Muldoon.

Representative Lance Pruitt, sent in an email – Selina Metoyer read his email. He apologized for not being at the Community Council Meeting. They will begin the Special Session Monday and there will be 10 pieces of legislation to consider, 6 budgets related and 4 Amendments issues. Many of the issues are complex.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, Ted is speaking for Rep Spohnolz. Rep Spohnolz is finishing up her first session and is heading back. Ted wanted to let everyone know that there is an ordinance to name Fire Station #3 after Max Gruenberg. He wanted to thank everyone that has given their condolences.

Representative Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski, was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, he was sworn on April 26th. There was \$425,000 passed to deal with the homelessness issue, most of it will go to housing and other places like Brother Francis. They had a joint homelessness and public safety meeting to discuss about the 15 day issue. The police doesn't clean up the camps, but the Community Workforce that does the clean up. The Mayor added another 10 employees to the Community Workforce. There are abandon camps and they are trying to get those cleaned up. Many people are worried about the fire danger from the camps. There was a graduation of new APD Police Officers. They are hoping for 3 different academies that will bring in 52 officers. They are trying to expand the police officers. They are trying to change the pay rate of the officers, we are not competitive. There is an ordinance offered for Fire Station 3 for naming it after Max Gruenberg and Assembly Person Dunbar will be voting for him. Cell Phone Tower revised its ordinance and will be voted on May 24th with amendments. Many items, but only stealth towers will be built.

John Ziv asked that the City owns 10 houses in Muldoon here in Muldoon and we could be putting homeless in them. Assembly Person Dunbar said the Mayor 100 units per year over 3 years.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, going over a few different items than Assembly Person Dunbar. Assembly Person Peterson said that the Town Square Park downtown, Assembly Person Traini given a task to the Muni Legal department to try and figure out the situation. Good news relating to the Muldoon Park, on Tuesday their agenda is a contract GMT General to do the work for the Park. He said it will be approved unanimously. It was brought to Jerry Hansen and when they decide to move the piles at the park it will be 1-1/2 to 2 days to move the piles of dirt. The Cell Tower Ordinance and they will be touching on it Tuesday at the Assembly meeting and he believes it will be passed. They did first quarter adjustments and \$425,000 was set aside for the homeless problem. The Mayor has a plan to get 100 homeless people off of the streets over the 3 years. This will hopefully get the number down to a more manageable number. They hired a new code enforcement officer that will be trained to do inspections for Marijuana. They put \$250,000 in a storm water utility. Most cities of our size have a utility for storm water. They put aside 5 million to give back to the tax payers.

Selina Metoyer asked about moving the homeless into housing and there is a group that does not want to do it. Is there a plan to do something on this? Nancy will discuss that when she speaks.

Stu Grenier asked the 9 million we were going from the State and went to 4.5 million what is happening with that. Assembly Person Dunbar said it went back to 9 million.

Assembly Person Bill Starr, was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor:

Nancy Burke, she is the Housing and Homeless and Coordinator. Update for all Community Council and they have updates on the website and there is a street swiping map, just have to click on the icon. You can go to www.muni.org to get the information. On the website there is construction updates as well. The Mayor did ask us to slow down through the construction zones. The Assembly people covered the information in regards to the additional police officers. To note the spice calls are down to 5% of the calls now. The trail talks are open through May 31st, if you had not had a chance there is a survey you can fill out. We are finalist for US Mayors grants for Youth Force Work. There is an email distribution for the Berkowitz Bulletin. The big conversation on the website to use a portal for information request for concerns called Hansen. Ms. Burke handed out a two document. There are various ways to report a homeless camp by the community. Community Work Force is the one that cleans up the homeless areas and Parks and Recreation oversees that. Until this portal is fully functional, please use the non-emergency phone number to APD 907-786-8900 to call and report homeless camps. The second document is trying to create a map that helps the community understand the call process in order to centralize calls.

Stu Grenier said you need to push 5 not 0 when you call.

Ms. Burke said that when the portal is operational you can report the homeless camp and then it will be given to APD and the officers will be assigned to assess the camp. Then place a notice on the camp and then put a 15 day legal notice and then a clean-up can be scheduled through Parks and Recreation for the Community Work Force to come and clean-up after the 15 days notice. It will take some time to get an idea for clean-up the camps. Ms. Burke said that it may take up to three (3) years of clean up time to get this done and the Mayor has allocated money for 10 more positions by June 13th with in Parks and Recreation. They will be working with the non-profits to engage the homeless to help them get to work.

Selina Metoyer asked about the legal campers that do not want to stay in the homes. Ms. Burke asked to wait on this question.

Stu Grenier asked about the homeless initiative to get the homeless housing. Is there a number that we can give them? Ms. Burke responded that she will move into the people part. The APD will ask the homeless people to fill out a Hart Form that will go Social Services and a way to contact them. About 70 people have filled this out and the City is going through the list to assess the people, to help get them to the correct social service program. They might drum up new ones if that is required. This is grant money that was given from the Assembly helps fill the needs that social service programs cannot provide. They want you to go to Beans Café to help engage the people to help them to housing.

