

# NECC

## Northeast Community Council      General Meeting Minutes January 20, 2022

Call to order: 700

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Introduction of the Board

- **Board members present:** Rick Phillips, Bob Reupke FCC, Donna Mears, Stu Grenier, Lyn Franks, Selina Metoyer, T'Shalla Baker, George Martinez
  - 13 participants at 702
- Board members absent: Rachel Boudreau, Judy Jessen, Rick Phillips
- Motion to approve agenda:
  - Bob asked if there was a quorum. There is, 13 at 702.
  - Stu would like to table the Homelessness Motion on the agenda. He would like to rework it and come back to it.
  - Donna motion to approve, Stu seconded it
  - (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dhfsk6m0DZ93-lz-7-UPdtwuA6CGuRiVpbkLDStBA28Dog/viewform>)

### Board Update

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

### FCC Update-

- Met yesterday. Over 200 FCC Reps were present.
- Mayor's office, director of community engagement presented the "green" card assessment of your property and home, and they have come in. If you are not happy about the assessment, you can file an appeal to have it appraised.
- MOA funds received from the federal infrastructure about \$5 million.
- ASD is looking for a new superintendent and short on staff.
- Elizabeth Appleby, the draft report on the public hearing on the driveways egress and exit points.
- AMATS came to talk about project nominations, any infrastructure involving streets, sidewalks, mitigation for air quality, bicycles and pedestrians.
- FVCC presented on Community Fabrication Lab.

### Community Concerns

- Stu expressed concern regarding the light poles and who has responsibility for the electricity to them. People Mover has been very good about making sure they are turned on.
- Clif Grohe running for the new state house district
  - Cliff Groh (907) 952-3353 / [cliffgroh4alaska@gmail.com](mailto:cliffgroh4alaska@gmail.com) / Cliff Groh for Alaska

- Donna Mears is also running for Senate
- Lyn Franks is also running for senate
  - [Lynfranksforstatehouse.com](http://Lynfranksforstatehouse.com)

## Legislative Reports

- **Senator Wielechowski**
  - Session started yesterday and he will be on the finance committee again. They started working right away on the production forecast, telling them how barrels of oil they expect to have in the next 10 years. The revenue forecast is telling them how much money to make in the next year. High oil prices (prices just went up again) and federal funds should help to balance the budget along with infrastructure funds, should have pretty close to a balanced budget. Because of the money coming in for infrastructure projects coming in, there aren't enough workers in the state for these jobs in the next 5 years or so.
  - Was on JBER a couple of weeks ago, going to be a big challenge to get the military to land swap.
  - Did do some good work on the long trail proposed in Alaska.
  - A bill for campaign cap limits based on inflation, cap it at \$5000
  - Another bill to have the state post all state expenditures online.
  - Rick asked if there was an oversight committed for the permanent fund? Senator Wielechowski said that it is important and confusing, they view themselves as an independent committee, the short answer is no.
  - Bob asked if there was any end to the oil tax credits? 1.3 Billion in deductible tax credits along with several other credits, totaling in a few billion dollars the state loses.
- **Senator Holland, District N**
  - [Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov) or 907-351-8277 Cell/text
  - File for you PFD, you can also file for the \$50,000 exemption.
  - Next year he will be Oceanview and South Anchorage and Whittier.
  - Picked up judiciary committee and on the education committee (SB 111). Looked at the last 5 years and which bills haven't been passed and working on those bills. SB 145, limit senator per diem.
- **Representative Nelson:**
  - 907-269-0216 [Rep.David.Nelson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Nelson@akleg.gov)
  - Presented Campfire Alaska for working with underserved children, also presented a Viper award.
  - Working on bill HDR 16, HB 125
- **Representative Snyder:**
  - 907-903-5799, [rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.liz.snyder@akleg.gov), @RepLizSnyder on all socials
  - In regard to the oversight of the permanent fund, HB 251, lays out some oversight to the board of trustees.

