

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012
Spenard Recreation Center

There were discrepancies in the meeting minutes due to a revision the secretary had made which weren't received by the council chair. The corrected minutes will be available for the February meeting.

Chair Rene Haag announced there will be a round table discussion at the airport. She forgot to bring the information folder with her, but anyone interested in participating can reach her at her business, Blaine's Art Supply, 561-5344. She can give the dates of the four round table meetings and the name of the contact person for the meeting for the airport.

Legislative reports-

Rep. Mike Doogan - Gas taxes will be big in the agenda for the coming session. He's noticed with all the snowfall this year that the roads in his subdivision are not being cleared in a timely manner. He's worked hard to get funding for sidewalk clearing equipment. There were questions from the council on why the state can't or won't clear the sidewalks on the east side of Minnesota. And why can't the state and municipality work out a joint agreement for sharing snow removal equipment, personnel and their budgets to get the job done?

Sen. Hollis French - Mark Begich said to give him the money and he'd get the job done. There was an agreement in his administration with the state for snow removal. Sen. French sent out a survey he does to see how his constituents feel about things and what matters to them. You can still call his office at 269-0234 to obtain one and after they are filled out they can be sent to his office in Juneau after the session has begun. He is going to sponsor a crime summit with prosecutors, troopers, the police, victims rights advocates, commissioners, public defenders and others. They hope to brainstorm better ways of addressing urban crime.

One of the interesting things to happen recently is that Judge Sharon Gleason adjudicated a lawsuit about the value of the Pipeline. Several communities over which the Pipeline runs felt they were not being paid the taxes for the real value which they estimated at \$11 billion. The owners of the Pipeline said it was closer to \$1 billion. The Pipeline owners had not disclosed to the state the estimated value, but they did for their SEC filings. They cannot withhold that information from the SEC. In a monumental 200 plus page decision, Judge Gleason agreed with the municipalities. Dermott Cole of the Fairbanks News Miner has been following the story and has done some good writing on it; the ADN has not written much. A council member pointed out that Judge Gleason has been appointed to the federal bench.

Assemblywoman Harriet Drummond - There will be five weeks between Assembly hearings. Ernie Hall is out of town. Monies were added back to the Parks Dept. after the Mayor had vetoed it by an Assembly override. The police do not intend to enforce

the new ordinance forbidding sitting on the sidewalk. The law was directed towards one man. The fireworks ordinance was changed and then tightened right before New Year's Eve. The Occupy Anchorage people have been working with the police. Some people questioned the legality of them being on the Park Strip.

Question: Is there going to be an investigation of the death of the man at the Red Roof Inn (now operating under another name)? Wasn't the purpose of the facility to keep them safe?

John Johansen, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport - They have erected new barrier signage at Lake Hood. Some clearing has started for the Fire Island project. The transmission line will run to the Chugach facility on International. The Lake Hood users group had a meeting. The new TSA scanners are up and running at the airport. The airport is kicking off a new Master Plan after abandoning the Plan in 2008 when the economy sank. They are doing a Part 150 study, have hired a consultant and a survey will be sent to those residents who live in the 60 DNL noise contour. The public can access the survey at gov.delivery which will be linked through the airport website when it is up.

There was a question about the glycol that is being sprayed to de-ice the airplanes and left on the ground. Allen Thornhill was on an airport committee years ago. The glycol is supposed to be vacuumed up, but he observed that it is still left on the ground. Mr. Johansen replied that the airport has spoken to the airlines and asked how they would like to deal with the issue because the EPA will be coming out with new regulations soon. Most of it is now running into a storm drainage system. The airport is planning a collection system on Postmark Drive. Another council member said that if they sprayed as the planes lined up for a takeoff, they could collect it and reuse it. Glycol is expensive. Mr. Johnson said the FAA prevents the use of recycled glycol.

Chair Haag said at the next meeting Dawn Brantley will be appearing from the municipality to give a talk on disaster preparedness.

Gordon Pyle is asking for speed bumps on Willow near Old Hermit Park. It's on the 3000 block of Willow. There are lots of children using the park. The park is subgrade to the street, so people speeding down the street can't see the kids and dogs as they are exiting the park. The neighborhood had submitted a petition for a speed bump years ago. The municipal traffic dept. came out and laid a counter, but due to heavy rains during that period, the traffic count was low. Harriet Drummond said he needs to have a resolution to push it through the multiple steps that it takes to get a speed bump. A resolution will be drafted and brought to the council for approval next month.

Suzy Baird, Alcohol licenses - Rene said she was not here, but that she reviewed the liquor licenses for our area and all is well.

Peggy Auth, Land Use - There are multiple problems with Black Bear Coffee. They have an illegal snow dump next to Fish Creek, and an illegal sign, and they never

replanted where they stripped the vegetation in the 25' setback as they were required to do. She said the council held Ron Eagley of Gwennie's to very high standards when he asked to enlarge his parking lot years ago. His nearby lot, which is much larger than the coffee cart's, is clear. Black Bear's lot has a mountain of snow on it which sits right next to the creek. She asked the council to take an interest in following up on this because the council has had a long time commitment to Fish Creek and also it is a fairness issue when one business is being held to a higher standard than another's. Cora Weaver from Code Enforcement said she'd look it up and report to the council next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.