

NECC

Northeast Community Council

Minutes – April 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm.

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: \$470.50 in the savings account. Additional donations received at the meeting.

Executive Board Report:

- The proposed ASD / AFD land swap presented by ASD at the March 30th executive board meeting was reviewed. ASD has been asked to examine site alternatives and report back to the NECC.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - No report. Not present.
- **Senator Gretchen Guess**
 - SB 218 -Sex Offenders bill on the Governors desk (Chapter 14 SLA 06 as of 4/27/06)
 - ID theft bill- still working on, is still moving forward.
 - All representatives have the complete NECC CIP list. Will provide some future feedback on what they were able to do with the CIP projects.
 - The Volunteers of America funding has been added to the CIP as a City-wide funding issue, is not directed specifically to the NECC.
- **Representative Tom Anderson**
 - No report. Not Present.
- **Representative Dalstrom**
 - No report. Not present.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - Finance Committee has the Petroleum tax bill, needs to resolve differences between senate or house version. Judiciary committee is reviewing the stranded gas act.
 - House rules community H Bill 13- School debt reimbursement will expire October 31. Is working to get the program extended for another two years. However, reimbursement rates that are now 60% to 70% of Bonds will go down to between 40% to 60%. Anchorage School District needs to try to get its bond projects approved before October 2006. It will be a loss of 6 million if not approved before then.
 - Senate is looking at the Operating budget
 - Mental Health Budget- passed unanimously
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - No report. Not Present
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:**
 - No Report. Not Present.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**
 - No Report. Not Present

- **Community Patrols** – Aaron explained that the community patrol was desperately in need of volunteers. Please contact the following individuals with questions, or to volunteer for the Community Patrols.
 - Aaron Pascar, Nunaka Valley Patrol, 223-4630
 - Michelle Daugherty, Northeast Patrol, 748-7800
 - Other phone numbers of interest:

Junk cars - 729-7878	Graffiti Busters - 343-4663
Streetlights - 263-5483	Potholes - 343-6363
 - Aaron reported on the presence of a stalker at the Anchorage area playgrounds. Please be on the lookout, and talk to your children about strangers.

- **Northeast Community Center** – Bob Reupke
 - Board elections are coming up in May.
 - The community center is run by the Boys and Girls Club, is paid for by a MOA grant.

- **Weed and Seed**- No report

- **Road Construction Updates**
 - Mary Pedlow presented the results of area wide traffic speed monitoring conducted as part of the DOWL traffic calming study in Northeast Anchorage. Drivers are exceeding speed limits on all streets in the study area.
 - Joel Stout and Ann Brooks with Lounsbury and Associates announced a public meeting on May 17th for the new 6th Avenue road design project between Muldoon and Creekside.

- **Federation of Community Councils** – Bob Reupke
 - The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) met April 19, 2006, in the MOA Conference Room, Permit Center, from 6 to 8 pm.
 - The FCC received an e-mail from Jeff Friedman, of the Anchorage School Board, regarding Elementary and Middle School Boundaries.
 - Teri Albrecht of the Mayor's Office passed out a flyer regarding the Take Back the Night Committee. They are having a rally on Sexual Violence in Anchorage on April 29, at 5:00 pm in the Town Center Park. She said that there was not going to be a CIP workshop.
 - Janice Shamburg, Assemblywoman, said the Assembly finally passed the Assisted Living Ordinance. She mentioned that the Mayor and she met with a representative of Chugach Electric regarding the transmission poles on N. Lights Blvd.
 - A presentation was given to the FCC by Mary Ann Pease and Chuck Logsdon regarding the proposed Petroleum Production Tax (PPT).
 - Jim Lampson, CIP coordinator passed out the community council survey regarding N.E. Capital Projects Needs Ranking Survey.
 - Debbie Ossiander, Assemblywoman, attended the meeting and said, that she and Assembly member Dan Coffey were going over the final draft of the Title 21.
 - A flyer was handed out on the Child Care Connection regarding their 2nd Annual Child Care Provider Appreciation and Worthy Wage Day Event that was to take place on May 1, 2006, between 2 and 4 pm in the Cook Inlet Tribal Council Bldg.

- **Title 21 Committee** – Glenn Clary
 - No report

- **Greenhouse Property Update** – Don Smith
 - No report

- **Anchorage Police Department** – Sergeant Stanton
 - Email: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us
 - Office hours are 12:00 noon – 10:00 pm at Muldoon Community Center.

- **MOA** – Robin Ward
 - No report

BUSINESS:

(1) Northeast Community Council Executive Board Elections, begin at approx 7:45.

