

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

May 8, 2013

Call to order

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

Reports

Council Officers

- **President** Andre Camara nscc.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) HalleE@muni.org
- **Tim Steele** (District 3 W Anchorage) SteeleT@muni.org
- **Dick Traini** (District 4 Midtown) TrainiD@muni.org
- **Elvi Gray-Jackson** (District 4 Midtown) gray-jackson@muni.org

**Election is to be certified on April 16th

New Business

- Chester Creek bank stabilization project (south of Valley of the Moon Park)
- **Nominations & Elections** – Candidates for NSCC officer positions may be nominated by any NSCC member.
- **CIP Ranking**

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

- Spenard Rd
- Sunrise Bakery (Wonder Bread)

Adjourn 9 p.m.

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April 10, 2013 - Minutes

Call to order Time: 7:05 pm

☐ Introductions

☐ Changes or additions to agenda – None requested.

Move to adopt the March minutes – Ira; 2nd – Nick; Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

☐ **President** Report: Andre Camara

Summary: He has received the 2014 capital improvement project (CIP) list. Do we want to take them home and spend May's meeting working on the list? Bonnie: Can we send them out electronically to the whole council list? Yes, to both. Gordon: Ask people to send comments before the meeting and cover the projects with comments first.

☐ **Vice President & FCC Delegate** Report: Gordon Glaser

Summary: He is on the officer nominating committee. Otherwise it is quiet.

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

Summary: As of March 31, there is \$603.97 in savings; \$106.46 in checking for a total of \$710.43. Voluntary dues are \$5 per year and can be paid at any time.

Members at Large: Susan Miller and Matt Johnson

Summary: Spenard Farmers Market opens in 5 weeks on May 18.

Legislative Reports

Representative Harriet Drummond (HD-16)

Represented By: Not present.

Senator Berta Gardner (SD-H)

Represented By: Not present.

Ira: Can we get someone to call us? We've tried that, but it hasn't worked timing wise.

Bonnie: We should be able to get a staffer to talk with us. We will work on that.

Assembly Reports

☐ **Ernie Hall:** Halle@muni.org

Represented By: Himself.

Ernie acknowledged Tim Steele and Nick Moe for their excellent campaign efforts. He thinks we may know on Saturday the results of the assembly race between himself and Nick Moe. Ballots run on Friday and the hand-count is on Saturday.

ASD Budget – The school district did a great presentation on a 6 year fiscal plan. It does not look good. The senate bill passed last year limits what the city can give to ASD. By 2015, they may be at a teacher ratio of 1 teacher to 38 students.

Bar hours - This was an area wide ordinance. Bars can apply for a permit to stay open an extra hour without selling alcohol. The tables are swept of drinks at that time. The hope is that it will give more time for taxi cabs to arrive.

Taxi cab ordinance – Ossiander worked hard on this. It was postponed until May 21 and was referred to the transportation and public safety commissions.

Bonds – All of them passed this year.

Bakery – It may have been sold to an Outside organization. They may to operate where they are. If that happens, the new owners will have to move the trucks.

Spenard road – Ira has been working with folks on it. The current plan is three lane. Opponents are fighting to kill the funding with its current design.

Capital budget – We hear that it will be about \$500 million. Anchorage expects to get a big chunk of this funding. We do not know if Spenard is in there. Anchorage Park Foundation has no money in the budget at this point.

USS Anchorage – Be here the first of May for 5 days. The dates are on the muni website.

✉ **Dick Traini:** TrainiD@muni.org

Represented By: Dick Traini

Summary:

Bill Stoltz was the one who passed the Senate bill to limit funding to the school district. He's very frustrated with the way this happened.

He's heard that only large projects are being funded in the CIP list.

Susan: Is the legislature still planning on giving \$10 million to the Knik Arm Bridge? We don't know what will happen with it.

Bonnie: Complained loudly that only 17% of city residents voted in the election. Thank you to everyone for their work.

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

Represented By: Not present.

New Business:

Coastal Trail Rehab Project – Maeve Nevins

They will be resurfacing over 7 miles of the coastal trail this summer. It will reopen for the three major events happening this summer. For more information, there is a website. www.muni.org/departments/parks/pages/coastaltrailrehab.aspx. Trail detour routes have been created in Google maps. There will be signs and maps on the trails as well. The total cost of the project is about \$2.2 million. They will keep the trail the same width and will be redoing the subsurface in areas where there is significant erosion. Work on the Chester Creek trail was funded through this year's bond.

Nick: What else was funded in the bond? Completion of the Veterans memorial, Fish Creek Park, and tennis courts.

Susan: What about the airport land transfer? Mark: There is no land exchange now, but there is a study. Ernie: It is part of the West Anchorage Plan, but the chance of this happening is very slight.

Nominations – Open until the vote during the May meeting

President – Andre

Vice President – Gordon

Secretary – Tracy

Treasurer -

Old Business:

Title 21 by Tom Davis: The new code becomes effective on Jan 1, 2014. From now through January 2014, developers can choose which code they choose. Some commercial and housing development may choose the new title 21 codes because there are incentives there.

They are working on putting the chapters on-line now. Tom passed out a handout with information about the rewrite. There will be additional amendments called “recent adopted amendments” which are mostly administrative changes.

Other issues still to deal with are stream setbacks, building heights and shadowing.

Stream setbacks – The setback remains at 25 feet now. They will do a separate public process for this issue. The amended setback is 50 feet. The muni is trying to figure out what properties are affected and what the mitigation would be if the code is changed.

Exterior lighting – This is still in draft form. There is a newly published national lighting code. They are working with local lighting engineers to blend Title 21 with these new suggested codes. A main focus is how to prohibit “trespass lighting”.

Andre: Have they worked with the school district on their new stadium lighting project? Don’t know.

Residential – Allowing for narrow lot housing to allow for zero lot lines and other townhouses and other ways to create more density, but with design standards.

Bonnie: What about snow storage and getting fire trucks in and out? The code does provide ways to deal with these issues.

Building Heights & Shadows: There are no height restrictions in current code. The new Title 21 does create some restrictions in B3, except in the box from Arctic to Seward to Tudor to Fireweed. All buildings do have parking requirements which in practicality limits the size of the buildings. Town centers can have a waiver to create buildings that are 60’ tall (about 4 stories). Now there must be a wind study

for tall buildings. The shadowing study requirement wasn't passed, but is in reserve.

Commercial design standards for walkways and pedestrian access were included, but most other standards were not. Window and weather protection requirements were not included.

Melonie: What does it mean if something is not done? There will be individual public processes to look at some of these specific issues as amendments.

The muni will be creating a Title 21 users guide. The Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan map is being worked on. It was last updated in 1982. They are working on it and now that Title 21 is completed they will work on it again. This map guides future development.

Ernie: The city's planners did a yeoman's work on this project. They deserve a big thank you for all their work.

Announcements and Other Comments:

Spenard Farmers Market will open on May 18.

Move to Adjourn: Bonnie 2nd: Gordon

Motion passed by unanimous consensus.

Adjourn 8:47 p.m.

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