

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes Final Draft. April 21, 2016

Call to order: 7:05 PM. Fire Exit reminder. The Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Introduction: Rick Irwin (President), Dave Ulmer (Parliamentarian, Trails Comm. Chair), Selina Metoyer (Vice President), Stu Grenier (Secretary, Alcohol Comm. Chair), Kristi Wood (Parks Comm. Chair), Carla McConnell (Treasurer), John Ziv, Kevin Smedstad (CIP Comm. Chair), John Laux (Marijuana Comm. Chair).

Fire Department: Burning restrictions are in place due to the dry conditions. Recreational fires in your back yard are allowed. There was a call so they left before finishing.

Agenda: Approved

Executive Board Report: We met and set the agenda. Wood mentioned the Area Land Use Plan Map and areas of targeted redevelopment were discussed. Board elections were also discussed.

Community Concerns: Sandra Knight discussed the shots fired and swat team that came to the Raven Hill Condos on Peck Ave. Huge armored vehicles were present. No one was injured. She had a big thank you for APD. Smedstad talked about working on the web site for the NECC on the FCC site. If there is anything anybody would like to see on the web site that is not currently on there let him know. He also has an NECC Face Book page. Metoyer mentioned the Muldoon Farmers' Market from June 25 to Sept. 10. Grenier talked about walking through Centennial Park and the Muldoon Town Square Park (MTSP) and locating trash and homeless camps and contacting the MOA and our elected officials about it. He said surprisingly things were done after they were contacted and now homeless camps have been removed. He also mentioned you can go through code violations to get some things removed and the CWS (Community Work Service). The orange bags were reported to be available at Muldoon Elementary and the guy that speared a bear to death in Centennial Park last year is reportedly back living in the park again and at least one homeless camp removed from the MTSP went to Centennial Park. AP Petersen also said he called a tent in the MTSP and talked with the CAP

Team about it and a huge pile of trash was removed. Wood pointed out that we have the MTSP clean up on the May 14 from 11 am.

Legislative Reports

Senator Wielechowski: The Senator reported on the oil tax credits. The problem is in the coming year we are scheduled to pay \$707M, which is more than we are scheduled to receive in oil production taxes. We are scheduled to pay out more in oil tax credits than we make in production taxes until 2025. We still make money in corporate income taxes but there is no place in the world that pays more in oil credits than they receive in production taxes. Net operating loss provisions were also explained and how losses can be carried over into future years as tax credits indefinitely. Other tax credits were discussed that all add up to losses for the state. New oil taxes are also designed to be losses for the state.

Senator Giessel: Not present.

Representative Spohnholz: Not Present.

Representative LeDoux: The Representative says she agreed with a lot of what Senator Wielechowski had to say about oil tax credits. The R. Caucus in the House is split on these issues. She went on to say many of the credits came from ACES and not Senate Bill 21 and that it is a mess. The Code of Military Justice Finally passed the Senate. As House Judiciary Chair we have been working on the revamping of the Criminal Code. It easily passed the Senate. She went on to say she does not support the \$32M for the LOA and will not take per diem if they reconvene in Anchorage.

Representative Pruitt: The Representative reported that House Finance Comm. is working on multiple bills. HB 379 Freezing of merit pay for employees, the Omnibus Crime Bill, and a lot of public testimony. The PFD Protection Act was also mentioned. The inconsistent nature of the state revenue is not healthy and getting something consistent is preferred from royalties and the PFD and other sources. If you have questions feel free to ask. His goal is to not be in the current situation in June so he can be back at the Council.

Special Assistant to the Mayor Amy Coffman. Not present.

Assembly Person Petersen: AP Petersen talked about a work session on budget adjustments tomorrow at City Hall at 1:30. And there was good news in that the city will be receiving slightly over \$9M in revenue sharing from the state. The Assembly plans to update the land lord tenant ordinance. It has not been updated since the 1970s. Over occupation and bed bugs are two areas we will look at as well as garbage requirements. Nunaka Valley Park street easement vacating is also being looked at again. Cell Tower Ordinance is up again on Tuesday.

Assembly Person Dunbar: Was Congratulated by the President for getting elected. AP Dunbar gave his contact info. DunbarForrest@muni.org 343-4119. He said that the \$9M that AP Petersen mentioned may only be \$4.5M. We will be voting on the 4th quarter budget revisions on Tuesday and he is catching up on that. He mentioned another clean up at Baxter Bog. And that Gruenberg had made 23 amendments to the Code of Military Justice Bill. He also mentioned \$425,000 the Mayor had in a budget revision for homeless after the problem with homeless being evicted from Centennial Camp Ground when it closes in the fall was brought up. He said they have about 100 units for the homeless now and hope to get 150 more. He went on to say that other cities have found that providing housing for the homeless leads to savings in the long run and we have between 200 and 400 homeless now. The Housing First in Salt Lake City is the model he hopes to follow.