- Executive Board positions currently occupied by Mary Pedlow, Bob Roses and Troy Carlock are up for election for three-year terms.
- Candidates who had expressed their desire to the elections committee to be included on the ballot for these three positions include: Mary Pedlow; Bob Reupke; Troy Carlock; Bobby Scott; Steve Sommerfeld; Charlie Falh. President Bob Roses opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. There were none, and nominations were closed.
- President Bob Roses reviewed the NECC bylaws governing elections: Elections to be held in April by secret ballot; nominations accepted by the elections committee, and at the March and April meetings; the list of declared candidates is published in the April meeting announcements. Bob reviewed eligibility requirements for voting as listed in the bylaws: must be a resident of legal age, a business owner, or an authorized representative of a corporation or non-profit doing business within the council boundaries.
- Each Candidate was given an opportunity to make a short presentation. Candidates went in alphabetical order by last name, the same order they were listed on the ballot.
 - Troy Carlock: Incumbent running for re-election. Has been on council for 3 years, lives in and runs a business in the NECC.
 - Charlie Falh: Has lived in the Turpin area for 9 years, and attended meetings for 4 or 5 years. Is active in the towncenter and schools. Would like to do a master plan for the northeast Anchorage area. Has recently retired from his professorship at APU and has time for the executive board.
 - Mary Pedlow: Incumbent running for re-election. Moved to the Muldoon / Old Harbor area in 1966. Is service and project oriented. Has chaired a number of NECC committees, and helps organize the winter lighting project on Muldoon Road. Currently serves as chair for the Northeast Traffic Calming Committee. Attends and participates at nearly all NECC meetings.
 - Bob Reupke: Has been in northeast Anchorage since 1972. Has been a member of the community council for 10 years, and formerly served on the board. Is currently the NECC's representative to the FCC, and is on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Community Center.
 - Bobby Scott: Lived in northeast Anchorage since 1979. A graduate of ACS. Is interested in getting involved in the community.
 - Steve Sommerfeld: Has lived in the Turpin area since 1975. Believes that NECC area does not get its' fair share from the MOA. He sees the NECC as having an intense mix of businesses and residences that need to work together.
- The ballot boxes were opened at 7:58 pm. President Roses recessed the meeting until 8:06 to avoid disruption as people cast their ballots. The poles were announced as closed at 8:30.
- Due to closeness of election results, multiple counts were necessary and results were not announced until 9:30 pm. Only the top three candidates of the six were announced:
 1. Bob Reupke
 2. Steve Sommerfeld
 3. Troy Carlock
- These individuals are elected to a three-year term, which expires in 2009.
- A total of 207 votes were cast. Bob and Steve were separated by a single vote; Steve and Troy were separated by a single vote. Troy and the fourth place finisher, and the fourth and fifth place finishers were also separated by a single vote. From highest to lowest, there was a total spread of 10 votes.
- The executive board chooses its own officers. This will take place at the May executive board meeting.

(2) Discussion: CEA Transmission Towers on Northern Lights

- Residents of the NECC concerned with and / or impacted by the recently erected Chugach Electric Association (CEA) power transmission poles on Northern lights voiced their concerns.
- Concerns include reduction in property values from the visual blight; electromagnetic health concerns; and visual disruption / environmental impact. There was considerable dissatisfaction with the poles and CEA; a general feeling that CEA had shown no consideration for urban design; disregarded the aesthetics of the installation; mislead and/or ignored the public during the CEA public involvement process; improperly impacted property values; needlessly blighted the landscape; and in general performed a substantial disservice to the community of Anchorage.
- MEA is currently erecting similar poles in the Birchwood area. Residents there are suing MEA.
- Don Shackelford and Bill Gellar of the Foxhall area spoke to the MOA Assembly demanding that the poles come down and that an ordinance be enacted to prohibit this type of pole installation. The Assembly will be holding a work session April 21st to discuss such an ordinance. The work session is open for observation by the public, however, it is not intended for public commentary. However, the work session only addresses future poles, it won't be addressing removal of the current poles.
- There was some talk about removal of the poles; the cost would need to be born by the rate payers, but could possibly be amortized over the projected 50 year life of the poles.
- The following motion was made:

NECC April 20, 2006 Motion (1):

The North East Community Council demands the removal of the recently erected CEA power poles along Northern Lights Boulevard. The cables should be located underground or in a less obtrusive location.

- The motion was voted upon, and passed: 44 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstaining. As the vote shows, the NECC membership is opposed to the recently erected CEA power poles.
- Mayor Mark Begich jointed the meeting at about 8:30 pm. He discussed a pending ordinance to be introduced at the next assembly meeting that would put limitations upon aerial utilities. The legal authority to do this is somewhat questionable, however those issues will be worked out. At the Mayor's request, CEA is meeting with planning and Elise Huggins (of Earthscape, a landscape architect) to develop mitigation measures. The poles are not going away, but it may be possible to soften the impacts. The Mayor indicated that two power circuits were installed: a 34.5 KV line that could have been buried, and the 115 KV line that could not be buried. CEA made the decision to run both overhead, rather than dig up a 30 foot swath to bury the 34.5 KV, and still have poles for the higher voltage 115 KV lines. In any case, the CEA annual meeting is the week of the 24th; the community should voice their concerns there.

(3) Bob Roses, Point of Personal Privilege:

- President Bob Roses announced this was his last meeting as President and as board member. The last year has been a thrill, as the council has grown past its petty problems and conducts itself in a civil manner.
- Is the biggest, most active council in the city, and has enjoyed helping to lead it.
- Hopes the candidate who did not win continue to show up, participate and help the council.
- Announced his candidacy for House District 19. (This was previously known, however, President Roses did not discuss it during his term as President).

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Vanessa Salinas reported a series of gunshots on the 4th and 6th, and then again about a week later. Please report all gunshots to the police, they need to know this is happening so they can track it down.
- Ainslie Phillips reported the discovery of a homeless camp in the woods near the mall.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 PM