

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.**

**Board Members Present:** Bob Reupke, Dean Syta, Peggy Robinson, Charlie Fahl, Troy Carlock, Josh Green, Steve Sommerfeld

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**Board Members Absent:** Bobby Scott, John Floyd

**Approval: Previous Minutes:** Minutes approved as printed unanimously.

**Approval: Agenda:** Agenda approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Bob Reupke. Our current balance is \$611.62. There was one expense this month of \$162 to pay past invoices on the council placards, flags, and miscellaneous items.

**Executive Board Report:** Presented by Peggy Robinson

- The executive board discussed the proposed elimination of the UDC. The board does not support this ordinance, and believes that the UDC functions should remain at the public commission level. A motion to this effect was passed, and has been circulated to the Assembly.
- Peggy reviewed the status of the CIRI / Browman development. The request for rezone has been approved by planning and zoning, as has their site plan. The UDC denied the developers request for a 60-foot tall sign, and denied the request for clearing within the highway buffer until the buildings are built that the clearing would effect.
- Call for Executive Board Nominations: The three executive board seats presently held by Josh Green, Bobby Scott and John Floyd are up for election in April. At this time, nominations include Josh Green, Bobby Scott and Scott Kohlhaas (John Floyd is not running for re-election). Peggy opened the floor for nominations; none were made. Nominations will be taken up to and at the April 19<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. However, in order to be listed on the printed ballot, the nominations must be made at least 10 days prior to the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. After that, the candidate will be treated as a write in. Interested parties should speak with John Floyd, Troy Carlock or Peggy Robinson.

**Representatives Reports:**

- **Representative Max Gruenberg (Legislative Call-In):**
  - The gas line bill is being here in the house committees.
  - Max has introduced two pieces of legislation:
    - HB125 – would require the state to adopt a fiscal plan.
    - HB67 – encourages police officers to buy homes in high crime areas.
  - Anchorage Caucus meets Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> in the ASD Office Building. That same day there is a constituent meeting at the Mt. View Community Center.
- **Senator Bill Wielechowski (Legislative call-in)**
  - Senate has started hearings on the gas line inducement act. Issues being considered include:
    - Does the State want to contribute \$500 million to the development of gas line proposals, and what does the state receive in return? The money would come from \$300 million set aside last year, and the remainder would probably come from the general fund.
    - Can / should the State lock the tax rate on the produced gas for a period of time?
    - What are the criteria that will be used for evaluating the gas line proposals?
  - Bill is optimistic about the gas line bill; it's just a question of resolving some of these questions, and whether or not the \$500 million accomplishes anything of value to the state.
  - Two ethics bills have passed the Senate.
  - Bill has a bill in progress that would require electronic monitoring of gang members on probation. This bill has passed the senate judiciary committee.
  - Bill is working on legislation to address:
    - Lack of doctors accepting medicare for older persons;
    - Increases in Enstar gas prices
  - Question: Is there presently a desire for state ownership in the gasoline? Bill: no, at present there does not appear to be strong interest. General feeling is that it will be cleaner to manager and regulate if state is not tied up in the ownership.

- Question on the equality advisory vote: Bill: It is probably not a good use of state money to have a special election on this issue. Opinions are mixed. It appears that we are trying to legalize discrimination.
  - Question: Will you introduce Senator Guess bill garnishing the PFDs of truants? (did not record response).
- **Representative Bob Roses (Legislative call-in)**
    - Items under discussion or development include:
      - Bill expanding the Denali Kidcare program
      - Considerations on electing the Attorney General to office, rather than as a governors appointment.
      - Mine tax issues
    - The capital budget will be discussed soon. Bob requested that the NECC forward the councils CIP soon. Peggy Robinson indicated that it had been sent to the entire legislative contingent for the council area.
    - Bob expanded the discussion of the \$500 million incentive for the gas line bill. Part of this money may come from the new petroleum tax system established last session. However, there is a lot of thought that the \$500 million is not really worth much as an incentive on a project projected at costing \$30 to \$50 billion.
    - Questions: Status of PERS / TERS funding? Bob: this has moved out of his committees, and is being worked on by others at present. Bob is trying to get PERS / TERS funding separated from the foundation formula, which would increase options available to fund the program.
    - Question: Status of the longevity bonus? Bob: the program will not be re-established this year. There are actually 2 bills in process now, but these would have the effect of limited the bonus program in favor of funding other health and benefit programs.
  - **Senator Bettye Davis**
    - Phyllis Morrell, aide for Senator Davis, announced a constituent meeting for Senator Davis, Sharon Cissna, and Harry Crawford. It will be held Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> at Baxter Elementary School.
  - **Representative Dalstrom, Crawford, and Senator Dyson.**
    - Not present.
  - **Anchorage Assembly Ken Stout, Paul Bauer, Debbie Ossiander, Bill Starr**
    - Assembly reports were not heard due to meeting time constraints.

