

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm.

Board Members Present: John Floyd, Peggy Robinson, Troy Carlock, Bob Reupke, Steve Sommerfeld, Bobby Scott, Bill Wielechowski

Board Members Absent: Dean Syta, Josh Green

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Peggy requested deleting the last agenda item, NECC Administration of State Grants to Community Patrols, due to her not having the meeting with the FCC and the Patrols to work out the arrangements. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Bob Reupke. Our current balance is \$656.62, which includes one donation of \$100.00 in October, 2006. As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

Executive Board Report: Presented by Peggy Robinson

- EAFB Environmental board is looking for volunteers from the community to work with the board. You can contact Bill Day at 552-8151
- AWWU has an open comment period until Nov 30th regarding their pending rate increase.
- ENSTAR has an open comment period until Dec 1st regarding their pending rate increase.
- An explanation of the process of appointing a new board member to replace out going Bill Wielechowski who has resigned due to his election to the State Senate. Charlie Fahr's appointment by the President will be confirmed at a special board meeting which will follow this general membership meeting.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - No report (Staff member was in attendance)
- **Senator Gretchen Guess**
 - No report (Staff member was in attendance)
- **Representative Tom Anderson** (Staff member was in attendance)
 - No report
- **Representative Dalstrom**
 - No report. Not present.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg:**
 - No report
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - No report
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Ken Stout:**
 - Announced that he is going to run for Assembly again when his term expires this spring
 - Reiterated the progress on the city ethics code. The public hearing was last Tuesday, and the Assembly is working on some additional changes to the rewrite, which will be debated at their next meeting on November 21.
 - He mentioned how pleased he was that the Assembly was able to move expeditiously on the purchase of the greenhouse property and is also pleased that the NECC will have a major say in the development of the property.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006**

- Not present.

- **Community Patrols:**

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
- No one from the Northeast or Nunaka Valley Patrols were present to give a report.

- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**

- Center is moving to its new location at the other end of the building in a couple of weeks – hopefully.

- **Weed and Seed-** Tim Sullivan

- No report. Not present. It was brought up that we haven't seen Tim for some time. Will try and have him present at the next general meeting.

- **Road Construction Updates**

- Klondike and Pine intersection is done and people are encouraged to check it out.

- **Federation of Community Councils – Bob Reupke**

- Annual Federation meeting was held 11/15/2006. There are currently 32 Community Councils participating.
- There will be a “gang” informational meeting/conference at Bartlett High School on the 21st of Nov.
- The school district will have a preliminary budget information meeting on Nov 30th, 5-7 pm at Wendler Middle School
- A new program has been put in place at the King Career Center for students and others above the age of 18, who are interested in learning construction trades.
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- **Title 21 Committee – Glenn Clary**

- Encouraged volunteers to join the committee. There's a lot of work to be done. Contact Glenn at gclary@ancbt.org or 333-6535.

- **Greenhouse Property Update**

- Property has been purchased by the MOA. Robin Ward gave a presentation later in the meeting.

- **Anchorage Police Department – Sergeant Stanton**

- No report

- **MOA Parks and Recreation – Terry Peters, Northeast Parks Manager**

- No report

- **Elemendorf Air Force Base – Bill Day, Public Affairs**

- No report

- **Anchorage School District**

- Vanessa Salinas gave a brief report on how the new Middle School became named for Nickolas J. Begich. Our thanks to Vanessa for a job well done.
- Peggy Robinson gave a brief report on the 1% for Art for the new Nickolas J. Begich Middle School. The committee selected an artist who is going to work with the landscape architect for part of the artwork outside the building in the northeast corner of property near the entrance. The two major inside pieces of art have already been chosen. Others offered some suggestions as to how to spend the money.

- **Other State of Alaska:**

- Cheney Lake Update: Peggy was notified that the Pike eradication program has been put on hold until next year. That program included the lowering of the level in the lake so the fish would be frozen out during the winter months. Due to the early cold spell, the lake lowering could not be implemented.

BUSINESS:

6th Avenue Reconstruction – Muldoon to Patterson, Announcement of Public Meeting, Kathy Burgess, Brooks & Associates

- Kathy Burgess announced that the meeting will be held at Creekside Elementary December 6, 2006, 7:00-8:30 pm. The presentation will begin at 7:30pm but people will have the first half hour to look over several different designs that will be available for viewing. A newsletter will be sent out next week.

Muldoon Library Fundraising, Susanne Fleek, MOA Economic & Community Development

- A brief history of how the site was chosen and why the move was made was presented. The landlord at the current site of the library chose not to renew the lease and it made good sense to put it in the same location with the community center on Muldoon Road. The new library should open in January. New fixtures have been ordered and a professional design team has been hired to make the interior inviting and appealing.
- The new library director Karen Keller was introduced.
- The new youth librarian Linda Cline was introduced.
- Fund raising is currently underway to help pay for the improvements. A flyer was available to those attending the meeting.

