

Spenard Community Council Minutes

Meeting at 7pm, February 6, 2008, at the Spenard Recreation Center

1. Minutes and Agenda Action

Moved and approved.

2. Announcements

-Pay your dues for 2008.

-35th & McCrae Update by Glenn : Preservation of trees, six foot path on the North side of the road, supplemental traffic calming if speeds remain to high after project. See agreement between the city and 35th & McCrae group.

3. Legislative Report

Rep. Mike Doogan: Mayor Begich was in Juneau meeting with Governor Palin about the capitol budget. AGIA meetings continue perhaps all the way to a special session. Mike has been appointed to the judiciary committee in place of Max Gruenberg who has been having health problems. Q: Jim Bowers- SB 78 progress, Window tinting. A: Doogan No bills have been heard to this point, it is in the Transportation committee. No more questions were asked.

Sen. Hollis French is in Florida with his sick mother.

4. Assembly Report

Matt Claman: Assistant Adam was present to write down questions from the audience to give to Matt.

Dan Sullivan: Not available

5. Public Safety Updates

Denny Allen will not be doing these updates any more due to a change in APD policy. APD is reporting to the FCC on a monthly basis. The FCC will try and disseminate that information on a monthly basis.

6. Local Projects and Issues Discussion

a. School Bonds Yes – Defer to March

b. Anchorage Tomorrow – Defer to March

c. Airport Update – Linda Bustemante

1. An update about the airport master plan will be on next month's agenda.
2. March 8th will be the airport job fair. Temporary, seasonal, Part-time and Full-time jobs will be on display.
3. John Johanson-Supervisor of the airports engineering, environmental and planning section went over the construction projects scheduled for this summer. Stay tuned for an open house in March or April to inform the public on State projects at the airport.

d. Parks & Rec. – Jeff Mathis

1. Challenge Grants (a dollar for dollar grant) through the Rasmusen Foundation. \$600,000 in 2006 this year \$300,000. Workshops to be

held the 12, 19, 26 (at Spenard Rec. Center) and March 4th. These workshops will be held to help groups devise a plan to spruce up their neighborhood parks. March 21st will be the application deadline with awards to go out in April.

e. Midtown Improvement District – Tom McGrath

1. Talked and answered questions about the ballot and exemption for homeowners who live in the improvement district. The ballot is to vote for or against the district and the exemption will keep homeowners from paying the assessment on their property if they so choose.

f. Soteria-Alaska's: 3201 Doris Street-Susan Masante

1. A conditional use permit was not required for this project. It meets the residential care not habilitative care requirement and the property is zoned R2M for up to eight residents (Tom Nelson's letter to Susan Masante dated February 4th, 2008). This letter took this project out of the public process but a question and answer period was granted by the SCC and lively debate ensued. This debate was cut short due to it's length (30+ minutes) and the need to move the agenda.

7. Committee Reports

a. Planning & Zoning – Peggy Auth

1. **Ersin Aygin property East of Gwennies:** After a meeting with the enforcement arm of the muni it was deemed by Mr. Tom Nelson that any activity on this property was illegal. Ken Ayers, P.L.S. of Lounsbury & Associates Inc. is the new representative for Ersin Aygin and has requested a meeting with SCC representatives.
2. **Noreen:** Illegal business (Rental Car Storage). No info from Cora Weaver.
3. **Iowa & Spenard:** Illegal building
4. **4003 Lois (Cora Weaver with the Muni):** Case has gone to superior court. Muni cannot touch until a ruling has been issued.
5. **Frank Kelly** will be filling in for a deployed Rick Novy while he is on active duty.

b. Public Safety Committee – Sam O'Connor

1. No APD officers will be showing up to the Council meetings unless we can get one from the community to show up as an individual. Information can be pieced together from several Muni websites and info that may be provided by Sam or e-mails he has received and distributed.
2. Criminal activity has declined because of the recent cold snap except for car thefts which are up.
3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Bike build for disadvantaged youths at the Spenard Rec. went really well. Fifty groups showed up to put together fifty bikes for disadvantaged youths.
4. Spring get together put on by the Council and other organizations. The council should put on a spring carnival or activity perhaps a challenge grant project.

5. Five new prospective Community Patrol members may be voted in at the next meeting of the patrol.
 6. The two grants for the Community Patrols showed up today at the FCC as per Jason Bergerson. Sam turned in \$4000+ in receipts for the Patrol.
 7. **Motion (Tom McGrath): to reimburse the Community Patrol's legitimate receipts up to the amount of the grant seconded by Peggy Auth. No objection.**
- c. **CIP Committee – Jason Bergerson**
1. **Legislative requests:** for money will need to be tempered between state needs within the council area and acquiring money for local projects from foundations like the Rasmusen's challenge grants. Partnering with adjacent Councils with similar needs may help in delivering needed funding from the state. More effort will be put toward wording funding requests before being given to the legislative delegation. The committee will work on the prioritization and wording of requests.
 2. **Motion (Allen Thornhill): to move all \$200's from the game room fund at the Spenard Rec. to the Councils General fund, seconded by Tom McGrath. No Objection**
 3. **CIP Requests:** Cities list should be available in March or April.
- d. **Nominating Committee – Bichsel, Burkholder & O'Connor - Met 1/16/08**
1. President – Tom Bichsel
 2. Vice-President – Jason Bergerson, Matt Burkholder
 3. Treasurer – Allen Thornhill
 4. Secretary – Matt Burkholder, Jim Bowers
 5. Past President – Jason Bergerson
 6. Auditor #1 – Vacant
 7. Auditor #2 - Vacant
 8. Eleven paid members currently.
 9. **Motion (Sam O'Connor) to postpone elections until the next meeting to allow members to get current with dues and consider their options for leadership, Second by Matt Burkholder.**

Minutes submitted by Matt Burkholder