#### **Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)**

- Community activity reports were not heard due to meeting time constraints.
- **Anchorage Police Department**
  - Sgt Dennis Allen, APD has replaced Sgt. Cindy Stanton as the community liaison officer.
  - Phone number 786-2693, email at [dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us)
- **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

#### **BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Muldoon Library Update – Stetson Momosor, Muldoon Library**

- The library has reopened in its new location in the community center. Reopened Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, with at least 600 people over a four-hour period.
- The regular schedule will be Tuesday through Saturday. 10 am till 9 pm on weekdays, and 10 am till 6 pm on Saturdays. Programs include a lap sit story time on Wednesdays at 11:30 for ages 3 and younger, and an all ages family story time on Saturdays at 11:30.
- There will be programs during spring break.
- Library information is available at [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org), or at 343-4032,

## 2. April Election 2007 --- Bonds Presentations

- Anchorage School Bonds. Carol Comeau, ASD Superintendent of Schools, and Tim Steel, School Board member presented factual information on Propositions 4 (Clark Middle School) and 5 (major maintenance item). The ASD's original bond request was for \$115 millions, and included Chester Valley School. Carol explained that due to concerns with the voter perception of this bond request, the ASD acted to limit the value of the new bond request to the amount of bonds being retired, about \$85 million. Consequently, Chester Valley had to be dropped from the bond package. Carol promised that if Clark passed this year, Chester Valley and Sand Lake would be included in the next years bond request. Michelle with School Bonds Yes also spoke in support of the bond proposals.
- Road Bonds – Anchorage Tomorrow. Not present / no presentation.
- Parks Bonds – Eric McCalum, MOA Parks Commission, presented information on Ballot Proposition #2, which would leverage federal and state funds for 17 major parks projects.

## 3. April Election 2007 --- Candidates Forum, moderated by the NECC executive board

- President Peggy Robinson explained the format for the candidates' forum: Each candidate for a given position would be given one minute for an introductory statement. The candidates would then be asked questions for a total of 10 minutes for each candidate for a given race, and all candidates for a given race would be asked the same questions. At the conclusion of the questions, each candidate would be given one minute for a concluding statement.
- Time was measured and governed by Josh Green.
- Questions for the candidates were submitted in writing to Dean Syta and Charlie Fahl who served as moderators. Questions were submitted using question forms that were circulated through the audience. Questions of a similar nature were collected together by the moderators and not asked individually. Questions of an inflammatory nature that could not be reasonably asked and answered by all of the candidates for a given race were excluded.
- The moderators used the majority of the questions submitted by the audience. Popular topics included ASD / municipal budget, property and sale taxes; law enforcement, crime and gang activity; Title 21 and 20 / 20 Comprehensive Plan; Wal-Mart Development; CIRI / Browman development; and similar neighborhood concerns.
- Candidates who participated in the forum included:
  - School Board:
    - Seat A: Tim Steele
    - Seat B: Chris Tuck, Ryan Sharratt
  - Assembly:
    - Section 5, Seat H – East Anchorage: Sheila Selkregg, Ken Stout
    - Section 2, Seat A – ER/Chugiak: Debbie Ossiander, Jim Byrnes
    - Section 2, Seat C – ER/Chugiak: Bill Starr, Janet Brand, Bob Lupo
  - Jim Byrnes, candidate for Seat A arrived late in the forum, and was not able available to speak at the same time as Debbie Ossiander. He was allowed to speak at the end of the forum, subject to the same rules as the rest of the candidates. The moderators asked Jim the same questions that were asked of Debbie.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- None.

## ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM