

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes  
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla  
Meeting January 25, 2024**

**A. Call to Order**

1. Called to order at 7:07 by R. Hanson, President.

**B. Welcome / Introductions**

1. All attendees introduced themselves.

**C. Confirm Quorum**

1. Board member quorum established.
2. Membership quorum established.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Franklin Conaway led the pledge.

**E. Agenda Discussion / Approval**

1. Review proposed agenda/identify changes: added speakers Senator Wilson via Zoom & Senator Shower's Representative Shonda Erickson.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by P. Nixon to approve with addition of speakers, seconded by R. Greenberg and approved unanimously.

**F. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

1. Approval of Minutes of Dec 14, 2023 meeting: R. Hanson, President noted that the meeting date needs to be changed from Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion by P. Nixon to approve the minutes with date correction, seconded by R. Greenberg, minutes approved unanimously as corrected.
2. Approval of Jan 11, 2024 Board meeting: Motion by P. Nixon to approve as presented, seconded by Rachel Greenburg, motion approved unanimously.

**G. Correspondence**

1. Review and discuss any recent Correspondence:
  - a. Several platting notices from the Mat-Su Borough were received regarding locations or issues not in our area.
  - b. Received an invoice from the Rent a Can for the toilet we have by Cottonwood Lake.
  - c. Received a notice from AMCO for Kreative Konfections that is planning to relocate to a location on Bogard Road and P. Purcell will follow-up.
  - d. We received a notice of the Borough's new Comprehensive Plan and results of citizen's survey. Information will distributed to our members.
  - e. The new Board membership directory was sent to the Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska.
2. Identify any follow-up action items required:
  - a. P. Purcell will follow up with AMCO on notice of Kreative Konfections.
  - b. Rod will follow up on Comprehensive plan update with Borough and get information to membership.

**H. Officer / Committee Reports**

1. President Report: R. Hanson, President reported that the new Board is transitioning well. R. Hanson continues working with the past President. We had a Board meeting on Jan. 11 2024 to set the 2024 annual budget. He did outreach to Senators Wilson and Shower as well as Representatives Sumner and Rauscher. Also planning to reach out to Road Service and Fire service supervisors to connect and establish relationships and invite them to our meetings.
2. Treasurer Report: J. Coleman, Treasurer reported that the Board finalized the

annual budget for 2024. Expecting \$10,000 for grants. We now have Directors Liability Insurance. Copies of Budget, Profit and Loss and Balance sheet were made available.

3. Finance Committee: Planning to meet in the next month or two regarding the grant process.
4. Bylaws Committee: No report but a meeting will be set up by P. Purcell.
5. Road & Traffic Safety Committee: C. Schnipke reported that the Committee met and identified concerns. Information will be sent to membership as soon as descriptions, titles and updates on projects are obtained. R. Greenberg attended the Borough Transportation Fair. Another issue to consider is snow removal and the Borough may be contacted and have someone come talk to NLCC about this. Recorded Radar signs data is now being compiled for review. Data for December for one of the signs was that 4,596 vehicles drove by the sign. Of those 23% (1,065) were speeding. Of those speeding, 21% going 5-10 mph over the 25 mph speed limit, 7% 10-14 mph over and 5% 15+ mph over. Peak speed was 86 mph. It was noted there were gaps in data when batteries needed to be exchanged. Solar panels could keep batteries charged but are not an option on the signs we have purchased.