- Started sub committee work for DHSS. One of the executive orders last year was to split DHSS, it did not move forward. Would be split into the department of health and department of family and community services. Could be in support of it if there is evidence to improve efficiency and quality of services, as well as stakeholder engagement.
  - Online application option for DPA.
  - Wage bill to protect workers/employers, home health care worker bill, food security bill.
  - Make your priority list for capital projects for the money coming in.
  - Scenic Foothills meeting on the 3rd to talk more about Muldoon Tudor Curve concerns.
- **Representative Spohnholz:**
    - rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov or 269-0123
    - Serves on the legislative audit and budget committee, they have had some intense meetings regarding the permanent fund committee. There is a board of directors over the PFC, however two of the members work for the governor. The recent firing appears to have some “political” firing, they will continue to have hearings about this topic of the oversight of the committee.
    - Chair of Ways and Means committee, looking at revenue and how the governor is backfilling the budget with covid monies. The good news is with oil prices rising, that will provide more revenue for the state.
    - Three priorities this session: 1-HB 259, updating dividend formula and creating a funding stream for education. 2-HB 265, permanent expansion of telehealth. 3-HB 11, advance practice permit for a hygienist (gain hours, take an exam and practice independently).
    - Rick asked a question regarding obstruction and limiting talk time during this session. Rep Spohnholz said it is hard during a narrowly divided caucus, there was a reminder from the speaker of the house this week to be respectful.

### **Assembly Report:**

- **Assemblyperson Dunbar and Petersen:**
  - January is usually about putting things on the ballot. They had a special meeting last night and were able to have everything solved. A few things that did not make it:
    - Clerk position into a special positions
    - Two proposals on Eagle Exit will not go forward this time
  - Moving forward with their own redistricting process, ballot measure 12 was approved two years ago and now there is a need to expand. Two town halls coming up about that (22nd and 226th) with maps proposing the new district.
    - Part of the NECC is “jerry mandered” to allow for enough people in Eagle River for an assembly member. There are other areas such as base or Mountain View that will likely be part of the NECC or move to the Eagle River district, keep eye on the new proposed maps.
  - Bonds were voted on last night:

- Mayor has stripped out all of the parks bonds that pertained to the NECC, it went back and forth several times, the bonds appear to be on the ballot for now, it could change again.
  - Gabrielle asked if there was going to be a testing center in Muldoon. Mayor said they were going towards private testing instead, assembly does not have as much influence in this as they would like.
- **Assemblyperson Allard: Not present**
- **Assemblyperson Kennedy: Not present**

## Community Leadership Updates

- Anchorage School Board
  - wilson\_dora@asdk12.org / 907-742-1101 ext. 4
  - Kelly Lessens: Biggest update is working on a superintendent search and looking for community input of what the community would like to see in a superintendent, can submit information through the website or during one of the community town halls.
  - School board approved a 2 year bond package, as did the assembly. 38 projects at 31 sights deferred maintenance and security.
  - Budget work is also coming up in the next few weeks for the upcoming school year.
  - Can see covid updates at each school on their dashboard, including possible driver shortages for transportation.
  - Superintendent Search homepage: <https://www.asdk12.org/leadership>• Link to community surveys: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18773>• Virtual town halls conducted on behalf of the Board by “Leadership Anchorage” : <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18780>
- JBER - Joy Boston
  - Last weekend in July is the Arctic Thunder weekend. Mark your calendars now for this summer’s Arctic Thunder Open House on July 30-31, 2022! Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/2021/12/30/2022-is-coming/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826/>
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## Presentations:

- Conquer Covid Coalition
  - Local non-profit coalition, goal is to be safe and keep economy moving forward.
  - Hosted 700+ pop up vaccination sites over the past year.
  - Exposure notification feature, an anonymous site spearheaded by UAA:

- Alaska COVID ENX - [www.conquercovidak.com/covid-ENX](http://www.conquercovidak.com/covid-ENX)\* CCC - [www.conquercovidak.com](http://www.conquercovidak.com)
- [hannah@goyuit.com](mailto:hannah@goyuit.com)

