

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, March 3, 2004, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Legislative Teleconference from Juneau
2. Minutes and Agenda Action
3. Assembly Reports
4. Introduction of Assembly Candidates
5. Bear Tooth Parking Lot Application
6. Bond Presentations
7. Committee Reports
8. Old & New Business

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

The Council elected a new slate of officers at its February meeting. Bob Auth is the new chair and Brenda Smart, the former chair, is now the vice-chair. Allen Thornhill remains the treasurer and Jason Bergerson is the secretary.

MAPLE RIDGE HEARING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8th

The never-ending Maple Ridge application for rezone has been rescheduled yet again, this time for March 8 before the Planning and Zoning Commission (Assembly Hall, Loussac Library). This application has been before the Council three times in the past year and every time the Council has rejected it. The property, 10.96 acres, is located along Northwood Drive between Spenard Road and 45th. Originally the developers wanted to change the zoning from R-3 to R-4. Now, the developers "only" want to change the special limitation which requires vehicle access to Spenard Road. This would mean that all of the traffic from a 180 unit development (approximately 1200 average daily trips) would access Northwood Drive only. If this special limitation were removed, traffic on Northwood would increase by nearly 50 percent, just as improvements are about to be made on that road (see below).

NORTHWOOD DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PART OF ROAD BOND PACKAGE

The road bond package going before the voters in the April 6 election includes the long-awaited improvements to Northwood Drive between Spenard Road and International Airport Road. Northwood Drive currently has no curb or gutter and doesn't meet urban collector standards. The upgrade would improve pedestrian facilities (as required by the ADA), as well as drainage, sanitary sewer and water facilities, and implement traffic calming measures. The designers have worked closely with the Community Advisory Committee, especially with regard to pedestrian access and traffic calming.

WEST SIDE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES COMPETE FOR SEAT D

There are five candidates for Assembly Seat D, currently held by Fay Von Gemmingen: Sherri Jackson, Dave Werdal, Woody Sanders, Pamela Jennings, and Joe Del Donno. There will be an opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves and answer questions at the March meeting.

ASSEMBLY APPROVES CREATION OF A MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Assembly approved the creation of a Midtown Community Council at its meeting on February 17, 2004. This action has the effect of reducing the boundaries of the Spenard Community Council for the second time in less than a year. The Spenard Community Council's eastern boundary is now Arctic Blvd.

BEAR TOOTH SEEKS CONDITIONAL USE FOR OFF STREET PARKING LOT

Fresh Ales LLC, the parent company for the Bear Tooth Theatre Pub on 1230 W.27th Ave, has applied for a conditional use permit to use three lots on W.27th as a parking lot, which will allow for 133 parking spaces. The lots are zoned R-4 and off street parking is permitted by conditional use in the R-4 zone. A representative for Bear Tooth will discuss the proposal at the March meeting. The application will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 5, 2004.

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