

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla
Meeting Minutes May 30, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER - Called to order at 7 pm by Rod Hanson, President.

B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS - completed.

C. CONFIRM QUORUM

1. Board Member Quorum established with 5 members present.
2. Membership Quorum established with 9 other members present and two non-members. .

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by D.Willequer.

E. AGENDA DISCUSSION / APPROVAL

1. Reviewed agenda with audience & Board: Noted that John Miller is unable to attend and address item J.6 Road Service Area 25 update. Replace with Seward Meridian Project Update by F. Conaway.
2. Approval of agenda: R. Greenberg moved to approve as amended. L. Calandri seconded. / No objections / approved.

F. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Identify any necessary revisions: D. Willequer noted that it was J. Miller who spoke under Audience Participation item M.1.
2. Approval of minutes as corrected: L. Calandri moved / R. Greenberg seconded / No objections / approved.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review & Discuss any recent Correspondence (Board & Committees)
 - a. Received a Letter from the Borough regarding Planning Commission Mtg notice and members were encouraged to attend.
 - b. Received various letters from the Borough and the Corp of Engineers for projects not needing our input or projects not in our area, no action needed.
 - c. Received an invoice for PO Box for \$192. Treasurer will pay invoice.
2. Identify any follow-up Action Items required: See above.

H. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. President's Report: R. Hanson had the opportunity to attend two NLCC committee meetings; Finance Committee and Road & Traffic Safety Committee. He was impressed with the commitment and dedication of committee members and the progress being made. Website is being maintained and current

information is on the front page with tabs to connect to additional information.. Members were asked to view the website and submit comments or suggestions.

2. Treasurer's Report: J. Coleman, Treasurer reported \$ 67,453.39 in checking and savings accounts, including \$25,038.39 in a CD. \$10,000 has been budgeted for Community Grant awards. Questions were answered and Treasurer reports were made available.
3. Finance Committee: L. Calandri, Chair reported a meeting was held May 13, 2024. Grant applications were scored and a recommendation was developed to make partial awards to the top 3 submittals. Membership approval is scheduled later on tonight's agenda. Minutes were made available.
4. Bylaws Committee: P. Purcell, Chair. no meeting held last month and none planned at this time..
5. Road & Traffic Safety Committee: R. Greenberg, Chair reported the Committee met May 19th. Locations were identified for deployment of radar speed signs (Engstrom, Lakeview, and Serendipity Loop). R. Hanson and J. Miller will deploy the signs once approved by the MSB. Significant work was completed to finalize a draft NLCC Resolution presenting recommendations to State and Borough officials on the Bogard-Seldon Road Corridor Upgrades. Approval of the resolution is slated later on tonight's agenda. T

I. PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKERS

1. Legislative Update / Q&A:

- a. Clark Bickford from Representative Jesse Sumner's Office gave an update on bills passed. Session is now over and Legislators are available for questions or concerns.
- b. Sharon Johnson with Senator David Wilson's office also reported on several bills that were passed.
- c. Anyone wishing further information on the bills and projects funded may contact the Representatives and Senators offices or go to the website for the State of Alaska Legislature.

J. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2024 Community Grant Program.

- a. Report and recommendations from the Finance Committee; L Caladri summarized the process and recommendation of the committee to award partial funding to the top three organizations based on the scoring.
Specifically: **Mat Su**
 - i. ~~Aleentre~~ Disc Golf Association - \$4,000 for new concrete disc golf tee boxes.
 - ii. Mat-Su Valley Rebuild - \$4,000 for a community garden shed.
 - iii. Big Lake Trails - \$2,000 for snowmachine grooming drag materials.
- b. Decisions Motion/Second/Vote: Motion by L. Calandri to approve the 3 applications as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by P. Purcell. Discussion followed regarding the merits of the various

applications and concerns about awarding to entities outside of the North Lakes area. Clarification was provided that the NLCC can choose to award outside of our area as long as there is a benefit to residents in our area. The scoring system was explained and deemed robust. R. Hanson asked if there were any objections at the end of discussion. Hearing none, the motion passed via unanimous consent.

2. Membership Outreach Actions

- a. Next Steps for Targeted Advertising July 1, 2024 Launch: R. Hanson relayed that J. Klapperich has indicated he will present the streaming ads for Board approval at the June 27th NLCC meeting. NLCC Business cards were handed out for members to pass to friends and neighbors to encourage involvement.
- b. NLCC BBQ Planning/Annual MSB mailout content: J. Coleman spoke about her plans and discussion followed about what is needed and volunteer help at the event. BBQ will be held July 27, 2024 from 11 am-4 pm at the Boys & Girls Club. A sample of the BBQ notification mailout card was available and R. Hanson will get the mailout to the Borough.

3. Welcome to North Lakes signs:

- a. R. Hanson, President reported: Signs purchased: 20 signs purchased at just over \$1500.
- b. Installation quote exceeds budget of \$8,000: Of the RFP's that went out we only got one back at just over \$15,000. A request will be made to the Borough for assistance with installation. There are some State roads that will need approval to place the signs and that is still being coordinated.

4. Bogard Corridor Safety - Resolution:

- a. Copies of the proposed Resolution were presented to members by the Road and Traffic Safety Committee. R. Greenberg spoke about what is recommended in the Resolution. Motion by R. Greenberg to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by L. Calandri. R. Hanson, President moved an amendment that NLCC present resolution with minor changes by the Committee Chair, R. Greenberg. Amendment seconded by L. Calandri, amended motion approved unanimously. Copies of the Resolution will be distributed to Legislative Representatives; State and Borough officials; the new MPO/MVP Organization; and other key stakeholders. R. Hanson will attend future Assembly, Planning Commission, and MPO/MVP meetings to speak to the Resolution.

5. NLCC process for input to MSB CIP (Capital Improvement Program):

- a. R. Greenberg explained that the Road & Traffic Safety Committee is working on various ideas for the NLCC to submit into the CIP. Unlikely that we will have meaningful input this year, but momentum will continue so we can provide more substantive input in future years.

6. Seward Meridian Update:

- a. F. Conaway passed along information he had received by attending a recent project presentation by the contractor. There was a suggestion to add links to project status updates to our NLCC website, but no action was decided at this time.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Budget Revision:

- a. R. Hanson, President reported that a budget gap might not exist if we can partner with the Borough on the cost of signs. Will review at next meeting.

2. Action Planning - Additional Actions on our priorities?

- Membership Engagement
- Bogard Corridor Road Safety
- Waterbody Setbacks Initiative
- MSB Comprehensive Plan

- a. No additional actions identified at this time.


L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Ideas, questions, comments:

- 1. D. Willequer asked about contact with the MSB engineer to express traffic concerns in areas we do not have speed radar signs. R. Hanson indicated he would discuss this with the MSB engineer.
- 2. N. LaFleur pointed out the May 31 deadline for households to apply online for a MSB \$25 dump coupon.

M. ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS? None

O. ADJOURNMENT

- 1. Initial motion by P. Purcell (prior to 8 pm) to extend the meeting from 8 pm to 9 pm, seconded by R. Greenberg, motion approved unanimously.
- 2. Rod Hanson, President adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Signed by: 

Date Signed: 6/27/24

Attested by: Pat Purcell,
Secretary

Date Signed: 6/27/24