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North Star Community Council General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Sept 11, 2024 at 7pm

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 9th, 2024 at 7pm on Zoom.

Present:

Officers and Members	Other Folks:	Members Present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eiden Pospisil, President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Powell, Vice President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donovan Camp, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacquie Braden, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keelan Kenny, Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/> Penny Gage, FCC Delegate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Donley, ASD School Board <input type="checkbox"/> Pat Higgins, ASD School Board <input type="checkbox"/> Abby O'Neil, Principal, North Star Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Joy Boston, JBER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Rittenberg, Catholic Social Services - Complex Care Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Löki Gale Tobin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla E from Sen Tobin's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly Rep Daniel Volland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Gant, ACDA <input type="checkbox"/> State Rep Zack Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evan Anderson <input type="checkbox"/> Carl Jacobs - ASD School Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clare Bryant Boersma, Northern Compass Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt J <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordan G <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark B <input type="checkbox"/> Ben M <input type="checkbox"/> Melonie R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily B <input type="checkbox"/> John W <input type="checkbox"/> Tara W <input type="checkbox"/> Cale G <input type="checkbox"/> Lila H <input type="checkbox"/> Paxson W <input type="checkbox"/> Brandy B <input type="checkbox"/> Graham D <input type="checkbox"/> Elva C <input type="checkbox"/> Olivia G <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harriet D <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan M

Call to Order

- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

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Reports (if available)

- Legislative Update
 - Zack Fields
 - Evan Anderson - lots of legislation decisions just coming in.
 - SB189 child care bill passed - increasing maximum income threshold for assisted childcare. (accommodation from 85% median income to 105% median income)
 - Expanded access to diagnosis mammograms
 - HB17 - access to 12 months of birth control - did not pass after veto from Governor
 - Challenge Grant for Valley of the Moon Bike Park was not won. Will aim for reapplication next cycle.
 - Eagle Street Gateway - Capital funding was vetoed by Governor Dunleavy - Parks may have some extra money to do some work.
 - Wrote in support of the 6th ave PBL - asked for more permanent connectivity.
 - Senator Löki Gale Tobin
- Assembly Update
 - Daniel Volland
 - Christopher Constant
- ASD Update
 - Carl Jacobs
 - Rightsizing Plan on the agenda for the year - consolidating facilities. Determining which buildings to close. Expanding charter programs - and piloting Prop 14 - using marijuana tax to supplement child care options. More information available later this year.
 - Updated bullying and Harassment policy - adding anonymous options "Stop it" app. Reviewing and adding early next month.
 - School Board meets twice per month for Regular Sessions and holds one Work Session per month, unless otherwise noted
 - <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/1184> to testify
- Dave Rittenberg, Catholic Social Services

- Updated case management - community members can stay for 30 days and longer through individual case management.

New Business:

1. Status of Forestry Grant to eliminate invasive trees and plant new ones near 19th/Arctic, Mark Butler, President of Parkdale West Condos
\$23.5k federal money coming in from Peltolas office - rather than Challenge Grant - getting rid of Chokecherry Tree in particular. 2018, NSCC voted yes (8-0) to the use of poison on invasive trees. Workers in Yellow suites will be applying soon
2. Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review
 - a. Review process still underway, NSCC adopted resolution March 8, 2023 requesting to retain present boundaries and not split up CC into Midtown and Spenard CCs. Additional comments can be sent by NSCC.
 - b. Boundary Advisory Committee unanimously recommends no change as well.
 - c. Members of NSCC may also submit their own written comments as letters, via email, or using the Municipality's Cases Online website.
 - d. Public hearings at Planning and Zoning Commission in December.
 - e. [More info here](#)
 - f. No upcoming changes to NSCC - opportunities to comment
3. Midtown District Plan Update from NSCC Representative Jake Powell and Melinda Gant, ACDA
 - a. [Plan website](#) with more information
 - b. Public meeting for the plan is on Sept 17th, 5:30-7:30pm at BP Energy Center, and on Zoom. For Zoom information, contact mgant@acda.net
4. FCC Update, Open Committee Seat and Upcoming Townhalls
 - a. FCC is hosting a Townhall series providing information to council members, more info [at the link here](#), with the first on Mon Sept 23rd, 7pm at Z.J. Loussac Library
 - b. Open Executive Committee Seat: There will be a vote for a new Chair during FCC's September meeting (Wednesday 9/18). If you are interested in being nominated for Chair or another position on the Executive Committee, please reach out to info@communitycouncils.org
5. DOT Partners in Safety Program
 - a. New program to seek knowledge and experiences from local road users.
 - b. Survey to provide input on local roads dot.alaska.gov/besafe
 - c. Listening Meeting on Sept 18th, 3:30-6:30pm at the Z.J. Loussac Library
6. Liquor License Renewals for 2025-2026
 - a. Up for renewal: Reilly's- If NSCC would like to request a public hearing before assembly renewals, they must deliver a resolution no later than October 15th
7. Disc Golf Winter Only Course Improvements -Westchester Lagoon - interested in NSCC passing a resolution in support. Jacob hoping to vote next meeting (October).
 - Mark and Gordon spoke to keep the course Winters only - Susuan spoke in favor to open it back up to year round
 - **here's the draft to add to the minutes!** [Disc Golf Resolution](#)

8. Project Anchorage Presentation on Initiative and Need for Capital Improvement Ideas, Clare Bryant Boersma, Northern Compass Group, LLC
 - a. Submission of project ideas open until Sept 15th, [at this link](#)
 - b. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) with list of exempted items

Old Business

1. n/a

Updates:

1. NSCC Standing Committees
 - a. Fireweed Lane Redevelopment
 - b. Noise in Northstar
 - c. Constitution and Parliamentary Affairs
 2. Member at Large Open Seat
 - a. could you add this maybe to the top of the minutes? and people can email the board if they're interested at NSCCBoard@googlegroups.com
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