John Ziv when are they going to address the hazardousness and the crimes of the homelessness. Ms. Burke just readdresses the plan given to Stu.

John Laux how well are all the social agencies working together. Historically they have not worked well together. Ms. Burke they are sharing information together and they are meeting every Tuesday now. Ms. Burke mentioned that mentally ill to help identify housing that would be conducive to them.

Someone asked to using (an indoor – could not here what the name of the space on the tape) spaces during the winter. Ms. Burke said it would be used for retail space.

Neighborhood Concerns: None.

Business:

1. Cook Inlet Housing update on Muldoon Projects update given by Mr. Tyler Robinson. There will be two projects Grass Creek North and Creekview Plaza that he will begin speaking too.

Grass Creek North is 52 units. The siding is going up soon. The multi-family housing is scheduled to be completed by June. What you will start to redo the dirt work to start the process for paving for the driveways and the sidewalks. There were problems with trucks working very early morning and they will work 7 am to 7 pm per the contractors. Pavement will be done in the next couple of weeks. Currently it is half done, but there are places that will be done in June.

Creekview Plaza is the two story buildings side by side. They will start the paving at those units next week as well. Those are scheduled to be completed by July 31st. There will be 101 units that will be rented here soon. They will let us know about the grand openings when they are ready.

On the back town houses will there be solar panels on the roofs? No they will be on the face of the building.

What are they doing the Utility box? They are in the utility area, they will landscape face around them to help hide them, and so they don't stick out as bad.

49 units and 4 retail units that are on the other side of the building by the creek. There is for lease signs up. What are the rents for the buildings? There is a rent range and income limit. There are mostly 1 bed rooms for seniors. Mr. Robinson can get us more information if we want. He doesn't have the exact data about the rent.

Someone mentioned by the creek the siding is not pleasing. Mr. Robinson said that some people have liked it and some people have not liked it.

ABS is a project that Mr. Robinson said that they would like to do. It is two building for senior housing and hopes to be back in a year.

Someone asked where does the money come from? Comes from 10 different sources and by most comes from the State in the form of a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Resources.

Stu Grenier asked if there are racial quotas to meet. Mr. Robinson said that is misnomer and is not correct. About 15 years ago 100% of the housing was for the Alaska Natives, but that is no longer the case. Housing is open to everyone.

David Ulmer said that he heard that the Natives get a price discount over everyone else. Mr. Robinson said that the rent would be the same, but under the block grant the Natives would only pay 30% of their income.

Mr. Robinson was asked what their website was and it is cookinlethousing.org. The projects are listed on the website.

2. Resolution in support of Moving the Muldoon Library to a Permanent Location by Ms. Kristi Wood. The library is important and the Muldoon library does not have a permanent location as it is leasing a building.

A Resolution: NECC May 19, 2016, Library Resolution

WHEREAS public libraries serve vital functions for our community; and

WHEREAS the Muldoon Public Library is in a leased facility and all of Anchorage's libraries previously in leased facilities have permanently closed; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage 2020 plan calls for putting most of Anchorage's population density in to East Anchorage; and

WHEREAS 18.7 percent of Anchorage's current population lives within the Northeast and Scenic Foothills Community Council boundaries; and

WHEREAS Anchorage's leadership must provide our community with public resources so that we can ensure a good quality of life for current and future residents

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Northeast Community Council requests the Muldoon Library be moved to a permanent location in a building owned by the Municipality of Anchorage.

Motion: Someone (The person was not identified on the tape) made the motion and it was seconded by Selina Metoyer.

Discussion: Norm asked where it will go. Ms. Wood said we were not getting into location tonight. Norm's next question about closing libraries, do we have the money to keep the library open? Ms. Wood said that about 20 percent of the people live in the NECC and SFCC area.

There was discussion about other areas libraries that were closed. Bob Reupke said that the library was suppose to be where Begich Middle School. Someone said they like where the library is currently and was wondering why we can sign a long term lease document. We have a quorum for a vote.

A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The resolution passes.

3. ADF&G Presentation on Minimizing Human-Bear Conflicts by Mr. Dave Battle. Mr. Battle is area biologist for Fish and Game. Ms. Elizabeth Manning is there as well. They are trying to get out to Community Councils and talk about bears. There is significant population for black and brown bears in Anchorage. We have streams and wooded areas for bear habitats. They showed a slide of the different locations where the brown and bear habitats are located within Anchorage. They showed a map where humans and bears have frequent interaction. There is natural food for brown and black bears throughout Anchorage. Do not put out bird seed during the summer. You can do it during the winter, but bird seed will draw bears into your area. There is more livestock in Anchorage and the best solution is to set up a fence that will keep out bears. Garbage is major problem with bears and using bear proof garbage, this is the number one cause of bear problems. Fish carcass is a problem as well. Proper removal is essential. Electric Fences are the best to keep out bears out of livestock. There is no signage that is required and it is suppose to be low voltage. Someone was concerned about kids touching the electrical fence and Mr. Battle said it was not a big shock and it will not kill anyone, it is suppose to keep the bears out. You can be issued a citation for garbage being left out or not taken care of properly. If a bear attacks someone, please call 911. If you have a question about bears you can call ADF&G at 907-267-2257.