Clark Middle School Design Presentation, Mary Cary, ASD, Presentation by Mr. Carlson, McCool Carlson Green Architects

- Davis Constructors has been selected for the construction of the project.
- The old Municipal branch library on the Northeast Corner of the property (currently the Parks and Recreation Department office) will be used in a way that is yet to be determined. It will not be accessible to the school.
- The current library in the school is going to be demolished and reconstructed – contrary to what was presented earlier this year – because the building design will work better and it will not save any money to keep it.
- Most vegetation and trees along the Glenn Hwy and along the western side will have to be removed due to compression of the site and to allow the best field layout and supervision safety. Existing trees along Mountain View Drive will remain with some thinning of unhealthy trees. Some concern was voiced at the prospect of losing the older trees along the highway.
- Interior design of the school will lend itself well to community use without compromising classroom and office security. The school will be 3 stories high. Consideration has been given regarding handicap access to all floors. Access to the various athletic fields will be user friendly as well.
- The MOA has been very helpful in rerouting utilities to accommodate an attractive, functional campus design, which is on +/- 24 acres. The site has been compressed (from the original 31 acres) due to the development of the shopping and entertainment center to the immediate west of the school. A piece of school land is being reserved for future MOA use.

Alaska Greenhouse and Bilik Inn Property Status Updates, Robin Ward, MOA Heritage Land Bank

- Gave a brief history of how the Greenhouse property was finally purchased from the Federal Govt. The Assembly was largely responsible for facilitating the purchase of the property on such short notice.
- The first step towards development will be to determine the status of the property and what needs to be done to present it for possible zoning and development changes. The east 12 acres are still identified for a park.
- Volunteers of America may still have an opportunity to use some of the property.
- Robin assured everyone that all would have ample opportunity to contribute ideas and suggestions regarding use of the property.
- The MOA will close on the Bilik Inn Property in about 3 weeks. They have purchase all 3 lots so they have more than enough property for the Right-Of-Way for Edward Street improvements. There will be ample opportunity here as well for ideas and suggestions regarding the property after Edward Street is improved.

CIRI Shopping & Entertainment Center Platting, Zoning, and Site Plan, DOWL Engineers, Browman Development

- Tim Potter, DOWL Engineers, gave an overview of the project showing entrances and exits from the center, pedestrian and guest amenities, where major and minor retailers may be located. Above all, he pointed out that the development is going to be a pedestrian friendly development.

- Introduced Kelly Crowley and Jay Richardson with Target Stores, Inc. Target will be the major anchor for the development. Along with Target, there will be other retailers that are commonly in association with Target in some of their other developments across the nation. Emphasis again was made regarding pedestrian access with a focus on covered and heated walkways throughout the project.
- Browman Development also reiterated the fact that they are not only developers of the property, but are also holders of their developments, unlike others that build, lease, and sell the property as quickly as they can. They are not “merchant builders” but are in it for the long haul. Pointed out that the design and color scheme they are planning to use will help keep the center vibrant and enticing even in the cold, dark months of winter.
- Kelly Crowley stressed the fact that Target is different than other retailers in the fact that they, like Browman, are in it for the long term. Target is considered a “portfolio builder” in that they usually own their properties to be included in their asset portfolio. They look forward in becoming part of the community. They hope to employ 200-225 people. Target is also known for contributing pre-tax dollars back into the community.
- After the presentation was made, discussion ensued with questions and concerns fielded from the meeting attendees. A motion was made and passed by over 2/3 vote to extend to meeting until 10:15.
- A motion was made to support and accept the project as presented. Additional concerns were voiced and addressed. The question was called and the following motion was made in support of the CIRI Shopping and Entertainment Center:

NECC November 16, 2006 Motion (1):

The NECC generally supports the proposed retail and entertainment center proposed by CIRI and Browman Development Corp. This is to include rezoning of the property from T to B3, the proposed site plan, platting, and landscape plan as presented to the NECC on 11/16/2006.

Motion passed: 12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstaining

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Steve Sommerfeld, Co-Secretary

Other Important Notes and Announcements:

1. Presentations and subjects are timed. Brevity is important. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.
2. Please sign in when attending meetings. If possible, choose to be notified by E-mail. Send E-mail to councils@ak.net if you'd like to receive Council information by E-mail.
3. The NECC now has a web page maintained by the Federation of Community Councils. Minutes for the meetings, other NECC documents, and NECC contact information are online on this site at www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/23.html.
4. We are a non-profit organization and receive no funds from the State or Municipality. Our treasurer would be happy to receive your donation.

Revised bylaws as approved by the members at the September 15th 2005 Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above, and at the meeting.