

AGENDA

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

March, 18 2021 | 7pm | Virtual Meeting

Join Us on Zoom, click on link, passcode: 547599 (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83160219010?pwd=T1JSRkN0ODRhM0Y1VytLMFcwVTJNUT09>)

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Time (Approx.)	Standing Items	Lead
7:00pm	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance Agenda Approval	Rachel
7:05	Board Introduction and update (treasurer, Muldoon "Spirit" week) FCC Report	Rachel Bob
7:10	Community Concerns and Activities (opportunity for community members to share concerns, requests for the council, and upcoming needs/activities)	All
7:25	Legislative Reports (limit 3 min. each, including questions) Senators: Wielechowski, Holland Representatives: Spohnholz, Nelson, Snyder, McCarty	
7:40	Assembly Reports (limit 3 min. each, including questions) Assembly Members: Kennedy, Dunbar, Petersen, Allard	Assembly Members
7:50	Community Leadership Updates as available (limit 3 min. each) Special Assistant to the Mayor, APD Community Patrol, Fire Department, School Board, Parks, JBER Public Affairs , Muldoon Public Library , other.	Community Leaders
8:00	Presentations (limit 3 min. each, unless otherwise note)	
	Ballot Proposition: 2, 6	
	E. 6th Avenue and Cherry Street traffic calming	HDL Engineering
	Covid 19 Vaccine Presentation (15)	DHSS
8:15	New Business	

	Anchorage Non-Motorized Plan	
	Liquor License renewal-El Rodeo, JJ's Sports Center	Rachel Boudreau
8:30	Old Business	
	Roller Rink Rezone and Replat	
	Non Motorized Plan Resolution	Donna Mears
	Elections-will be in April	NECC Board
8:45	Committee Updates Parks and Trails Meeting	Committee Chairs
	Communication between NECC and MOA	
	Minutes Approval: November	
9:00	Adjourn	

Notes and Announcements:

- Presentations and subjects are timed. **Brevity is important to ensure all have the opportunity to participate.**
- Please sign in when attending a meeting. If possible, choose to be notified of meetings by mail and/or follow the NECC on Facebook (see header for address). NECC email: info@communitycouncils.org or rlyoung07@gmail.com
- The NECC has a webpage maintained by the Federation of Community Councils (FCC). Minutes for meetings, agendas, and other documents (as well as NECC contact information) can be found at <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/23.html>
- NECC is a non-profit organization and receives no funding from the State of Municipality. Donations from the community are gratefully accepted.

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Chair of Northeast Community Patrol Committee: Paul Robard

All meetings will be hosted virtually until further notice

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Resolution 2021-1 DRAFT AMATS Draft Non-Motorized Plan

The NECC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the AMATS Non-Motorized Plan.

Whereas, the NECC has long identified two high priority, long-standing goals for non-motorized connections within our community which projects have focused not only upon greater community connectivity but also increased access to the community at large by East Side Residents, and

Whereas, the NECC has proposed, endorsed, and campaigned for the following projects for the purposes of accomplishing those goals:

- An East-West link bringing the Chester Creek Trails to the foothills at or about Chanshtnu Park, and
- A North South trail running along Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (in or out of the base) connecting “the curve” to North East Anchorage by the Powerplant and thence to the bike path north of the highway in addition to a connection at Muldoon to the ‘diverging diamond’ which crosses the Glenn Highway and connects with the Glenn Highway Trail.

Which projects should include as the NECC has documented:

- Construction of bridges in Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.
- Connected and upgraded trail along the South Fork of Chester Creek from Cheney Lake Park through the existing easement to Patterson Street.
- Designation of some form of ROW and usage agreement, as well as eventual trail development along the MOA JBER boundary or in JBER.

The connection from Cheney Lake to Muldoon is currently identified in the Plan as exiting the Cheney Lake trails from the east at Foothill, to Sherwood, and East 20th. The Muldoon interface with East 20th is unsignaled, and at the top of a relatively steep hill. A much better connection is currently heavily used, and noted on the 2020 Bike Trail Map. Replace the Plan’s connection with: east of Cheney Lake north to E. 16th, Patterson St. Chester Ct, and through to Begich Middle School and Creekside Center Drive. This allows users to go to north or east and arrive at signaled intersections at DeBarr or Muldoon, both of which continue on to Chanshtnu Muldoon Park. This would also take advantage of a current PM&E non-motorized project along Patterson St.

