

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Peggy Robinson, Ron Rivas, Steve Sommerfeld, Bob Reupke, Charlie Fahl, Clinton Hodges III

Board Members Absent: Troy Carlock, Mary Pedlow, Dean Syta

Approval: Previous Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval: Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously, noting the deletion of two items: 1. The Summit Senior Condominium Development and 2. Wildfire Mitigation

Treasurers Report: Currently have a balance of \$632.71 with no additional donations this month. ML&P has indicated they will be giving the NECC \$1200.00 which may be used for additional amenities in the NECC meeting room.

Executive Board Report:

- The CIP List has been received from the Muni and has been passed onto the committee.
- The Board discussed the changing of the responsibility for beer and wine licensing from the Assembly to the administration. The Board voted and decided to not comment on the issue.
- There will be a community regional health fair on Nov 10th.
- Informational meetings on the Bicycle Plan will host meetings October 23-25th around town.

Representatives Reports:

- **Senator Bill Wielechowski**
 - Spoke about the upcoming special session regarding the PPT tax. He encourages the constituency to keep in touch with him regarding what they think about the tax.
- **Anchorage Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg**
 - Ms. Selkregg gave a thumbnail sketch of what Title 21 is all about. She encouraged the Council and its members to take a more active roll in the process. Title 21 changes will have far reaching effects on everyone who owns property in the community and the process is moving rapidly. The process and changes are expected to wrap up by April 2008, which she feels is far too soon. She would like to see the process slow down to give an opportunity for more community input.
 - 2008 Budget process is underway and we need to keep our needs at the forefront.

Community Activity Reports: (in no particular order)

- **Anchorage Fire Department – Patterson Station, 267-5006 – Senior Captain Skeeter Lopez**
 - Passed out a Fire Department “Report to the Community” that highlighted some of the technologies and community outreach programs that they have been on-going.
- **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
 - Streetslights - 263-5483 Potholes - 343-6363
- No one from either Patrol was present to give a report.

- **Northeast Community Center – Bob Reupke**
 - They currently have 65 kids enrolled in various programs. They have hired a hall monitor for the hallway and a security guard for the library. A private security guard has been hired for the mall itself. Some discussion ensued regarding the kids in and around the facility. A reference to them (the kids) as “hooligans” was challenged by a constituent who felt that “kids were just being kids.” This indicates a need to not jump to any conclusions regarding the behavior of the participants at the facility.

- Bob also forwarded a plea to the membership for additional board members for the Center. They are still 3 short.
- **Federation of Community Councils** – Bob Reupke
 - They had a business meeting this week that addressed primarily personnel concerns.

BUSINESS:

- **VA Clinic Construction** – Alex Spector, Health Care Director, and Patrick Moran, Facility Management. The presentation gave an informative background of the VA in Alaska. 70,000 Vets live in Alaska, and 25,000 have enrolled for healthcare. A brief preview of what the new VA Clinic near Bartlett High School will look like was shown as well. They hope to have it up and running by January 2010.
- **6th Avenue & Oklahoma Project Site Plan Review** – Joel Stout & Dwayne Adams, Land Design North. A detailed presentation and explanation on the upgrades of 6th Avenue from Muldoon Rd to Oklahoma St (between 6th & 4th Ave) was given. They answered questions regarding landscaping, pedestrian separation and other issues.
MOTION: To accept the plan & design as presented. **FOR: 15, AGAINST: 0, ABSTAIN: 2. PASSED**
- **Title 21 Proposed Changes Chapter's 3, 7, and 14:** No report since the chairman Glenn Clary was absent. There was some discussion about the speed that the process is progressing at and it should be slowed down for more comment and examination.

Diane Holmes, representing the Anchorage Citizen's Coalition, gave a pitch for more comment and attention to Title 21 issues. She came prepared with a resolution to stall the process, which reads as follows:

"Whereas, the adopted Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan calls for

- Timely, meaningful public participation in government decisions,
- Northern design standards for an attractive, affordable, winter city,
- Generous open space and wildlife protection,
- Neighborhood improvements that ensure good communities for families,
- Pedestrian safety, convenient transit service, and a balanced transportation system,

Whereas, Title 21, the land use code, is a key implementation tool of Anchorage 2020,

Whereas, many neighborhoods and individuals do not understand how proposed land use changes will affect their properties, their neighborhoods or the city,

Now, therefore, let it be resolved, the Northeast Community Council asks the Anchorage Assembly to delay further action on Title 21 amendments until:

- Municipal planning staff creates a list of key changes that warrant public debate,
- The community is offered individual workshops on key topics such as
 - Neighborhood protection and improvements,
 - Northern design standards including solar access,
 - Open space set asides in subdivisions,
 - Wildlife habitat protection,
 - Clean air and water, and
- Community councils agree that they understand the code well enough to comment on proposed changes."

Ainslie moved to include wording similar to the following at the end of the first bullet: "to include but not limited to a side by side comparison of the changes between current code and the proposed changes to Title 21, and showing side by side comparisons of how those changes reflect the goals, intent, purpose, and original policies of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan". This was accepted as part of the main motion.

MOTION: To accept the above motion as presented and modified. **FOR: 13, AGAINST: 0, ABSTAIN: 4. PASSED**

- **CIRI Development, Highway Landscape Variance Update:** Hand planting 6' spruce trees was approved and the hill of unused soil will be reduced. They are in the process of moving dirt already and it should be landscaped next spring.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- A request was made by Rod McCoy to develop a pedestrian walkway connecting 4th Ave with Patterson Street. There had been a walkway through the property-owner's previous fence, but the reinstalled fence is solid. The right-of-way is currently in BLM control. He would like to have this added to the CIP list and to next month's agenda if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 PM**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 Meeting are available at the NECC website listed above and at the meeting.