### **New Business:**

- Muldoon Wall-needs to be repaired and will need feet on the ground to go talk to businesses on Muldoon and come up with some ideas.
  - Stu expressed concerns over the wall getting knocked down and needing traffic stops to prevent the wall from being knocked over
- Denali Dispensaries (Branden Bartlett)
  - New marijuana establishment on Muldoon road. They have an establishment downtown and they are working on trying to get on the other side of Baltazar's tire (the old shop half).
  - Dave asked about distances from churches, they have plenty of space. They are also about 700 feet from the park, the requirement is 500.
  - Looking to be in Baltazar's at least a year or more from now.
- Assembly Reapportionment Resolution
  - Another process triggered by the census, the assembly district has more people in than a house district (around 48,000).
  - NECC took up a resolution in the fall regarding redistricting and NECC wrote up a very similar one for the assembly Reapportionment
  - Donna moved to approve, Stu seconded.
    - No discussion
    - In favor-10, oppose-0, abstain-1
    - Passes
  - Here is a map with the current Assembly boundaries.<https://www.zipdatamaps.com/politics/city/districts/map-of-anchorage-ak-council-districts>
- Liquor License Renewals: Pizza Studio, Hacienda, Walmart
  - No objections

### **Old Business:**

- Wendy's
  - Permit has not yet been submitted, taking a while.
- Draft Master Plan for Russian Jack Springs Park
  - Plan can be found here: <https://www.muni.org/departments/parks/pages/russianjackspringsparkmasterplanupdate2019.aspx>
    - Hard copies will be available at the Chalet.
  - One motion for Parks and Rec Commission to extend the plan 2.5 months to allow the NECC to review the plan in detail
  - There is a tunnel going under Debarr, but no tunnel under Boniface connecting communities north of the park. No parking lot expansion as desired.

- Went to the Parks and Rec Commission to express concerns and motions, PRC decided to move it forward to Planning and Zoning in March or April.
- Stu shared the plan with the Mayflower Trailer Court; they did not seem to be aware of the Master plan, but expressed interest in a tunnel under Boniface when Stu shared it with them.
- Marc shared a brief history of the requests from PnR regarding the Master Plan, and a number of resolutions have been requested regarding the plan and park. The ordinance requires for the plan to be reviewed with community councils, not for the councils to go to PnR.
- Resolution shared:
  - Marc moved to make the motion presented on google docs, Seconded by Selina
  - Discussion: Stu expressed concern that it needs to be community wide. Marc shared that the motion is more in regard to complying to the ordinance, not that progress is stopped. There should be a second one at the next general meeting regarding council stance on this.
  - Donna shared that this should be introduced at this meeting and voted on at the next meeting. Community engagement is also challenging. She also shared that this is not on the NECC CIP list and it seems like a new idea at the moment, can add to the CIP list
  - Stu shared that Nicolette said that they would go to PnZ in March or April, but if they show up in February it would be a challenge.
  - Discussion regarding bylaws and whether or not the resolution is an urgent request or could be pushed back another month.
  - Called to question, moved to vote.
  - In favor-6, oppose-2, abstain-3
  - Motion passes

**Public Notices:**

[Hearing, Case S12656-To subdivide 1 tract into to commercial fragments at 7600 Debarr Road](#)

**Committees Updates:**

- **CIP**
  - Additions since last spring: Traffic coming (peck, rebel ridge and e. 20th), upgrades in Nunaka Valley Park South, RJSP NE access (tunnel), Muldoon Wall (coming to the end of the contract)

**Business conducted between NECC members and Muni:**

- Stu: emailing PnR (Nicolette) regarding moving forward plan to PnZ, Steve Rafuse email regarding funding may not happen for RJSP until the plan is approved.

Minutes Approval: November

Motion to adjourn at 9:31 pm