While the NECC has also endorsed additional matters such as the completion of a second tunnel under DeBarr as set forth in the Russian Jack Springs Master Plan for decades, further connection above or below the Glenn Highway connecting the Northeast communities to the bike path on the North side of the highway, integration of our most eastern neighborhoods with non-motorized connectors, facilitating seamless access to school and services as recommended by a number of east side persons to the Community and Economic Development committee of the Assembly in February, and

Whereas, though NECC has been at pains to pursue these plans through CIP listing, political efforts, and external grant development, the Plan largely ignores the interests of the largest community council in Anchorage, and

Whereas the NECC applauds the Plans recognition in Chapter 2 that Anchorage lags way behind other northern cities in addressing non-motorized users, and likewise applauds the recommendations that the MOA affiliate or join NACTO, and

Whereas, while the NECC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Plan, significant work is still required with the community to complete the Plan, and

Whereas the draft in failing to reject prior management and design eschewing protected bike lanes and total reliance on paint as the most important aspect of providing safe infrastructure for non-motorized users, appear to endorse a policy of "more of the same", which does little or nothing to make Anchorage safe for "All Ages and Abilities",

Now therefore be it resolved that **while** the NECC supports the inclusion of the projects mentioned above in the Non-Motorized Plan, as well as the increased connectivity, safety, and access for non-motorized users as discussed above, **the NECC also finds that additional collaboration with the community is necessary to complete the Plan and that the plan cannot be endorsed at this time.**

Votes for _____ Votes Against _____ Abstain _____

Motion Passed / Did Not Pass

Date:

President: _____

PROP 2

Facilities Bond for Seniors & Libraries



Did you know? Senior Centers and Libraries are on the April ballot.

Proposition 2 is a \$1.1M facilities bond for the Anchorage Senior Center, Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center and Loussac Library in the upcoming municipal election. This small bond will provide critical safety projects and building upgrades for popular facilities that are the heart of our community. By investing this modest amount now, we can save money on expensive repairs in the future. At only .25 cents per \$100,000 of assessed value, **the cost to the average homeowner will be less than \$1.**

Ballots will be mailed on March 15 and are due back by April 6, 2021. MORE AT: [MOA Elections](#)

Who uses public facilities?

- Over 100,000 people a year use the Anchorage Senior Center including students, non-profits, dance groups and the business community
- Municipal residents use public libraries regularly – Anchorage Public Library sees almost a MILLION visits per year
- All three facilities have been serving our community with altered services during COVID

What will the bond pay for?

[Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center](#): septic system engineering assessment, apartment renovations, and design/construction of additional apartments

[Anchorage Senior Center](#): ADA guards and handrails, repair/replace windows, and other safety upgrades

The new [Alaska Room at Loussac Library](#): the Library's \$500,000 portion of the bond is being matched with a \$390,000 federal grant and \$700,000 in private donations

Who owns these facilities? We do!

- These are city owned properties

These are heavily used buildings that serve the entire municipality

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The last day to register to vote or update your voter registration is on Sunday, March 7, 2021,

It is important for your address information in the voter registration database to be current. The Municipality of Anchorage receives voter registration information from the State of Alaska, Division of Elections.

To review your registration information, visit myvoterinformation.alaska.gov.

To register to vote, or **to update** your voter registration information, visit voterregistration.alaska.gov.

In order to update, or to be removed from, the registration records, voters should contact the state Division of Elections at voterregistration.alaska.gov, (907) 522-8683, or electionsr2a@alaska.gov.

E. 6th Avenue & Cherry Street Traffic Calming Project



Why is the project needed?

- Provide Traffic Calming to Reduce Speeding
- Improve School Walking Routes to Muldoon Elementary
- Provide Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Curb Ramps



Narrow Sidewalk on Cherry St.



Existing Cherry St. Pavement



Non-Compliant Curb Ramps



E. 6th Ave and North Valley Road Crosswalk

Project Location & Improvements



- 6th Avenue Improvements**
- Two permanent radar speed signs
 - Two speed humps
 - Raised crosswalk and ADA compliant curb ramps at E. 6th Ave and North Valley Rd
 - Minor storm drain improvements



- Cherry Street Improvements**
- Two speed cushions
 - Widening of the sidewalk to 6 ft for Muldoon Elementary students
 - Roadway narrowing
 - Rangeview Ave to Kluane Ave - 30 feet
 - Kluane Ave to E. 6th Ave - 24.5 feet
 - ADA compliant curb ramps
 - Curb and gutter replacement
 - Driveway Reconstruction
 - Minor storm drain improvements
 - Minor street illumination

Vertical Traffic Calming Devices



Construction

- Construction anticipated for summer 2021.
- Construction anticipated to be completed within 45 days.
- Contractor will be required to take additional precautions during summer & regular school sessions at Muldoon Elementary for students walking to and from school.

Questions & Comments

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