## I. Special Business

1. Introduce New Board Members & Discuss Process: R. Hanson, President reported that we had elections at the Dec. meeting. The day of our Board Meeting on Jan 11, 2024, T. Bair resigned as a Board member and a replacement was needed. Rachel Greenberg was appointed by R. Hanson, President, approved by the Board & she agreed to serve as Vice President for the remainder of T. Bairs term. Plan is to go back to Oct. elections.
2. Summary of January 11, 2024 Board Meeting
  - a. Purpose: R. Hanson, President reported purpose of meeting was to fulfill obligations outlined in Bylaws.
  - b. 2024 Budget Review & Approval: J. Coleman, Treasurer prepared a draft 2024 Budget. This was reviewed and approved by the Board. Copies are available and it will also be on our website.
  - c. 2023 Annual Financial Report: J. Coleman, Treasurer prepared the report and the Board reviewed and approved as presented. Copies are available.
  - d. Treasurer Transition: J. Coleman, Treasurer will be working with R. Sayen-Lambert the outgoing Treasurer and R. Sayen-Lambert will continue providing accounting services on a volunteer basis. R. Sayen-Lambert has a number of physical historic NLCC files that will be reviewed by R. Hanson, President and P. Purcell, Secretary to identify proper way to keep or destroy if not needed.
- A. Review of Committees: Each year the Board reviews and determines if committees are retained.
  1. The Finance Committee is a standing Committee that will be retained. It is comprised of R. Sayen, J. Coleman, L. Calandri and J. Matlock.
  2. Bylaws Committee is a Standing Committee that will be retained P. Purcell will set a meeting date. Nicole Lafleur agreed to serve on the Committee along with R. Hanson.
  3. The Nominating Committee is a Standing Committee and will be retained with members P. Purcell, and L. Calandri. Another member will be needed and meetings should start by June.
  4. The Road and Traffic Safety Committee is a Special Committee that is doing good work. It will continue with members C. Schnipke, R. Greenberg, D. Willequer, N. LaFluer and R. Hanson as Ex officio.
  5. The Board agreed to dissolve AMCO committee and Communications Committee and rely on Board members to continue monitoring activities. P. Purcell will continue to monitor AMCO and both P. Purcell and R. Hanson will work to fulfill duties of the former Communications Committee.

## J. Presentations / Speakers

1. Senator David Wilson reported that he is working with DOT and the Borough to take care of the safety issues of snow berms on Valley roads. If anyone has any other questions or concerns he asked to please contact his office.
2. Shonda Erickson from Senator Shower's office spoke and she is eager to learn more about NLCC and to let us know that Senator Shower is available as well as herself for any questions or concerns and left cards with contact info.

#### **K. Audience Participation**

1. P. Nixon questioned balance sheet checking & savings balance because of the larger amount in checking why funds were not moved to savings? President explained that is being taken care of and funds may be put in certificates of deposit.
2. D. Willequer was interested in hearing more about the website and breakdown of funding. R. Hanson explained that our former President T. Bair has been taking care of that and will continue to assist.
3. B. Hansen attended Transportation Meeting discussing issues along Lakeview drive. With the extension of Seward Meridian to Seldon, additional through traffic is anticipated on Lakeview as a shortcut between Seldon and Wasilla Fishhook north. Traffic is increasing and Road has blind corners and hills. It needs stop signs and / or speed bumps. It is a very narrow road with no room for foot traffic or bicycles. He is looking for support from NLCC for needed changes. Road & Traffic Safety Committee will connect with Mr. Hansen and assist with his concerns.
4. F. Conaway contacted Rent A Can and gave them Board member names. They are aware of who we are. NLCC actually owns the toilet at the location and if it gets blown away or damaged, it is the NLCC responsibility.
5. F. Conaway attended the signing of the agreement of stakeholders with Metro Planning Organization. Borough will be getting approximately \$178 million for road projects. Federal requirement is that if the population is over 50,000 an MPO is required. About \$8-\$10 million dollars will be going through the MPO. A representative from the MPO will be speaking to NLCC regarding the funding and the projects. Since most of our members do live within the defined Metropolitan area, we need to understand the process and how our area will be affected.
6. F. Conaway also attended the Transportation Fair and reported that Seward Meridian is also getting an upgrade and will be a 4 lane with sidewalks on one side. The Green Forest roundabout is being made large enough for trucks to be able to move through easier.
7. F. Conaway continued and noted our Borough population will be increasing by 100,000 which will make it even more important to hear about how the MPO operates and what it can mean for our area. Also because of population increase more land will need to be set aside for schools. He noted that since we will be working Bylaws, the amount of voluntary contributions may need to be modified to accept a larger amount as allowed by borough regulations to meet operational costs.

