## NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MEETING ...

## **September 25, 2025**

Note: The purpose of this document is to assure transparency to our membership. This report is published and distributed as part of the Monthly meeting packet and posted on our website each month. Items are listed in reverse chronological order. Links are provided to other documents where appropriate.

- 9/24/25 Wolf Lake Community Park. We forwarded information to the MSB that we received earlier this month from an individual suggesting ADA access be addressed in public parks. We also asked for an update on the status of MSB and State discussions regarding the park.
- 2. 9/21/25 **Road & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting**. Hanson, Greenberg, Johnson, Miller, Gilliland met. We reviewed the recent monthly coordination meeting with the MSB. Action items from the committee meeting include:
  - a. Working to prioritize Bogard-Seldon CAMP related project elements.
  - b. Continue communications of the Fuel Excise Tax Vote public workshops
  - c. Preparing for review and comment on Engstrom / Trunk Connector Project
  - d. Reviewing RSA projects to get better informed on scope and timing
  - e. Rachel will need to step down as Chair at the end of the year ... we need more members on this important committee.
- 3. 9/20/25 Mat-Su Borough Emergency Services Expo event held at Menard Center.
- 4. 9/18/25 MSB Platting Board Meeting / CAMP Discussion NLCC attended and testified (click here) in support of Bear Street Agape plat to vacate Bear Cub street ROW. Satisfied that the Platting Board is now communicating clearly with developers regarding any potential Bogard-Seldon CAMP impacts. NLCC has requested the MSB do another public awareness outreach on the final version of CAMP.
- 9/17/25 Monthly Coordination Meeting NLCC / MSB Public Works & Planning -(<u>click here for meeting notes</u>). Topics included:
  - a. Engstrom Trunk Connector Project
  - b. Shaw / Birchtree School Foxtrot Extension Project
  - c. Mariah / Charley / Caribou (or Moose) Corridor Improvements
  - d. CAMP / Platting Property Owner Communications
  - e. Green Forest Drive Project
  - f. Code Changes

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- 6. 9/16/25 MSB Assembly Meeting Waterbody Setback Ordinance. NLCC attended and provided testimony (click here) recommending the Assembly follow through as suggested by the Planning Commission resolution (assemble task force to streamline recommended code changes and reduce the negative impact to property owners). There was significant public testimony and Assembly debate. In the end, the Assembly voted down the proposed code changes and did not launch a new effort. We understand that some Assembly members may be bringing forward a related code change ordinance for review in the future. There will be a public process associated with any new ordinance.
- 7. 9/16/25 MSB Assembly Meeting Valley Transit Services. The NLCC has been advocating for continuation of transit services. Because of the federal designation of portions of the MSB becoming urban vs rural, the cost of transit services must now include matching funds from local government, not just from the federal government. The MSB is funding \$750k of the program. With matching federal funds, a contract with Valley Transit was approved for another 9 months at \$2.2 million.
- 8. 9/16/25 MSB Assembly Approved new Planning Commissioner for District 6. Mr. Maxsim Zagorodniy was approved to fill the District 6 seat recently vacated by Mr. Fernandez That term ends on 12/31/25. The NLCC will engage to see if we have any recommended candidates for the District 6 seat beginning on 1/1/26. If so, we will forward that information to Assemblyman Fonov and to the Mayor.
- 9. 9/15/25 **MSB Planning Commission Meeting** There were no topics specific to the NLCC on the agenda, so we did not attend or testify at this meeting.
- 10. 9/13/25 Vanda Valley 50 Acre Subdivision Proposed The NLCC received notification of a preliminary plat proposing a new 50 acre subdivision to the North of Shaw Elementary, east of Wasilla Fishhook. Connections to this new subdivision are proposed off of Wasilla Fishhook, Foxtrot, and Kilo streets. This development will have significant traffic impacts onto the Mariah, Charley, Caribou corridor, through the Shaw's Tri Lakes subdivision. We sent information (click here) out to area residents and will be discussing this project at our 9/25/25 NLCC meeting. Comments from the NLCC to the Borough are due October 3rd and a draft (click here) list of concerns has been prepared.
- 11. 9/12/25 9/14/25 **Williwaw Clean Up Project** Massive turnout (hundreds of people) from MSB staff, volunteers from the LDS Church, members of the Families for Improvement of Safety & Health (FISH) organization, and local residents to clean up Williwaw neighborhood. The NLCC provided financial support and volunteers.

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- 12. 9/3/25 **MSB Platting Jewels Acres** we responded to a request for public input to the Platting Officer recommending proactive communications to property owners about the potential impacts of CAMP related projects to their properties, particularly as proposed platting actions are brought forward to the Board. We have now received assurances they will do so. The NLCC has no objections to the proposed platting action for Jewels Acres. We forwarded the email string to the property owner on 9/24/25 (click here).
- 13. 9/2/25 MSB Assembly Meeting Shaw Elementary / Birchtree Charter School Access Foxtrot Extension Project NLCC attended and testified regarding this project. (click here). Assembly approved contract amendment for engineering services. Plans continue to proceed with Phase 1 Extension of Foxtrot all the way to Wasilla Fishhook in 2026. Phase 2 Intersection Improvements at Foxtrot / Wasilla Fishhook / Paradise Lane in 2027-2028. Phase 2B Improvements to existing Foxtrot Avenue from connection to Charley Drive in 2028-2029. The new Birchtree Charter School will go into operation in the fall of 2026. We sent a followup email (click here) to the MSB Public Works Director. On 9/15/25 we received updated schematic drawings (click here) showing the parking / traffic management plans for Shaw and Birchtree School properties. Documentation on the site traffic circulation studies for Shaw (click here) and Birchtree (click here) schools was received on 9/17/25 and is under review.
- 14. 8/28/25 **Lakevew Road Project** Received information from the MSB (<u>click here</u>). This is a pavement preservation project, but includes some additional traffic calming measures (speed humps) to help reduce the level of speeding incidents through the neighborhood. Construction is planned to start in September.

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