

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NSCC)

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2013

Call to order

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

Reports

Council Officers

- **President** Andre Camara nssc.chair@gmail.com
- **Vice President** Gordon Glaser
- **Treasurer** Sharon Schlicht
- **FCC Delegate** Gordon Glaser
- **Member at Large** Matt Johnson
- **Member at Large** Susan Miller

Legislative Representatives

- **Sen.** Berta Gardner (SD-H) Senator.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov
- **Rep.** Harriet Drummond (HD-16) Representative.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov

Assembly Representatives

- **Ernie Hall** (District 3 W Anchorage) Halle@muni.org
- **Cheryl Frasca** (District 3 W Anchorage) frascac@muni.org
- **Dick Traini** (District 4 Midtown) TrainiD@muni.org
- **Elvi Gray-Jackson** (District 3 Midtown) gray-jackson@muni.org

New Business

- **Nominations** – Candidates for NSCC officer positions may be nominated by any NSCC member.
- **Bonds 3 (roads) & 4 (parks)** – Erik Gundersen from Anchorage Tomorrow

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

- Title 21
- Spenard Rd
- Sunrise Bakery (Wonder Bread)

Adjourn 9 p.m.

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February 13, 2013 - Minutes

Call to order Time: 7:10 pm

· Introductions

Cheryl Frasca – New addition to the Anchorage Assembly. She lives in Forest Park area.

· Changes or additions to agenda –

Mark – Would like to add C St drainage project.

Move to adopt the January minutes – Gordon

2nd – Bonnie

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Candidates:

Andy Cleary – He is running for the midtown seat in April. He is here to hear our concerns and issues. He is not running for vice-Harriet's seat. He is running against Dick Traini.

Reports

· **President's** Report: Andre Camara

Summary: Andre met with Cheryl to go over the CIP list and a few pages of our issues this last week. Thank you to her for taking the time to do this.

· **Vice President's** Report: Gordon Glaser

Summary: The FCC met. Topics included the remembrance walk along Ship Creek, and discussions and concerns on Title 21 and the process. The new vice chair is Dick Tremaine. If you are interested, please come to the meetings. They are held the 3rd Wed of the month at the federation office on Fireweed.

· **Treasurer's** Report: Sharon Schlicht

Summary: As of January 31, there is \$598.82 in savings; \$106.46 in checking for a total of \$705.28. Voluntary dues are \$5 per year and can be paid at any time.

· **FCC Delegate's** Report: Gordon Glaser

Summary: See above.

Members at Large: Susan Miller and Matt Johnson

Summary: Nothing to report.

Legislative Reports

Representative Harriet Drummond (HD-16)

Represented By: Not present.

Summary: She hopes to participate next month via conference call. There is a constituent pizza party on February 23. Andre will send out a date and time for the event.

Senator Berta Gardner (SD-H)

Represented By: Not present.

Summary:

Assembly Reports

· **Ernie Hall:** HallE@muni.org

Represented By: Himself.

Summary: He officially delivered a copy of the West Anchorage District Plan to our council. He believes that people will be generally pleased with this final document.

Cheryl Frasca:

Represented By: Herself

Summary: She was appointed 4 weeks ago and there have been 4 meetings since then. During the last meeting, they passed three bonds to be added to the April 2 ballot. They include bonds for roads \$20.5 million, parks \$2.5 million, and EMS and public transit \$2.6 million. The projects are pretty general, but the C Street drainage project was specific.

Title 21 – February 19 the Title 21 committee is meeting. The full group will look at it on February 22. Any late coming comments have to go through your assembly person. Any changes have to go through legal to be sure that there are no inconsistencies.

Bar Hours – This is scheduled to come up on February 26. Ossiander introduced an ordinance on how we regulate taxis. There will be a hearing on this topic on February 12.

Collective bargaining issues – There is a work session this Friday. Wed, Feb 20, the labor unions will give their presentations. Ernie will work with these groups. It is due to come up for public hearing on Feb 26, but because that is also the night for Title 21, there will be forthcoming meetings on how to make contacts. The demonstration that happened was well organized and respectful.

Mark: This issue came out kind of suddenly. Will this process be delayed? Ernie doesn't know that they will be able to deal with this until March 12.

