

North Lakes Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

August, 28, 2025 – 7 pm

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Boys & Girls Club Bogard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Rod Hanson, President. Hanson welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves. Quorum verified as 4/5 board members and 10% of council members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Miller.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

There were no recommended revisions and the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes from the July 31, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #1

- Micheal Bowles introduced himself as a candidate for the Borough Council District 1 seat.
- John Miller attended the MSB Port Open House and gave a positive report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Many items in the report will be addressed in the regular agenda. The following items were highlighted separately:

- Rod Hanson reported on item 1 of the report, a joint meeting between the Road & Traffic Safety committee and representatives from the MSB. A set of meeting notes was provided as a handout. There has been a delay with the route selection report for the Engstrom/Trunk connector. The Shaw elementary project is going forward and that there will be right of way acquisition for most properties on Foxtrot. Field work is beginning on the Green Forest portion of the Engstrom roundabout project. Speed bumps (6) being added to the Lakeview paving project to help slow traffic on that road.
- Hanson also addressed item 6, a request from the MSB to do a Hazard Mitigation Plan presentation at the September meeting. The NLCC agreed to the request.

- Item 11 of the report announces the MSB Emergency Services Expo scheduled for September 20th at the Menard Center. NLCC will send a reminder.

6. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President's Report - R. Hanson had no further report.
- Treasurer's Report - Jolleen Coleman summarized the balance sheet and budget report.
- Finance Committee - No Meeting, no report.
- Bylaw Committee - No meeting. No report.
- Nomination Committee - No meeting. No report.
- Road & Traffic Safety Committee - R. Hanson reported on the meeting the Committee had with the Borough during the correspondence report.
- North Lakes Comprehensive Plan Committee - The resolution to create a NLCC comprehensive plan was submitted to the borough. The Matsu health foundation has offered their support and the borough is supportive of the efforts however they currently don't have resources to advance the process.

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- Jason Ortiz, from the MSB is leading efforts to advance the Williwaw cleanup project. They are partnering with the LDS church who will provide 100 volunteers to help. The Catholic church will also contribute volunteers. Alaska Waste is also going to donate services. The plan is to clean up the neighborhood for under \$60,000 funded by a previous cleanup settlement. Sharon Johnson made a motion to donate funds to the cleanup project. John Miller seconded. There was discussion about how much to donate. It was suggested to donate \$2500 to the FISH non-profit to help feed volunteers. The motion was approved unanimously. Funds will be covered by reduced expected spending on the Welcome Sign initiative.

8. STATE & BOROUGH OFFICIALS - UPDATES

- None present

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Nomination Committee: R. Hanson explained the need for a nomination committee to identify candidates for board elections. R. Hanson and J. Coleman indicated an interest in serving a second term. F. Conaway indicated he may not be able to serve a second term due to a potential move. Father Randy Hillman volunteered to participate in the committee. John Miller volunteered to participate as well. Sharon Johnson agreed to chair the committee. The committee will report back in September.

- b. Jewels Acres Preliminary Plat: The NLCC discussed the rationale for an email that the President sent to the Platting Officer.
- c. Matsu Health Foundation - Financial Stability Interviews: A flyer was shared with members. Anyone wishing to participate is being offered a \$500 stipend from the Foundation.

10. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan (CAMP). The CAMP was approved on August 5th by the borough assembly.
- b. Wolf Lake Community Park: An update was provided regarding a recent report from the borough administration to the Assembly about their support for a potential Wolf Lake community park.
- c. Welcome Signs: Six welcome signs have been installed. We have MSB Leadership support to submit now for additional signs on Borough roads. Applications will need to be submitted. Applications also under review with the State for DOT ROW signs.
- d. Fuel Excise Tax: The borough is going to do an advisory vote in November on whether the borough should implement the fuel excise tax. There will also be public meetings to discuss the proposed tax.
- e. Shaw / Birchtree School Access Road Project: The project is proceeding and will include a tie-in to Foxtrot. The intersection with Wasilla Fishhook won't occur until about a year after the new Birchtree School goes into operation. The NLCC concern continues to be the traffic and safety impacts to the Charley / Caribou / Bogard Corridor. The MSB has not, and will not, address traffic onto Bogard as part of this project.
- f. Waterbody Setback Code Changes: The Planning Commission is recommending that the Assembly create a taskforce to tighten the focus on the proposed updates to the code to make it less burdensome to homeowners. Assembly decisions expected in September.
- g. Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road Project: The borough is leaning towards the northern route options despite the lower cost of the southern route. The decision is not yet final. Expect a presentation in late September on the recommended routing.
- h. Skeetawk Letter of Support: Has been signed and will be sent out shortly.

11. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #2

- a. John Miller suggested the NLCC could adopt a portion of Bogard road for cleanup.
- b. Micheal Bowles expressed concerns about the Comprehensive Plan and Special Use District (SPUD) processes. He also spoke about his candidacy for Borough Assembly District 1.
- c. Michelle Heun, who has been attending several of the NLCC meetings by Zoom spoke about her candidacy for Borough Assembly District 1.
- d. Randy Hillman spoke about the upcoming Emergency Services Expo on September 20th and encouraged attendance.
- e. Assemblyman for District 4, Maxwell Sumner, introduced himself again and expressed support for the work of the NLCC.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Jolleen Coleman expressed excitement about the Williwaw cleanup project.

13. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Signed by: _____ Date Signed: _____

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