

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm.

Board Members Present: Peggy Robinson, Mary Pedlow, Steve Sommerfeld, Bob Ruepke, Dean Syta, Charlie Fahl, Ron Rivas, Clint Hodges

Board Members Absent: Troy Carlock

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: A request to add discussion of the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan was made. It was added to the end of the agenda. Agenda, as modified, was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Current balance: \$1,055.62. Donations of \$35.00 were received last month plus a \$400.00 gift from the Glen Caren Trailer Park. There was some discussion regarding the possible use of the funds for new light strings for the Christmas Balls, a microphone system for use at the meetings, and a new portable recorder for meeting records as well. A call for an audit committee was made and will be chaired by Mary Pedlow, with Genevieve Holubik and Wayne Ristig as committee members.

Executive Board Report:

- Reported on the current Anchorage Pedestrian Plan from 2007 and is also to include access concerns to the new developments in the area such as the new Town Center, CIRI/Browman Shopping Center, and Wal-Mart.
- The Municipality has approved the cell phone tower being constructed by Judd Walker with some minor modifications to the tower's base and its location. This is on the northeast corner of Boniface & Debarr, next to the Holiday Station.
- A neighborhood survey has been sent out to NECC members by the Muni (via email) and needs to be submitted by 5/25.
- There was some discussion regarding Federation updates or lack thereof to members of the NECC.
 - MOTION: The Federation of Community Councils need to update their email lists and hardcopy mailing lists and notification procedures. Motion Passed unanimously with one (1) abstention.
 - The additional comment was made that people attending the meeting need to fill out the attendance sheet completely and neatly in order to assure that their address or contact information will be correct.

Representatives Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Senator Bettye Davis**
 - No report
- **Senator Bill Wielechowski**
 - No report
- **Representative Bob Roses**
 - No report
- **Representative Dahlstrom**
 - No report.
- **Representative Max Gruenberg**
 - Gave a synopsis of legislative accomplishments this session, which ended yesterday.
 - Of particular note, Municipal revenue sharing was re-instated and should be very good for Anchorage.
 - Fire Station #6 was funded in the budget
 - He also mentioned other bills that passed that affect the State and indirectly impact our community. For those interested in more details, the bills and budgets passed should be available on-line or through State legislative offices.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Paul Bauer:**
 - No report
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg**

- Ainslie Phillips and Mary Pedlow have briefed her on the CIP list and East Anchorage issues. She attended the AMATS meeting to ask them to address some pedestrian safety issues. During the course of that meeting, she discovered that the Muni is looking for ways to find money for matching funds for the Knik River Bridge. This means that funds may be diverted to the bridge from possible projects for our community. She is against the bridge project and mentioned the possibility of organizing an effort to oppose the project.
- With all the new development in our area, we are going to be challenged regarding infrastructure, pedestrian, and vehicular safety. Of particular concern is Public Safety. Our average coverage for police protection is 1.1 officers for every 10,000 people, which is well below the national average.
- Title 21 Committee – Muldoon is charted for high-density land use, as most of us are aware.
- She also mentioned neighborhood cleanup problems and noise complaints can be addressed to Land Use and Zoning Enforcement, which will be covered in our next presentation
- Sheila also brought up the idea of having an Eastside Community Gathering, which would include all of the Eastside Community Councils. We are faced with some common challenges and quite possibly would benefit from such a gathering. A possible date for it would be sometime in September.
- Rod McCoy (337-8478) will be assisting Sheila throughout the year as she has some teaching commitments that occur on Thursdays.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **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 Patrol or Nunaka Valley Patrol was present to give a report.

- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**

- Elections next Wednesday 5/23. There are 5 vacancies with 3 incumbents running and 2 seats that are unfilled and no one volunteering to fill at the present time.

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

- There are 36 community councils that are members of the Federation. He made note that the Int'l Whaling Commission will be having their annual meeting here in Anchorage. The city expects there will be protests regarding Japan's intent to continue commercial whaling.
- Elections of officers were held.
- There were a number of presentations made to the Federation. Those interested in further details can check on the Federation website for more information.

- **There were no other reports.**

BUSINESS:

- **MOA LAND USE / ZONING ENFORCEMENT:** Tim Hamrick & Rick Fern. This department has taken on the enforcement duties that were previously the responsibility of the Health Department. They are looking for input from the community to help them. Explained that there's a link on the Muni home page that is easy to find and use. You can also call 343-4141 (Hotline for code enforcement). Issues such as junked cars, build up of trash and debris, sign ordinance compliance and other topics were brought up for discussion.

MOA TRAFFIC UPDATES: Bob Kniefel-MOA. Bob gave some details regarding road improvements and pedestrian improvements for the NERD project (Northeast Retail Development) –Target anchored shopping center (CIRI/Browman), which will be 3 times the size of Dimond Center. The new VA Clinic will also be located in the vicinity. There is mixed responsibility for the roads in the area. Concerns were voiced regarding pedestrian safety and amenities for access to the development with noted concern regarding the existing Muldoon overpass. AMATS and the Muni Assembly are 2 of the most influential entities that may be able to help speed up improvement for the overpass with State DOT. Gordon Keith is

the Regional Director for the State DOT. Another contact name and number for the State Highway Safety Plan is Kevin Jackson at 269-0641.

- New signals are going to be installed at Halligan as well as 32nd and Muldoon. New curbs and barriers will also be added to help eliminate the abuse of the suicide lanes. There is going to be a stoplight at 8th and Muldoon also.

Opticomms for right-of-way for emergency vehicles will be installed at most intersections throughout the city thanks in large part to Max Gruenberg's efforts in Juneau. The Assembly has also given a grant for funding bicycle safety programs and pedestrian/driver safety advertisements to help address the problems that result in pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle accidents.

- UAA BUILDING COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CLASS: Sheila Selkregg taught a class that did a project using the Muldoon "Corridor" as a basis for their planning class. The students gave a well thought out, detailed presentation of their vision of what the 'Muldoon Corridor' could look like. Naming the area "Muldoon Boulevard" had more appeal than "Corridor". Handouts are available.
- REVIEW OF NECC COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS:
Alcohol License Review Committee: Clint Hodges, Chair
CIP Committee: Ainslie Phillips and Steve Sommerfeld, Co-chair
Neighborhood Planning Committee: Mary Pedlow, Chair
Town Square Committee: Charlie Fahl, Chair
Title 21 Committee: Glenn Clary, Chair
Greenhouse Property Committee: Peggy Robinson, Chair
Park Committee: Terry Cummings continue as chair?
- NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mary Pedlow and Ainslie Phillips presented what they thought the focus of the committee should be. Thoughts on how the integration of the existing committees with the new committee would work was verbalized by Ainslie Phillips who indicated that it's the same people on these committees that are doing all the work and perhaps it would be best if there was one committee. Peggy presented what her perception of the Neighborhood Planning Committee is supposed to be. A Planning Committee has specific guidelines that are ordained by the Assembly that have to be followed. There was a lack of consensus regarding the committee as to whether it was to follow the Assembly guidelines or if it is another entity all together. The discussion was in progress up until 10:00 pm, at which time there was a motion made to extend the meeting another 20 minutes.
- A motion was made from the floor to extend the meeting 20 minutes. The vote: 10 FOR, 6 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAIN. The motion failed, as 2/3 vote was needed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.
- Agenda business that wasn't discussed was the CIP plan update and the Pedestrian Plan. The CIP will be approved at the next meeting, and the Pedestrian Plan will also be added to the June 21st agenda.
- Respectfully Submitted:

Steve Sommerfeld, 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 info@communitycouncils.org 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.
5. 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.