

**NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING ...**

August 29, 2024

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 07/11/24: Alaska DOT sent out a request for review of the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #1. Public comments were due on 08/05/24. This is a program we would have been interested in reviewing and providing input, but there was simply not enough time allowed for us to convene a conversation with our Road & Transportation Committee, let alone call a special meeting of the NLCC to address the issue in such a short time frame. The NLCC will be reaching out to DOT asking that future requests of this nature be provided well in advance of due dates.
- 07/17/24: US Army Corp of Engineers requesting public input on a project to replace docks at the Anchorage Port. Not in our area. No further action taken.
- 07/17/24: Alaska DOT sent out a notice for a public open house meeting on the planned round-a-bout project at Wasilla Fishhook and Peck / Spruce on July 29th. Didn't see the email until it was too late to distribute. The NLCC President attended the Open House event and did not identify any specific concerns. The NLCC supports the project to improve intersection safety. A link to project information will be posted on the NLCC website.
- 07/23/24: MSB Planner Platform newsletter - July 2024 received.
- 07/29/24: US Fish & Wildlife Service provided information on a Habitat Restoration and Protection Cost Share Program with a request that we share it with our area residents. The deadline for applications is September 30th. This information fell through the cracks and we didn't get it sent out yet. The information will be shared with our audience through Mailchimp and Facebook before the end of August.
- 07/30/24: MSB request for comments on proposal to vacate a section line easement on Lot 4, Block 1, Ancient Tree Estates. This is the location of Alaska Glass and Door, just east of Seward Meridian on Bogard. This section line easement does not impact residents of the NLCC and we chose not to provide a response.
- 07/31/24: US Army Corp of Engineers requesting public input on proposed dredging in Knik arm in support of Port Operations. Not in our area. No further action taken.

- 08/05/24: AMCO looking for public comments on renewal applications for selling and serving alcohol at the BPO Elks Lodge on Finger Lake. This license renewal is in our area. Deadline for any input or objection is 60 days from the notice, therefore due by October 4th. We will inform our audience via Mailchimp and Facebook and decide on the NLCC position at our September 26th Membership Meeting. We will reply to the MSB and AMCO before the deadline.
- 08/09/24: US Army Corp of Engineers requesting public input for a proposal to do some parking lot work at Lake Hood in Anchorage. Not in our area. No further action taken.
- 08/19/2024: MSB Email regarding upcoming Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo scheduled at the Menard Center on September 28th. This note will be shared with our audience via Mailchimp and Facebook postings in mid September.
- 08/22/24: US Army Corp of Engineers - Pre Construction Notification for some work being done to install culverts on a private property out by Big Lake. Not in our area. No further action taken.
- 08/26/24: Email from someone representing a “group of non profit organizations” wanting to do a presentation with the NLCC on the Judicial selection and retention process in Alaska. They did not list their organization and we suspect it may be a politically non-neutral group. NLCC responded that we are not interested.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

- 07/01/24: NLCC letter via email to Mat-Su Borough platting regarding NLCC feedback on the proposed Springs West Subdivision. The letter reflected the discussion and decisions of the June 27, 2024 NLCC Membership Meeting. Copies to other MSB Departments and to State and Local elected officials.
- 07/01/24: NLCC letter via email to Mat-Su Borough platting regarding NLCC feedback on the proposed Stone Creek Phase 7 Subdivision. The letter reflected the discussion and decisions of the June 27, 2024 NLCC Membership Meeting. Copies to other MSB Departments and to State and Local elected officials.
- 07/01/24: NLCC letter via email to Mat-Su Borough platting regarding NLCC feedback on the proposed Winter Rose Phase II Subdivision. The letter reflected the discussion and decisions of the June 27, 2024 NLCC Membership Meeting. Copies to other MSB Departments and to State and Local elected officials.
- 07/01/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group communications to area residents regarding the NLCC response letters on the three subdivisions mentioned above.

- 07/15/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group communications to area residents regarding the upcoming MSB Assembly public hearing regarding appeal of the Borough codes relating to Mobile Home Parks. Requested input from residents to help shape the nature of our NLCC public comments to the MSB Assembly.
- 07/15/24: NLCC (using services from the MSB office) sent flyers by mail to all area property owners announcing the Annual BBQ event for 7/27 and encouraging attendance and involvement in the Community Council.
- 07/25/27: Email request to MSB Engineering to relocate the radar speed sign on Serendipity Loop and inquiring about the timing for new 20 mph speed signs to be installed on Serendipity. No response, so additional reminder sent on 8/28/25.
- 07/26/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group reminder of the 7/27 Annual BBQ event.
- 08/05/24: Email to Mat Su Borough taking a position on the proposed repeal of MSB 17.48 Mobile Home Park Ordinance. Email stated “The North Lakes Community Council strongly objects to OR 24-053 which would repeal MSB 17.48 Mobile Home Park Ordinance. The existing 17.48 Mobile Home Park Ordinance provides an opportunity for a public hearing with the Planning Commission on proposed Mobile Home Parks. Removing this opportunity for public input is inconsistent with sound government policy. The fact that ordinance OR 24-053 is even under consideration without a proactive attempt to gather public perspective (through Community Councils) on such a significant change is also inconsistent with sound government policy and the stated role of Community Councils to provide a voice in the workings of the MatSu Borough. We are in full agreement with the unanimous position of your Planning Commission that OR 24-053 should fail.”
- 08/12/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group communications to area residents regarding the MSB Transportation & Safety Plan and Survey. Encouraged residents to take the survey and to share it with their friends and neighbors.
- 08/19/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group communications to area residents regarding the upcoming MSB Assembly public hearing regarding a bond proposition for Transportation Infrastructure (TIP24) projects. There are four important projects in the list that are located in our NLCC boundaries. The NLCC will attend and testify in this public hearing. We encouraged others to join that process.
- 08/26/24: Mailchimp and Facebook Group communications with another reminder to area residents regarding the MSB Transportation & Safety Plan and Survey. Deadline has been extended to 9/13 for responses to the survey. Encouraged residents to take the survey and to share it with their friends and neighbors.

ONGOING COORDINATION

- Various Dates: Coordination with Northwest Barriers (Contractor) on the Welcome to North Lakes sign project. Reduced scope to only State ROW signs. Met to identify specific areas. NW Barriers is coordinating the permitting with the State.
 - Various Dates: Ongoing coordination with John Klapperich on the previously approved scrolling display ads for NLCC. Ads have been running through July and August, 2024. Weekly performance reports have been provided by John to the NLCC Board.
 - Various Dates: Ongoing coordination with the MSB and Michael Baker International to make sure that the Community Councils are receiving timely notice about the Safe Streets Project and Survey. Also coordinating a presentation for the 8/29 NLCC meeting.
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