#### **L. Issue Updates / NLCC Representative Reports**

1. MSB initiative on Derelict Properties/Cleanup Efforts: R. Sayen-Lambert reported she has heard no more information from the Borough regarding this potential funding.
2. Public Hearing on Shadowridge Subdivision: R. Hanson attended Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Platting Board hearing and reported that concerns by residents are being addressed by the Borough. None of what they are planning will be causing harm to the wetlands. He commented representing NLCC that there needs to be better contact from the Borough with the community members. He also commented as an individual supporting the development as proposed. The project was approved and is moving forward.
3. MSB initiative to revise code on Waterbody Setbacks: R. Hanson reported an Advisory Board has met 3 times. The focus is on getting updated on issues & regulations. He was impressed with members of Advisory Board. The work of the Advisory Board is to be completed by Sept. 2024.
4. AMCO Updates: P Purcell noted that updates for our area were given under Correspondence.

### M. Unfinished Business

1. Bylaws Committee (objectives/membership/timing): P. Purcell will be contacting members for meeting soon and N. Lafleur has agreed to serve on committee. Need to address schedule for elections to move back to October and review other general items to improve bylaws. P. Purcell will look at other Community Council Bylaws and print some to be available for the meeting.
2. Welcome to North Lakes Signs - Status Update: R. Hanson reported we have added line item of \$8,000 to Budget & now we need to wait for spring to get posts in. He may get some things donated but has not lined up either a contractor or volunteer to do the work. Intent is to install about 19 signs and cost for signs is about \$4,000 and the installation another \$4,000.
3. Potentially table older 2023 business topics: a) MSB Code 17.05 Essential Services Utilities Amendment b) Homelessness Issues and c) NLCC new meeting place. R. Hanson, President proposed we postpone indefinitely these three items. P. Purcell moved to postpone indefinitely the MSB Code 17.05 Essential Services Utilities Amendment, Homelessness Issues and NLCC new meeting place. If they come up in the future, the possibility exists we could revisit the issue. R. Greenberg seconded and motion passed unanimously.

### N. New Business

1. NLCC Priorities for 2024: R. Hanson, President proposed we have 3 priorities that we start focusing on. As he sees it the highest focus should be on membership engagement, the issue of water body setbacks needs to be watched, and continued focus on Road and Traffic Safety. J. Coleman asked about also focusing on the Community Assistance Program Application because NLCC needs to note 1 or 2 non profit designees if we were to dissolve. R. Greenberg asked to add the Borough Comprehensive plan as something we continue to work on because it identifies what we want this community to look like in the future. D. Miller proposed we consider Set Free Alaska as one of our designees.
2. NLCC Activities/Calendar of Events for 2024: R. Hanson, President mentioned we need to update schedule for our grant process. Finance Committee will look at the grant process and bring dates for the process to the next meeting. Need to set a date for our BBQ and think about other events like the election nominations deadline. A calendar can be discussed further at our next meeting.

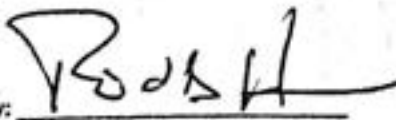
### O. Action Items - Review

1. Purcell will follow up on AMCO meeting and Kreative Konfections relocation.
2. Hanson, President will send out information to residents regarding the Borough Comprehensive Plan.
3. F. Conaway will meet with B Hansen regarding his traffic concerns on Lakeview Road.
4. P. Purcell will set up Bylaws meeting date after the February 12<sup>th</sup>

### P. Adjournment

1. Motion prior to 8:00 by R. Greenberg to extend meeting to 8:30; Seconded by Franklin Conaway. Unanimously approved.
2. Motion prior to 8:30 by R. Greenberg to extend meeting to 9:00; seconded by J. Coleman. Unanimously approved.
3. Final Motion by R. Greenberg at 8:50 pm to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Franklin Conaway, unanimously approved.

Signed by:



Date Signed:

2/29/24

Attested by:

Patricia Purcell  
Secretary

Date Signed:

2/29/24