

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | North Star Elementary School (Library) - 605 West Fireweed Lane

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AGENDA

November 9, 2011

Call to order (15 min)

- Round of introductions
- Vote to approve minutes
- Changes or additions to agenda

Reports (10 min)

- **President's** Report: Andre Camara
- **Vice President's** Report: Gordon Glaser
- **Treasurer's** Report: Barbara (Xefirah) Pepek
- **FCC Delegate's** Report: Gordon Glaser

Legislative Reports (15 min)

- **Rep. Mike Doogan:** Representative_Mike_Doogan@legis.state.ak.us
- **Rep. Les Gara:** Representative_Les_Gara@legis.state.ak.us
- **Sen. Johnny Ellis:** Senator_Johnny_Ellis@legis.state.ak.us
- **Sen. Hollis French:** Senator_Hollis_French@legis.state.ak.us

Assembly Reports (15 min)

- **Harriet Drummond:** harrietdrummond@alaska.com
- **Ernie Hall:** Halle@muni.org
- **Dick Traini:** TrainiD@muni.org
- **Elvi Gray-Jackson:** gray-jacksone@muni.org

Presentation (20 min)

2035 Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Gov Hill representative (20 min)

New Business (30 min)

- Muni Code enforcement staff to discuss violations within the council (20 min)
- Muni 2011 legislative program (AR No 2011-295) Action-Resolution to support (10 min)
 - 1 million for Chester Creek flooding A St to Lagoon
 - Spenard Rd reconstruction Hillcrest to Benson
 - Removal of state DOT building southwest corner Benson and Spenard

Old Business (15 min)

Neighborworks development plans for the property on West 23rd (between "A" and "C") update from Shirley Nelson

Adjourn 9 p.m.

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MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Northstar Community Council minutes

October 12, 2011

7:00 – 9:00

7:00 Meeting called to order by Andre Camara, NSCC president. Attendees were invited to sign-in. Introductions were made by name and neighborhood. Minutes were approved with corrections. 1) Gordon Glaser 2) Mark Butler Agenda was amended and accepted by consensus

7:10 Reports:

President's report: Andre Camara

Encouraged attendance by members for the City streets and Highways plan presentation and the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation plan.

Vice president's report: Gordon Glaser

Treasurer's report: Barbara Pepek- none-mail is slow.

FCC Delegate's report: Gordon Glaser

Spenard Road redesign update: Plans are to slow down traffic, correct non-motorized and pedestrian safety amenities. Some parties are slow to accept change.

Mark Butler spoke of the State of Our City program at Wendler Middle school.

7:15 Legislative Reports:

Present were Charles Boyle, Aide for Rep Mike Doogan and Rose Foley, Aide for Rep Les Gara: Andre Camara inquired about glass recycling at Target. Glass is accepted inside the stores until their bins are full. There is a business plan in the works to use recycled glass in products such as countertop material and for use in roadways. The business will be located in Alaska.

7:15 Assembly Reports:

Harriet Drummond and Dick Traini were present.

1. Review of boards and commissions continues
2. E911 surcharge- possible excess collections
3. Public hearings for capital budgets begin Oct 21st
4. New law concerning suspension of Chauffer's license pending sexual assault allegations
5. B1-A Neighborhood Commercial is a new zone designation held up due to Title 21 delay.
6. Kulis AK-ANG property transferred to ANC; Sand Lake ambulance arrives in January.

7. Spenard Fire Station will operate out of a temporary location while a new station is built.
8. A proposed amendment to the fireworks ordinance may limit fireworks to public property with expert assistance to help people. It may also limit the time people can own fireworks to Dec 15- Jan 3 to prevent people from saving them until summer time.
9. Prescription discount cards are now available through the Municipality. The cards can be obtained at the doctor's office located at 36th and LaTouche.
10. Mayor's education conference is Nov 15-16. 100 local attendees along with national talent are attending a multi-day conference. Events in January will allow general attendance. The capstone conference is scheduled for June 2012.
11. Trying to close down I/M program early. Current vehicle owners don't want to get a 2-year renewal now that the program is shut down next Spring.
12. Ban of synthetic cocaine products. Some stores are selling these products and APD can't do anything without a law.
13. Sunrise Bakery is seeking to continue parking their trucks on the empty lot across the street. Code enforcement says they must prove they have been using the lot as a parking lot all along. Alan Rosenthal has been working on this for 15 years and that the bakery purchased the property rather late and cannot legally use it as a parking lot.

8:00 Old Business:

1. Chester Creek flooding: Mark Butler. NSCC's #1 recommendation was for culverts near Valley of the Moon Park to prevent flooding. More comprehensive solutions are sought to prevent bridges and housing from creek flooding.
2. NeighborWorks plans for development of West 23rd between A & C: Shirley Nelson. Mike Courtney present with a site plan. Resolution concerning development is requested in time for Nov 14 presentation to AK housing. Tabled to next meeting: 1) Gordon Glaser 2) Bonnie Jack.
3. C Street Garden update:
Oct 22nd is a fall cleanup day. Boulders need to be replaced to prevent motorized traffic from driving into woods.
4. Spenard Farmers Market update: Closed for season. Chilkoots is happy and wants to see market return next season.

8:35 New Business:

Fireweed Theatre sign: Bonnie Jack. Carol Negada present from property owner CIRI says they want to re-purpose the sign. Difficulty due to code that says the business named on the sign must exist at that location. Tabled for next meeting: 1) Gordon Glaser 2) Melonie Rieck.

8:45 Presentation: Institute of the North- Norway trip: Ira Perman

Group of 45 Alaskans including government, energy industry, and community representatives visited Norway to learn how they manage the wealth of their country.

9:20 **Meeting adjourned-** extended 15 minutes. 1) Harriet Drummond 2) Bonnie Jack