**Spenard Community Council Meeting** 

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Phil Isley, Chairperson, opened meeting at 7:02

Minutes were not available to approve as they were not printed up in time for this meeting. They will be presented for approval at next meeting September 2nd

Legislative update- Matt Claman reported that State budget is still not approved by the House and Senate membership. Seems to be no tentative date for this requirement to be completed. There is an open forum in Fairbanks this weekend that anyone is welcome to attend and give input. Alan Thiornhill asked how long he thinks this situation will last. End of June is critical due date as 1st of July is when government systems can possibly be shutdown. The potential cuts in the state budget are the highest in the state's history since 1980's recession. Several comments from members.

Anchorage Municipal Assembly report - Ernie Hall gave information about the transition aspects of new mayor Berkowicz. The election results were certified twice as over a 100 ballots were 'found' that had not been counted. Described what happened.

Resolution about working with the concept of "Uber" transportation option in Anchorage was not approved but there are individuals who are trying to reignite the option.

Marijuana legislation allowing product to be consumed at Dena'ina trade shows was not approved Cynthis Franklin brought Assembly up to date on Licenses for Marijuana business. Decided to not limit number of licenses the way liquor and taxi cab licenses are handled. Concerns about the smell of smoke in multi-family residences being considered 2nd hand problem. Jason Bergerson asked about M licenses being more portable than liquor licenses. Answer= there is precise detail in ordinance.

4th Avenue Theater is being discussed as what can be done by owner. Northern Lights Hotel is also hopefully going to be razed by the end of this calendar year.

Another member mentioned that he has still not heard from Tim Steel or

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Ernie Hall regarding the fire emergency access gate in Shakespeare Circle subdivision. EH said he thought it had been taken care of but obviously not, so he will follow up again and get back to him.

Bob Auth asked about particular buildings that need to be demolished. Matt interjected with some information

Airport Report- John Johanson reported May 13 an advisory comm meeting held. Seasonal carriers are back Iceland Air, Air Canada and Condor. International Airport

Pt Woronzof bluff erosion committee of engineers has reported it has to spend \$48 million to find ways to abate bluff erosion.

FAA requires an emergency response training to be done every three according to 'plan'. Question asked about how a 747 would be responded to in case a jet crashes into inlet. Alan Thornhill said he has an airboat that could be 'borrowed', Hover craft were tested for such use but did not have satisfactory results. John Johanson will ask John Parrot, the Airport manager about that option.

## **New Business:**

Title 21 amendments were reviewed by Peggy Auth and Bill Marsh, regarding changes in planning and zoning permits. Concern is that process is behind 'closed doors'. Appears new Title 21 regs could happen with delay of design plans. Bill mentioned that Ernie Hall & Amy Demboski were involved with some aspects of zoning specifics. Ernie responded that concern is that it's very complicated. Peg was involved with reviewing this topic in 1995 and she feels that developers make almost all the decisions in their business favor without public input. Concerns about design allowances for buildings to be allowed up to 5 stories in height. Ernie replied the Assembly is not allowed to meet in 'secret'. Public Hearings on Monday June 8th for ordinances in community before it goes before Assembly.

Peg mentioned land use overlays did not show the detail of residential 4 zoning. Tom gave his concerns also about neighborhoods impact. Phil interjected that Cheri Richardson at FCC writes an e-mail everyday about Title 21 issues. Certain people with a 'wad of \$' seem to get around some

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of the ordinances. Process is so cumbersome that actual results are difficult to achieve

Discussion on this topic lasted over 20 minutes. Phil made a motion to write a resolution requesting "Planning Committee" Jason seconded, some discussion Call for question passed.

A Hearing has been requested for 2 lots to be combined into one, at 110 West 29th Ave & lots West 41st. A variance has been requested on a lot on West 25th'

Brick House owner John K Yee requests beer and wine license.

Announcements: Alan is moving to new address

Irene mentioned a break in a home on Kershner Avenue last week. Set of silverware and heirloom jewelry was stolen. No leads on who burglarized the home.

Adjourned meeting @ 8:32