Stu Grenier asked about secure garbage cans with bars over them and when people use them they flip the lids over and leave them wide open for a bear to hop in, is the condo association liable or the person leaving the open. Mr. Battle is chasing down the problem, but he believes the person should be the person, but there has to be documentation of the person leaving the lid open.

4. Design of Speed Humps in Northeast Community Council by Mr. Tim Myland. Mr. Myland's number is 907-343-8470. He is passing over to Nick Holberth. Nick was hired to do 11 speed humps. There are 4 areas where they will be adding an additional speed hump. Here are the areas: Boundary Area 4 Speed humps, Norman Street 2 speed humps, Winding Way 2 increments of gaps and the 4th site is Atkinson Drive 3 speed humps. During their site visit they looked all aspects of draining, sidewalks and effects to home owners. They placed flyers on all the adjacent properties. There were 19 comments with 18 comments that said they did want the speed humps and 1 comment that wanted enforcement instead of speed humps, but once they explain this was a cheaper option and she was okay with it.

Selina Metoyer asked what they will look like. Mr. Holberth said it was a bump that cannot go faster than 25 miles over. Ms. Metoyer asked if they will be at the intersections. Mr. Holberth said you don't want to put them at the intersection.

Someone asked how they will be adhered to the ground. The contractor will mix with the asphalt that is currently there. They will permanent.

Selina Metoyer asked how much this will cost. Mr. Holberth said it will be \$10,000 to \$12,000 dollars per speed hump. It will not use all the money, but it will be closed. The money has already been spent, so we don't lose it. Speed signs were purchased for the NECC.

5. Presentation of Land Use Map in Northeast Community Council by Kristi Wood. It was titled wrong. Kristi is proposing a resolution for mixed income requirements into high dense development in the land use plan map. The City supports economic diversity for the high dense development. Ms. Wood said that HUD supports this concept.

A Resolution: NECC May 19, 2016, For mixed income requirements into high dense development in the land use plan map.

WHEREAS the Land Use Plan Map provides long term visioning for Anchorage's residential planning and

WHEREAS socio-economically balanced neighborhoods are crucial in building a healthy and prosperous city and

WHEREAS mixed income requirements for highly dense residential developments have proven effective in other cities to ensure balanced neighborhoods and

WHEREAS developers can be offered tax incentives, utility incentives, land swaps, or other incentives to implement mixed income in highly dense developments and

WHEREAS developers who implement mixed income highly dense developments are financially incentivized to maintain the upkeep and general quality of these developments, thus ensuring a better quality of life for the development's residents and surrounding residents alike, be it therefore

RESOLVED the Northeast Community Council requests mixed income requirements for highly dense residential developments be added in to the Land Use Plan Map.

We, the Northeast Community Council, applaud and support the Providence Alaska Cottages to be located at Debarr and Boniface Roads for a conditional use permit.

Motion: John Ziv made the motion and Selina Metoyer seconded it.

Discussion: Selina Metoyer should we add what Ms. Wood said about HUD. Ms. Wood said no.

A vote of the motion of the Resolution: 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The resolution passes.

6. Presentation of CIP List of Northeast Community Council Area by Kevin Smestad. Kevin Smestad was not at the meeting. The handout he wanted handed out was given. Nothing else happened.

Community Activities Report: Federation of Community Councils reported by Bob Reupke. The FCC meeting was Wednesday May 18th. One of the new items was that in Anchorage we will be able to vote by mail. Chief of Police was there and discussed homelessness. How many calls do 911 get? 1,000 a day. We have 360 police and we need 440 police officers. There is a west coast study that says a city of our size needs 600 police officers. The FCC will not be meeting for two months. Bob passed around a petition for the MOA in regards to making a park in Bear Valley and is 6.5 acres and it privately owned. There are no costs involved because the trails already exist. Everything else discussed at the FCC was discussed during the council meeting.

Community Reports:

Alcohol Committee: Stu Grenier, No Report

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood, the Assembly approved and the beginning of the building the Muldoon Park will begin in mid June. The Parks Committee meets prior to the general meeting at 6pm. The meeting will take a fresh view of the 100 x 100 plot. Also, they have discussion of the final name of the park and other various topics.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer, he left and Stu Grenier spoke for him. Mr. Grenier spoke about the Military Civilian Boundary. He says we should swing for the fence and get the trail built and get the land to build it. Mr. Pete Petersen said that Scenic Foothills Community Council put in for a grant of ½ million dollars to build a trail Stuck Again Heights around the Muldoon Curve.

Marijuana Committee: John Laux, No Report

Approval of the April 21st Minutes: Someone approved the minutes and someone seconded them (I could not hear who they were) with a unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned approved by someone and seconded by someone (I could not hear who they were) with a unanimous approval at 9:34 pm.