SCC Meeting Minutes February 1, 2012 Spenard Recreational Center

The meeting was opened at 7:00 and a motion to approve the December minutes was made and approved. The January minutes were also approved.

Chair Rene Haag made announcements that there will be roundtable discussions about the airport coming in the near future with dates to be announced later. The municipality is looking for members of the public to serve on boards and commissions. There will be a mayoral and school board debate on either March 5 or March 12.

There was no legislative report.

Assembly reports:

Ernie Hall said the fireworks people want a ballot vote, but it failed to be placed on the April ballot. There was a lot of testimony over the continuance of the emissions testing, it was very emotional as some 30-50 people would be losing their jobs. He had to weigh the costs of those jobs against the 60% of the public who are struggling to make ends meet. He voted to repeal emissions testing. Harriet Drummond said the people doing the emissions testing had to renew their software without knowing when the program was going to end

Harriet Drummond told the council that every bond issue was approved and will be on the April ballot. There has also been talk about what is considered "published" and if doing so electronically counts when the Municipality is required to provide legal notice to the public. The Municipality upped the motor vehicle tax from \$16.00 to \$70.00 with no exemptions. Also, people buying new vehicles in the first couple of months of 2012 were required to pay a new car tax of \$150.00 in addition to the old emissions costs. She is introducing an ordinance that would do away with the double taxation for those people. The mayor introduced more taxes for a wide array of things a year ago and the Anchorage Assembly affirmed and passed the package. The public is still learning what those taxes are because they are widely distributed.

Dawn Brantley, the Municipality Emergency Programs manager came to speak to the council about emergency preparedness. Through a program called Emergency Watch, her department hopes to have neighbors trained to help neighbors in the event of an emergency because emergency responders will be unable to help everyone. In addition to a fair in September, they plan a "Zombie Preparedness" day to prepare and educate the public. The federal government has a website: www.ready.com.

Nominations for SCC officers were: Jim Bowers, Chair; Jason Bergerson, Vice-chair; Peggy Auth, Secretary; Allen Thornhill, Treasurer and Rene Haag and Bob Auth, Auditors. The slate was approved with no objections.

A resolution was introduced by Gordon Pyle for speed bumps to be installed on Willow.

It was already approved in concept at the January meeting. The resolution has much support by the neighborhood and a signature list will be included with the resolution when it is forwarded to the Municipality.

There was a proposal for a new liquor license at 1207 W. 36th. It will be operated by Pete and Elvira Foudeas who own Milano's restaurant next door. There was concern about hours of operation and oversight and if the conditions would follow if another owner assumes the license at that location. The store is only to be open during the restaurant's hours and monitored by both the couple and security cameras. The resolution was amended to allow the store to only operate during restaurant hours. The resolution was approved.

John Johansen of the Airport came to update the council. The Fire Island project has commenced. Snow has hampered their work. The Airport is doing a Master Plan. The last one was completed in 2002. There will be an open house about the construction projects. There will be a meeting at the Spenard Recreational Center regarding the Part 150 Study which is just beginning. It will be at 6:00 on February 29 and is open to the public. The Study input committee needs a Spenard representative.

Question: Are these projects you're planning to do or projects you've committed money to? Answer: The plans include aprons for the planes and a storm drainage system for the glycol which is sprayed on the planes. Concerns were expressed by council members as to the lack of public notification and if the glycol situation could be handled in an environmentally better way.

A representative of One Anchorage read a resolution and asked for support in the One Anchorage initiative. The resolution will be reintroduced at the March meeting.

Jason Bergerson said the FCC is asking for ideas for their website. He is going to a Neighborhoods USA board meeting next week. The conference will be in Indianapolis this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.