Cheryl – Assembly people are meeting with union leaders, so discussions are happening.

Ernie – There will be many amendments before the plan is completed.

Gordon – He wants to be sure that there are no conflicts of charter. There is also this national movement to promote the Right to Work ideology. We do not want to have this as part of our politics.

Ernie – We do not want to outsource our municipal contracts. We have excellent employees working for the city. These negotiations have to happen now and again.

The Government Hill Neighborhood Plan was passed and the historical preservation plan was passed at the last meeting.

· **Dick Traini:** TrainiD@muni.org

Represented By: Dick Traini

Summary:

Collective bargaining - The change in plans is happening before the April negotiation. That's why they are bringing people up from the lower 48 to work on this issue.

According to the current regulations, the dispatchers can be outsourced, but not the officers. We don't want the dispatchers to be outsourced. Issues like this need to be discussed.

Ira: Revenue cap seems to be a big part of the dilemma. Our labor costs and healthcare costs are taking huge pieces of our budget. The pieces of the pie that make the city nice to live in (library, parks & rec, etc.) are really being squeezed because of these increased costs.

Dick: We need to be careful changing the rules on people who came here to work.

Mark: Managed competition doesn't work well by his experience at the airport.

Gordon: What's the timeline on this? Dick: It needs to be done by the end of March or first of April.

Gordon: Can the unions request a delay? Ernie: We don't know if they can do it.

Dick: Another problem is the 5 year contracts. State law limits state union contracts to three years.

Bar Closing Times - Dick is working on letting bars stay open until 5 am, but not serve alcohol. Mark: Can the drinks stay on the tables? Dick will check and be sure that the tables are cleared of drinks.

This ordinance is in response to the ordinance introduced by Patrick Flynn.

Meredyth: What makes us think that this will make a difference? She doesn't think people will stay after the alcohol is gone.

Ernie: Anchorage Park Foundation is asking the community councils for support of the legislative capital budget which includes a lot of upgrades to city parks.

· **Elvi Gray-Jackson:** gray-jackson@muni.org

Represented By: Not present.

Summary:

New Business:

A St Resurfacing and C Street at 20th Drainage Improvements – Mark handed out a flyer describing the project and gave a review of his discussion with the project manager. This project is only to repave and create inlaid striping.

The drainage will be dealt with through trying to keep the runoff from going into the tunnel.

There is an artisan spring in the area of A street and 23rd Avenue. This is causing the slope on the east side to sluff off. They are inserting sensors to keep track of it.

Old Business:

Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf Closure Update (Optional Management Plan)

Summary: Collaborative Mind reps attended and thanked us for our resolution of support. They are continuing to work with Parks & Rec on these issues.

NeighborWorks Project

Summary: Andre got an email from Brian Shelton-Kelley and told that they found that they did not get funding. They are still working to get funding in the future. They may even retool the project. It may be a smaller project, a different focus, or a phased in project.

Shirley: She continues to have concerns about these 4 lots being replotted into a single lot without public comment. She has not gotten any feedback from any city commissions.

Susan: Is there such a thing as conditional replatting? Cheryl: We don't know, but she can look into it.

Sunrise Bakery:

Mark: Will our bakery be one of the bakeries left standing after the buyout is completed? If so, what happens about the code issues.

Ernie: The parking issue is a code violation. It doesn't matter who the buyer is. He's also heard that one of the native corporations wants the equipment and will relocate it. The code issues have to be dealt with.

Ira: Once it is out of operation for one year, it loses its grandfather rights.

Title 21: Susan – We still have concerns about tall buildings being built directly south of Fireweed Lane. Ira and Cheryl: They don't have the specifics on this in Title 21 yet.

Mark: The problem is that if these are not included now then they probably won't be included.

Announcements and Other Comments: We are helping to sponsor the West Anchorage Candidates Forum on Thursday, March 28th, from 7 to 9 pm at Spenard Rec Center.

Spenard Farmers Market will open on May 18.

Eric Croft – Just saying Hi. He's running for school board.

Tim Steele – He's running for assembly in April and is a member of our council. He wants more balance on the assembly.

Move to Adjourn: Gordon

2nd: Mark

Motion passed by unanimous consensus.

Adjourn 8:36 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by the secretary, Tracy Fischbach.