Business

1. Creekside Subdivision Tract E Rezone, (the lot between Walmart and Fred Myers), discussion including a new Muldoon Library location, bus hub, and zoning issues. Burkhart Croft and Dowl presenting. Michelle Ritter presenting. The owners Ed and Terry Zerung were also present. It is a 3.4 acre undeveloped site. This is the second time for them to present at the council. There were deed restrictions when it was bought from Walmart. It is currently zoned R3 which is mixed residential. It is in the Town Center which supports the R3 and B3 zoning designation. B3 SL or General Business with special limitations is thought to be the best for the site. A hand out was given with list of special limitations and possible uses. A transit hub or the Muldoon Library were

mentioned. Wood developed a sub comm. to get the zoning changed passed with the addition of two additional special limitations. They do want to move forward from R3 mixed residential to B3 SL. They just wanted to update the Council before they move forward at P&Z and with the City.

At this time a discussion ensued about if the Muldoon Library needs to be moved or not. At least seven people made comments for and against it's relocation away from the Boys' and Girls' Club. Librarian Jim Curran said there is no plan to move the library anytime soon.

2. People Mover Project Anchorage Talks Transit. Ryan Yelle presenting. He is with the DOT and is a planner. He had handouts and went on to say that the People Mover had a major face lift back in 2002. Since then there has been a major shift in demographics and a reduction in services and declining ridership. The project is open dialog with the community. Why is ridership declining?

One option is we may have more frequent buses that go less places. More direct routes or less direct routes? The planners need answers and questions from the public. May 5 is the public workshop down town at the Anchorage Museum at 6:30. Many people at the NECC meeting had a lot of ideas and things to tell Mr. Yelle.

3. NECC Board Elections. Election Chair Wood presenting said seats D, E, and F are open. Laux, Erwin, and Ulmer were the only people running so by unanimous connect they were re-elected.

4. Safety Grant (\$8000). McConnell presenting. She asked the body what their suggestions were for using the grant money. She suggested we could give it to the Nunaka Valley Patrol. It could be gas cards or anything. One suggestion was to have a Muldoon Park Patrol and have groups of volunteers walk through our parks and report what they see. PSAs or short videos could be done. Bear proof garbage cans were mentioned. Mark Butler at the FCC is the administrator of the grant and would like to see how we are going to spend the grant by July 30. Giving the money back is not an option. Grenier asked if anyone wanted to start a Community Patrol. No one volunteered. Other suggestions were video cameras to document homeless camps or illegal dumpers. One person said that he used video cameras to see who was stealing his light strips off his truck and said all he could see is the color of their shoes and he paid \$400 for the cameras.

Motion: We the NECC agree to spend the \$8000 Community Safety Grant at the FCC on safety related items, actions or services. Metoyer. Seconded by John Ziv.

Vote Yes 14 No 4 Abstain 2 Motion Passed

5. Replacement Trash Can by bench next to Samurai Sushi. Grenier presenting. He explained that the park and bench located just South of Samurai Sushi is a park created by this body and that it was our responsibility to make sure it is kept up. The rotary club helps keep it up in exchange for keeping their sign up at the Muldoon and Debarr T but we still need to help make sure it is clean and the trash is emptied. Samurai Sushi has agreed to let us empty the trash can in their dumpster. Anyone in the room can help take care of this park if they see something needs to be done.

Committee Reports

FCC Report: Reupke, the NECC Representative to the Federation of Community Councils reported that there are 38 Community Councils. Some of the community councils do not even exist anymore or just four or five people show up. The federation meets on the third Wednesday of the month. April 30 and May 7 are free dump days. City Wide Clean up is May 1 thru the 7. Live Work Play is a new non profit which is a grass roots effort to make Anchorage the number one city in the U.S. They are working on affordable housing, substance abuse, safety on the streets and so on. Their housing committee is full. He said that Anchorage lost 1500 people last year and 1300 moved to the valley because it is cheaper. He had many flyers. He announced the Anchorage Land Use Map Meeting at Begich Middle School Wed. April 27 6-8. He went on to say that the FCC will give \$75 to any community council that wants to promote itself if we want to have a banner.

Bylaws: Chair McConnell reported that the President and the Secretary has to sign them and send them in to the Assembly. She said she will get them to the President soon.

Alcohol Comm: Chair Grenier reminded folks that if there are any problems with any of the alcohol sales outlets or restaurants with liquor

licenses let someone on the Alcohol Comm. Know and we can bring it up when they try to get their licenses renewed. Times and photos are valued.

Parks Comm: Chair Wood reported things are going fine and our funds are almost encumbered. May 14 is the park clean up. We hope to have a ground breaking ceremony sometime in May. We have applied for some grants that if they come through we hope to start the middle section in phase two next year.

CIP Comm: Comm. member Metoyer reported they had a meeting.

Trails Comm. Chair Ulmer reported that he is working on a trail from Cheney Lake to the Muldoon Town Square Park that would continue along the military civilian boundary to the Glenn Hyw. Bike Trail to the north and the Campbell Creek Trail to the south. He gave more details on how this plan is moving forward. From Cheney Lake to Patterson would be a crushed rock trail and volunteers will be needed.

Picnic Comm Marijuana Comm: New Chair is Kevin Smedstad.

Marijuana Comm: New Chair Laux reported that he is going to set up a meeting. Please let him know if you want to be on the committee. The question came up where the shops can open in our area and Laux said he will have more info at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: McConnell reported \$1787.55

NECC Minutes for February and March: Approved.

Community Activities Reports: AP Peterson reported Nunaka Valley Little League is starting up again. Nunakavalley.org The hat was passed to pay Mary Wilson the door woman. Wood reported on a door bell system estimate that is in the works.

Adjournment 9:46 PM