

NECC

Northeast Community Council General Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021

Call to order: 706

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Lyn Franks, Selina Metoyer
 - Absent: Rachel Boudreau, Stu Grenier
 - 23 participants at
- **Board members absent:**
- Motion to approve agenda:
 - Homelessness off
 - Fiscal off
 - Agenda approved with changes
 - Motion by lyn, no objections
 - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

Board Update

- **Treasurer's Report:** \$1873.46

FCC Update-

- Title 21 land use notice, amend the residence zone to allow 3 story buildings.

Community Concerns

- Noises coming from base and wondering about the timeline of the bases and where to go to check for exercises. Will look into the exercise schedule going forward.
 - JBER noise complaints call 522-5387 (JETS) or email jber.pa@us.af.mil
 - Detailed information makes it easier to research the complaint. Date/Time of Incident: Have you filed a complaint with JBER before? Y or N First and Last Name: Phone Number: Address, City, Zip: E-mail Address: Have you filed a complaint with JBER before? Y or N Can you provide a detailed response of the incident? Where did this occur? Please be as specific as possible. What type of aircraft was it? Any additional information: Do you want a response? Thank you for supplying this information. We should reply within three working days. We'll call you or respond via e-mail if you supply an address.
- Concern regarding low flying planes. Wondering why the route is needed to take over the houses. They are following instruments and where to go via instruments. People can file a noise complaint on base.

- Robin shared concerns about the cracking taking place on 11th and Cherry due to the permafrost. Donna said she would get together with robin.

Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski**
 - Gaveled in for the 4th special session, 11 of them (quorum). House passed a resolution to recess until October 12th, but did not pass in the senate, so no session or hearings since then, only a technical session has been held.
- **Senator Holland, District N-Not present**
 - Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov or 907-351-8277 Cell/text
- **Representative Nelson:**
 - Redistricting is coming up and there are several opportunities coming up to hear about.
 - Will need to start doing 907 calling in the next few days
 - Talking to constituents about traffic calming
 - Emailed NECC member concerns/requests
- **Representative Snyder:**
 - 907-903-5799, rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov
 - Working with Rep from Bethel to promote healthcare appreciation week; signs, social media postings, thank you goody bags, online sign-on letters.
 - Expanded food benefits coming for women and children: WIC information and application instructions:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/health/wic/Pages/default.aspx>
 - 20 million dollars in ARPA funding coming
- **Representative Spohnholz:**
 - Covid case counts are high right now, there is a free drop in clinic at Tikatnhu commons from 9-5, can also get boosters there: Boosters were approved today and there is a drop in vaccine clinic at Tikatnhu Commons opens at 9am-5pm 7 days a week.
<https://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/covid-19/VaccineAppointments.aspx#appointments>
 - In a 4th special session-update dividend formula, will hear a bill from Rep Snyder, will continue to make progress towards a fiscal plan, ways and means committee meeting
 - Bills become law after 60 days without signature from governor
 - This will likely be least costly session, first 3 special session were 1.3 million dollars in total.
 - There are lots of proposals to update the Permanent Fund dividend formula. The nonpartisan legislative financial analyst has looked at each one to determine their impact on the budget. See for

yourself http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=32&docid=67660

- Redistricting board meeting now and again at the Lake Front Hotel: Redistricting Board hearings-Open House on Wednesday, October 27 from 5pm - 7pm at the Lakefront Hotel, 4800 Spenard Road, Anchorage.-Public Hearing: Statewide Dial-in Saturday, October 30 from 10am - 4pm. Dial toll-free statewide: 844-586-9085, from Juneau: 586-9085, from Anchorage: 563-9085 <https://www.akredistrict.org/public-hearings/>
- rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123

Assembly Report:

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**
 - Rezone on the agenda, property for DeBarr Road (Roller rink) to go from residential to mixed, approved by PnZ.
 - Revenue update today 3.3 million for PFD garnishments for the first batch, and perhaps will collect another .6 million later. Room tax came in stronger, same with rental car tax and APD counter fine (eg, speeding tickets), 2021 revenues are about where they were projected to be.
 - First budget hearing on the 27th or Tuesday, November 9th. Open to testify.
 - Mask mandate passed a week ago, encouragement to wear a mask especially coming into the winter season where people spend more time indoors.
 - First work session on the operating budget tomorrow, can be observed. Public hearings are the dates above. On November 23rd the budget will be voted on or amended. There are 3 budgets:
 - Enterprise or utility
 - Operating
 - Capital
 - There is a 6 year capital plan. This is where the bonds are, the projects have been taken out of the bonds for east Anchorage at this point. RJSP did a resolution to bring the funding back to the bonds for the projects (money was for Chanshtnu, Russian Jack and ball field updates).
 - Encourage members to make a request to put these items back on the bond as well as advocate for the park projects.
 - The most pressing projects: -\$500k for Russian Jack Springs Park -\$200k for Chanshtnu Muldoon Park -\$500k additional funding for Traffic Claming -\$250k for athletic fields
 - Voting on homeless resolution and sites on Tuesday, 2 are close to East side.
 - The Chief Equity Officer was illegally fired, and the assembly sent a letter to the mayor. Bob Dole also resigned, current lead of mass care (Shawn Hayes) was fired today, article in ADN.
- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**
- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: Not present**

Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage School Board
 - wilson_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
- JBER - Joy Boston
 - Veterans Day events and some JBER info. What: Alaska Warriors and Veterans Celebration Dinner (9th Army Band will perform) When: Saturday, November 6, 2021, 1730-2030 Where: 4855 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage (the Arctic Rec Center) For tickets and more info <https://militarybenefits.info/local-area-veterans-day-deals-for-veterans/> What: Veterans Appreciation (9th Army Band will perform) When: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Where: Anchorage Senior Activity Center No more details, but here is their website <https://www.anchorageseniorcenter.org/>
 - Operation Mary Louise is a statewide Women's Veterans organization, in addition to the Alaska Women Veterans Conference in the link below, they have monthly virtual meetings (first Tuesday of the month, zoom ID: 988 0181 4125) where female vets share news, stories and sometimes there is a guest speaker. There is an Operation Mary Louise Facebook page that folks can follow to keep up with their events and activities. What: 2021 Alaska Women Veterans Conference <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/omlconference2021/home> When: Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 0900-1600 Where: Virtual Register at <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/omlconference2021/register>
 - The State of Alaska, Office of Veterans Affairs (also on Facebook) is hosting a Stand Down for Veterans When: November 1-4, 1300-1600 (day determined by first letter of last name) Where: American Legion Post 29 (1467 Muldoon Rd) Registration by October 29 at 1200 required, call (907) 273-4024 Bring your DD214, VA Card or Veteran ID Info at <https://www.facebook.com/100068859624551/posts/177163677922285/?d=n>
 - There is a Participate from Home Veterans Day running event, more info at <https://stayhappening.com/anchorage--veterans-day> From the Military Benefits Info website <https://militarybenefits.info/local-area-veterans-day-deals-for-veterans/> Cohen Clinic at Alaska Behavioral Health – Anchorage, AK Drive-Thru Giveaway for #Alaska veterans and military families. The first 200 vehicles will receive an appreciation gift bag. Nov. 11th from 11am-1pm.
 - For beneficiaries that use the JBER Pharmacy, Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will no longer be part of TRICARE's pharmacy network beginning December 15, 2021; CVS will join the pharmacy network. More info at the JBER Pharmacy – 673d Medical Group (Official) Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/205145626176618/posts/4734793909878411/?d=n>
- Library Jim
 - Library reached and exceeded their goal and signed up 78 new accounts.
 - Vaccine clinic at library 11-330 for flu and covid
 - October 29th will have their community resources event from 1-5.
 - Mobile library grant was received and the book mobile and it is headed their way and that is all he knows.

Presentations:

- Resolution on Homlessness-pushed back
- Wendy's Drive Thru, Chris Collins
 - Creekside Center Drive and Debarr Road, in front of the Walgreen's building.
 - Will combine both sites on the frag lot. 7 foot buffer of landscaping. There should be room for 20-30 cars onsite, quite a bit of space. 2300 square foot building, 30 seats, modern style like the one on Tudor road, trash should be covered as well. Cars should not be back out onto the road.
 - Landscaping code is fairly minimal, will be adding quite a bit. Time for NECC to put in a resolution for a higher landscaping expectation. Would like to see the landscaping plan. Come back in November for resolution.
 - Concerns regarding the site plan being approved already from residents from Clearwater. Judy will follow up with concerned residents.
- Solarize Anchorage, Rachel Christiansen from Alaska Center
 - Purchase bulk solar and distribute through communities.
 - Upfront costs to purchase solar power
 - Assessment of home for solar energy
 - Timeline shortened from about a year to 6 months
 - rachel@akcenter.org
- Conquer Covid-not present

New Business:

- Doon Dangler Prep
 - Contact Stu Grenier for more information
- Capital Budget and Projects
 - Talk to Donna Mears
- Liquor License
 - [Brown Jug Whaler](#) transfer from Peck Ave to 530 Muldoon
 - From Whitney Hillman representing Brown Jug: The transfer would be moving the current license and not creating an additional location. We are investing into the East Side community and will be significantly improving an older existing building, and moving from a rundown location. We were unable to come to terms with revamping the current storefront. New location would be fully remodeled and refurbished, will be lit, and secure with a PatronsCan system. A PatronsCan system is an exterior wall mounted scanner which only unlocks the door when a valid ID is scanned, thus creating a safer place for customers and employees to shop in our store. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I know that we are working on creating a safe parking environment. (Currently Aaron's/billiards place, stand alone building, end of the strip mall, northwest corner). Our Tudor and Elmore location currently utilizes the PatronScan if you have been to that store.

- **Public Notices:**

Old Business:

- [Redistricting resolution](#)
 - Resolution read by Judy.
 - Motion by Lyn, seconded by someone (Donna?)
 - No discussion
 - In favor-12 , against-3 , abstain- 4
 - Motion passes

Committees Updates:

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Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:

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Minutes Approval: September

Donna made a motion, Selina Seconded

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 pm?