

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes  
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla  
Meeting February 29, 2024**

**A. Call to Order**

1. Called to order at 7:02 pm by R. Hanson, President.

**B. Welcome / Introductions**

1. All attendees introduced themselves.

**C. Confirm Quorum**

1. Board member quorum established with all five Board Members present.
2. Membership quorum established.

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Jolene Coleman led the pledge.

**E. Agenda Discussion / Approval**

1. Review proposed agenda/identify changes: Motion by R. Greenberg to approve as presented, seconded by J. Coleman and approved unanimously.

**F. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

1. Identify any necessary revisions: None identified
2. Approval of Minutes January 25, 2024 (motion & vote): Motion by R. Greenberg to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by F. Conaway, minutes approved unanimously.

**G. Correspondence**

1. Review and discuss any recent Correspondence
  - a. Received a 1099 from our bank. Received information regarding several projects outside our area.
  - b. Received a packet from Borough regarding Fish & Wildlife Board of Fisheries meeting. Along with the packet was information from the Borough regarding their Fish & Wildlife commission input. Both are available online and will be shared with members regarding Fish & Wildlife concerns and issues in our area. One of the concerns in our area is the water setback issue.
2. Identify any follow-up Action items required. Information distribution is the only action needed to be taken.

## **H. Officer / Committee Reports**

1. **President Report:** R. Hanson, President reported he will continue to improve our community engagement and the zoom meeting efforts. He will reach out to the Boards and Supervisors of the Road and Fire Service area to invite representatives to our meetings.
2. **Treasurer Report:** J. Coleman reported normal monthly expenses and bank accounts total \$53,393.69. Reports were available for members. Bank account signatures will be changed next week as well as setting up the CD that was discussed at the last meeting.
3. **Finance Committee:** No meeting
4. **Bylaws Committee:** P. Purcell reported that the Committee consisting of N. LaFleur, R. Hanson (ex-officio) , and herself, P. Purcell met Feb. 17, 2024. Discussion of results of the meeting will be handled under Unfinished Business and a written report of the topics discussed is available.
5. **Road & Traffic Safety Committee:** Committee Chair C. Schnipke wasn't in attendance, but a Committee member added that the Committee did not meet.

## **I. Presentations / Speakers**

1. Kim Sollien, the Mat-Su Borough Planning Dept. Manager spoke on the Municipal Planning Organization/ MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation Initiative (MPO /MVP). She explained that the MPO will be responsible for developing a long range transportation plan. This is being formed, as was explained at the last meeting, because of the census showing our increase in population. A Non-Profit has been formed and is still being worked on as the MVP-Matsu Planning for Transportation. They will receive \$10-14 Million per year of Federal Funding. Our NLCC is in the center of the newly defined metropolitan area. There are 3 seats open on the technical committee and community members are encouraged to apply. It is important for our area residents to be aware and familiar with the planning efforts. Her report is available and will be shared with membership.
2. Senator David Wilson regarding transportation issues, he serves on the Transportation Committee and the State will be having more and better conversations with communities about transportation concerns and projects. He reported that the Seward Meridian project is funded. He noted we can always contact his office with concerns or questions.
3. Senator Shower's Representative had nothing new to add.

## **J. Audience Participation: moved to end of meeting**

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

1. MSB initiative on Derelict Properties/Cleanup Efforts: no update
2. AMCO Updates: P Purcell noted the newest development is a Marijuana Testing Group has been formed to deal with various concerns regarding cannabis quality and how it is produced. This will involve testing to ensure public health safety. More will be done to improve production and growth standards.
3. Welcome to North Lakes Signs: R. Hanson reported they will be placed in the summer after the ground thaws.

## **L. Unfinished Business**

1. Update to NLCC Bylaws: P. Purcell, Chair reported the Committee met February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and was attended by herself, N. LaFleur as well as President R. Hanson attending Ex Officio. The Committee reviewed the objectives of upcoming bylaw changes and other than some small wording changes the main objectives are: 1) the timing of the annual meeting and board member elections is being reverted back to October. 2) Provide for enhanced community outreach and engagement. 3) Provide flexibility for timelier NLCC Board feedback to Government bodies. The meeting report was made available. New language that was proposed has been reviewed by the Borough Planning Director and there were no concerns. By-laws with proposed changes are available and will be posted on NLCC website for review by members. R. Greenberg moved to bring the final changes for formal approval at the March meeting, seconded by J. Coleman and approved unanimously.
2. NLCC Priorities for 2024 – Discuss and Finalize
  - \*Membership Engagement (signs and communication improvement)  
Using zoom meetings to encourage attendance.
  - \*Bogard Corridor Road Safety – Increase awareness/safety  
NLCC will stay in contact with The Borough Transportation Planning team and stay updated on all concerns and safety issues.
  - \*Waterbody Setbacks Initiative – Monitor and input
  - \*MSB Comprehensive Plan – Input from NLCC  
Rachel Greenburg, Vice President will work on getting a presenter to go over this Comprehensive Plan at the next meeting.
3. NLCC Activities/Calendar of Events for 2024  
Grant program deadlines and timing will be done by the Finance Committee. Picnic needs to be planned soon. Members were asked to help with ideas over the next 30 days and planning can be done at future meetings.
4. IT Administrator Role Transition: Rod Hanson introduced his son Richard. He lives in NLCC boundaries and is a member. Rod Hanson explained that he and T. Bair will be working with Richard Hanson and getting him updated on the NLCC technology. Richard Hanson spoke about his background in technology and would be willing to take responsibility and assist NLCC with technology support.

Richard Hanson mentioned that he may also be able to assist with Board training regarding our Google Suite. Rod Hanson asked that we approve the purchase of a designated laptop for our Secretarial work. R. Greenberg moved to purchase a laptop, including software, for NLCC up to \$1000, seconded by J. Coleman, approved unanimously.

**M. New Business:**

1. Action Planning – Next steps, focused on our priorities

**N. Action Items – Review**

Borough Comprehensive Plan: Invite a speaker

**J. Audience Participation: (Moved from prior agenda location)**

- K. L. Calandri asked for clarification regarding the Bylaws and wanted to know if changing the annual meeting time also changes membership year. It was explained by President R. Hanson that it does not.

A member noted that on March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Republican Presidential Preference Poll. Voting locations are at the Wasilla Sr. Center and the Palmer Depot. He also mentioned the website Akcan.us has all information on Borough and Government links. Community Council information is also available with area maps.

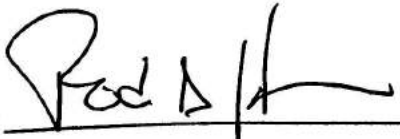
Keith Baxter thanked NLCC for all the information and the meeting and will be joining. He is looking forward to being active in the area.

Mike Hubbard arrived late but saw a sign about the meeting and will be joining NLCC. He is looking forward to our emails and meetings.


Senator Wilson mentioned the Arctic Winter Games will be held in the Mat-Su area during Spring Break and noted we may want to watch the increase in visitors and traffic. Volunteers are still needed.

**L. Adjournment**

- R. Greenberg moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by L. Calandri, unanimously approved.

Signed by: 

Date Signed: 3/28/24

Attested by: 

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