

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2009
Spenard Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order by council chair Matt Burkholder at 7:10 p.m. November meeting minutes were approved.

Sharon Chamard (Associate Professor of Justice at U.A.A.) did a presentation on the Spenard Hotel Survey. She did an overview on how the CAP/SARA project was launched. The survey's purpose was to establish the effects of crime on businesses, particularly hotels, motels, inns and hostels in Spenard, 21 in all. Some hotels and motels have too many police calls.

The survey will be accessing current problems and how things may or may not improve after implementing CAP/SARA. Most of the businesses are on the Spenard Rd. corridor. As of July 1, 2010, businesses will be assessed a \$500.00 fine for each call in excess of 100 per calendar year. There will be ways for them to avoid the fines by cleaning up in a proscribed time period.

Matt Claman gave a report on House of Rock. They are experiencing financial problems and it looks like the business will close. Any businesses running after hours will have to come before the Assembly. Title XXI - Provisions for dumpsters in alleys is coming up for review by the Assembly.

Harriet Drummond went to San Antonio to see how other cities are dealing with budget shortfalls. Alaska Municipal League had a presentation on how communities can give property tax relief. Lighting around the municipality will change after the national standards are adopted and the rules filter down to the local levels.

The Assembly approved a liquor license for the new Target store in Muldoon. As a condition all sales must include presentation of photo I.D. Harriet Drummond will be putting together a proposal to widen that requirement throughout the municipality.

Jon Spring did an overall review of the Midtown Plan which will cover as its boundaries north to Chester Creek, east to the Seward Highway, south to Tudor Rd. and west to the middle of Spenard Rd. The Midtown Plan came about because Anchorage 2020 designated it as a major employment region along with the Downtown and University/Medical Districts. The plan calls for no net loss of residential land which is a major concern for the Spenard Community Council.

Questions were raised about rezones to commercial from residential or commercial to mixed use and how much commercial property is needed at the expense of residential.

Matt Burkholder said the MOA's Public Safety Committee is meeting on 12/9/09 at 6 p.m. at the lower level conference room next to the Assembly chambers to discuss AO 2009-108. This is what they are calling the "Safety Hour" which will allow certain bars to stay open after hours an additional hour to provide a way for people to leave as cabs become available.

Jason Bergerson said the budget committee met today and they reiterated what the FCC and SCC are asking - an earlier release of the CIP list from the municipality so we have more time to review it.

Allen Thornhill said the airport watch committee said the airport wants two new runways near Raspberry Rd. and a hanger where Kulis National Air Guard used to be.

Jason said there are a number of rezones happening around the periphery of the SCC boundaries.

Tom McGrath made a motion for a resolution to AO 2009-108 be adopted by the Council. He stated we have an alcohol problem and extending bar hours is not doing a service to the community. It's only a problem one day a year having people leave bars safely. One problem is the number of cabs. This ordinance doesn't address the problem. The council passed the motion unanimously.

Motion was made and passed for the meeting to adjourn at 9:10.