

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes June 6, 2012
Spenard Recreation Center

The meeting was commenced at 7:15 by Chair Jim Bowers. The meeting agenda was approved. The May meeting minutes were approved.

2) Alan Thornhill was recognized for his years of volunteer efforts, especially with the Rec center and adjacent parks. We're still working on renaming an adjacent street Thornhill Place.

5f) Jasper Hill is recruiting for more Westside Community Patrol volunteers. He suggested each current volunteer recruiting 5 others to get up to a group of 20. Luke Augustine and Gary Talley are looking forward to joining the team. The volunteers requested signs for their vehicles. It was suggested that we should use a local business for this purchase.

6d) Amanda Petamanos offered an idea to beautify Spenard. She completed a project with Northwood Elementary students painting assorted old items to be used as planters. These planters are available for local businesses and residents to pick up at the Tap Root Restaurant on June 8th from 4-8 pm. She was looking for donations of plants for the planters. Amanda encouraged Spenard businesses and residents to create art from recycled objects to put around our neighborhood.

4) Assembly Reports: Ernie Hall updated with an Assembly report. a) The hand count of 15 precincts has been completed. Two precincts were off by 4 votes each for a total of 8 votes off. All of the rest were okay. The deputy clerk was asked to resign and the clerk recently offered her resignation. On July 1st the new clerk, Barbara Jones, will begin.

Harriet Drummond gave additional information. a) The WADP will be discussed again at the assembly meeting on July 10th. Public testimony has ended. The assembly will have a work session before this public meeting to take into account feedback from residents that were given during public testimony. b) The initial draft of Title 21 will be looked at by the Planning and Zoning Commission and be available for public input on Sept. 10th. c) The Coastal Trail will be protected in perpetuity w/ the buffers. Ernie and Harriet put this in the WADP. Pt. Woronzoff is a public Park and if anything were to change it would have to be a vote of the people. d) WADP will pass before Title 21 and this means Title 21 may supersede the WADP.

Bill Floyd asked Harriet and Ernie for an accounting of the cost for the Title 21 rewrite.

Harriet said that request had been made many times by many people and the mayor's office is not sharing that information.

Barry Blumenthal requested that a vote, by the people, be taken on the WADP.

A visitor from Midtown Community Council shared a number to call when there are problems with inebriates. That number is 786-8900.

3) Legislative Report: Lindsey Holmes reported there were no budget vetoes from the governor for any projects in our district. \$1,000,000 for Coastal Trail upgrades/repaving; \$1,000,000

Fish Creek Trail upgrades/repair between Spenard & Northwood; West/Romig football fields; some schools receiving technology upgrades like interactive white boards and others receiving new furniture, safety and lighting upgrades. \$3,000,000 repaving local streets.

Bill Floyd asked when the prison would be open and at capacity. LH answered that it would be within a year - the system will be tested section by section by moving inmates in and then after testing that section, move them to another and so on.

Midtown CC members Chris Bond and _____ asked to read a resolution to stop the liquor license transfer #1198 for a store at the Tesoro at A St/Northern Lights. Tom McGrath made the motion to approve the resolution and Barry Blumenthal seconded. Motion passed w/ 15 votes in support of the resolution; none opposed.

6a) TSAIA Report: John Parrot reminded the CC of where to get information about airport news. www.anchorageairport.com; EPA has allowed one more year of using urea. There will be a 5-year study of glycol; FAA master plan needs volunteers this summer to set up scope of projects. July 17th will be a meeting for the public re: FAA master plan. Kulis property is being looked at by many businesses. June 16th disaster drill; volunteers needed.

6b) Jim Frederick w/ Neighborworks announced the opening of "The Roosevelt": 10 new units for people with disabilities on W. 32nd between Spenard and Minnesota. This event will be on July 23rd and tenants will begin moving in in August. They have 40 applicants for 10 units. The Chelsea Inn is being looked at as a possible housing renovation project for people coming out of incarceration. No sex offenders would be considered for this housing project. They were looking for preliminary thoughts from our community.

6c) Lions Club update: John Regan, Jr. reported that the Taft/Roosevelt property was not a big enough parcel for the building they wanted. They need a rezone to R3 w/ conditional use. July 2nd is the hearing at Loussac. Tom McGrath made a motion to accept the language of the new resolution from PL to R3 and Barry Blumenthal seconded. The motion passed 8 - 0.

6e) Tammy Oswald reported for the Heritage Land Bank w/ regards to the Old Armory Building. TDX, The Native Corporation that owns the Coast Inn, wants to purchase and demolish the building and develop a hotel/convention hall/parking garage. They have offered 110% of the appraised value. June 14th @ 11:30 4700 Elmore St for initial meeting regarding this sale. July 10th introduction, July 24th vote in the Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned well past when it should have been. ☺