

Spenard Community Council Minutes: DRAFT

April 1, 2009 7:00 PM. Spenard Recreation Center

3. Legislative Report

Senator Hollis French called from Juneau with an update of legislative activities. The window tinting bill is progressing. Questions from the council included the status of the mandatory insurance bill (desired, but not going anywhere), management of Lake Hood/Spenard air traffic and the Airport in general (possibilities after the departure of former manager Plumb). Also: possibility of saving money by eliminating front license plates (no action yet) and challenges of seniors access and affording health care (Hollis is working on a clinic for seniors).

1. Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Discussion of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Discussion of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Announcements

None.

5. Local Projects and Discussion

a. Aaron Christie (DOWL/HKM) gave a presentation on the 48th & Van Buren Project: Changes/updates in the design since last presentation: parallel parking on each side of Van Buren instead of perpendicular parking (request to consider angle parking); three way stop and a yield at Taft and 48th in addition to the existing stop signs at Van Buren (there were multiple requests for flashing lights, raised cross walks, speed humps etc). Construction of Phase 1 is scheduled to start no later than September 1st. Aaron submitted a resolution supporting a land swap between the Muni and American Fast Freight to the Council for consideration. The land swap is necessary for Phase 2 of the project. **A motion to support the resolution as submitted was made, seconded and passed.**

b. John Isaacs, Kim Wetzel from URS and **Tyler Robinson** from the Muni, as a step in the development of the West Anchorage District Plan, asked each of those in attendance for ideas and opinions, values, strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes of West Anchorage and what they wanted for the future. Development of the plan has challenges: the schedule is aggressive (completion by the end of the year) and there are strong feelings about what the east boundary should be (Council members seem to favor a boundary further east than the Planners). Land use, transportation planning, interaction between residential and business, residential with the Airport and what Town Centers should be are major concerns. Kim Wetzel recorded opinions expressed;) they are available _____.

4. Assembly Report

Harriet Drummond reported that at the March 24th meeting the Assembly continued to be very cautious about spending money. The purchase of automated trash pickup equipment

was approved. Five million dollars for new vehicles was approved. The school district budget, cutting four million dollars, was passed and subsequently vetoed. There is ongoing consideration for a spay-neuter clinic at Animal Control. There is an ordinance being considered to change zoning for the installation of wind energy conversion systems.

6. Old and New Business

None.

7. Committee Reports

Deferred until next meeting. Executive and CIP committees will work on latest ranking and report next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30