

# NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NSCC)

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month September thru May  
North Star Elementary School (Library) - 605 West Fireweed Lane

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2015

### *Call to order 7:06 p.m.*

- Round of introductions
- Vote to approve minutes  
Sam Moore moved to approve the minutes as presented. Harriet Drummond seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
- Changes or additions to agenda:
  - Neighborhood Watch Programs, Andre Camara
  - Illegal Camping, Andre Camara
  - North Star School Stairs Safety Issue, Tony Fishbock
  - Thanks for Arctic Bike Lanes, Gordon Glaser
  - North Star CIP and Bylaws, Mark Butler

### *Reports*

#### **Council Officers**

- **President** Andre Camara  
Andre Camara thanked everyone in the council he has worked with over his term as president.
- **Vice President** Marcus Wilson  
Marcus Wilson thanked everyone and mentioned that the students at North Star Elementary are still planning to do a trail or creek cleanup before the end of school. He reported that there will be a 21<sup>st</sup> Century summer program at the school.
- **Secretary**  
Eileen Collins is filling in for the vacant position of secretary.
- **Treasurer** Melonie Rieck  
Melonie Rieck reported that the savings account received a five dollar donation bringing the total to \$605.24. The checking account stands at \$106.46. Together she reported the North Star bank account totals \$711.70.
- **FCC Delegate** Sam Moore  
Sam Moore provided an update from the FCC. He said CIP lists are a moot point in his opinion because not a lot of money is anticipated. U-Med is asking for resolutions in opposition to road expansion in their district.
- **Member at Large** Susan Miller  
Nothing to report.
- **Member at Large** Sam Moore  
Nothing additional to report.

#### **Legislative Representatives**

- **Sen.** Berta Gardner (SD-H) [Senator.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov)  
An aide from Berta Gardner's office reported that Gardner objected to the special session recess or "vacation." She also expressed support on behalf of Gardner for education, Medicaid expansion which she reminded us will bring healthcare to 40,000 additional Alaskans, and 4,000 new jobs, as well as Erin's Law. Gardner's aide reported their office is getting around 500 emails per day from constituents.

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- **Rep. Harriet Drummond** (HD-16) [Representative.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)  
Harriet Drummond began by stating the need for legislators to get back to Juneau to finish the job. She expressed support for the 3 critical issues the governor had identified for the special session. She explained that Erin's Law is a curriculum for K-12 student on how to identify inappropriate sexual behaviors directed at them. She said Alaska is number one in child sex abuse which she said was unacceptable. She also expressed support for education funding. She identified upcoming hearings at the LIO and answered questions about the budget crisis.

### **Assembly Representatives**

- **Ernie Hall** (District 3 W Anchorage) [Halle@muni.org](mailto:Halle@muni.org)  
Ernie Hall discussed the Assembly's marijuana committee's progress and took questions. He said the muni is going forward in anticipation of the state's regulations coming out and that the council should be prepared next year to evaluate permits that may arise in our area.
- **Tim Steele** (District 3 W Anchorage) [SteeleT@muni.org](mailto:SteeleT@muni.org)  
Tim Steele reported that the Uber bill had been pulled. He also reported that he believed Solid Waste Services should not be sold, but the ball is in the mayor's court.

Ira Perman suggested the council present a resolution in opposition of the sale. Camara stated that the council usually introduces a resolution in one meeting, but does not vote on it until the next.

Perman read a proposed resolution to the body.

There was a discussion whether to vote on the resolution today given the timing with the Assembly.

Sam Moore motioned to table the motion indefinitely. No one seconded and the motion died.

Harriet Drummond suggested a five minute tabling. Gordon Glaser moved to table the Perman motion until a decision is made on whether to support it. Susan Miller seconded the motion. A hand vote was called on whether to vote tonight and the motion passed.

Discussion proceeded on the issue.

A vote on the proposal by Perman was called and the resolution passed.

- **Dick Traini** (District 4 Midtown) [TrainiD@muni.org](mailto:TrainiD@muni.org)  
Dick Traini discussed the recent Assembly actions regarding the Fourth Avenue Theater and invited the public to testify on its behalf at the Assembly meetings.
- **Elvi Gray-Jackson**(District 3 Midtown) [gray-jackson@muni.org](mailto:gray-jackson@muni.org)  
Not present.

Mark Butler asked Camara to add the Parks and Recreation representative to the agenda in order to accommodate her schedule.

Maeve Nevins spoke on the Chester Creek Trail improvements and closures due to take place over the summer. She also invited everyone to Park Founders' Day on June 13, 2015 on the Delaney Park Strip. She answered questions.

### ***New Business***

- Last Call for Nominations for Council Officers

	Current	Nominated
President	Andre Camara ( <i>term limits</i> )	Sam Moore, Shirley Nelson
Vice President	Marcus Wilson	Marcus Wilson
Secretary	VACANT	Eileen Collins
Treasurer	Melonie Rieck	Andre
(2) Members-at-Large	Susan Miller/Sam Moore	Susan Miller, Kyle Raese
FCC Delegate	Sam Moore	Sam Moore

There were no more nominations. A point of clarification was made that the FCC delegate is not elected by the body.

- Elections

The two candidates for president gave brief speeches. Eligibility for voting was discussed. All unopposed positions were voted on as a slate and were approved unanimously. The president was voted upon via secret ballot. There was a tie between Sam Moore and Shirley Nelson; Shirley ceded her votes to Sam and Sam Moore was elected North Star Community Council president.

*Old Business (there may be no updates on items below)*

Gordon Glaser moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Bonnie Jack seconded and there were no objections.

Susan Schlock discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program they started around five years ago and mentioned that the city puts up signs if you meet the requirements. A suggestion was made for council members to use the NextDoor app.

There was a suggestion to the Assembly members present to link illegal camping violations to people not just the sites they are occupying.

Glaser said there are many different problems. He suggested bringing the future homeless coordinator to a council meeting. Solutions must focus on the right parties (not lumping all groups together) and reaching out to the right people to press those levers.

Harriet Drummond told the council about a successful center in San Antonio called Haven for Hope.

Tony Fishback put forward a resolution regarding North Star stairs to allow access not shelter, and read it to the council.

Tony moved to approve the resolution. Cary seconded.

Bonnie Jack moved to amend the motion to send the motion to the school district and city as well as the Assembly.

Tony Fishback said he would accept the friendly amendment. Tim Steele asked for a copy.

The council voted. With no opposition, the motion passed.

Camara suggested we form a committee on illegal camping and meet through the summer and said he would put a sign in sheet in the back.

*Adjourn* 9:35 p.m.

## ARTICLE X. OFFICERS

### *Section 1. Officers*

- A. The officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Members-at-Large, and the FCC Delegate and shall act as the Executive Committee.
- B. Officers shall serve for one-year terms, from June 1 to May 31.
- C. Officers may serve only four consecutive terms in the same office.

### *Section 2. Election*

- A. Election of officers shall take place annually, at the May general membership meeting.
- B. Upon request of any member, the election shall be by secret ballot.
- C. Candidates for officer positions may be nominated by any member. Nominations may be made at the March, April or May general membership meetings.