

## **SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting at 7pm, October 6, 2004, at the Spenard Recreation Center

### **AGENDA & NEWSLETTER**

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Reports
3. Tudor Road and Wilson-Cambridge Intersection
4. Prosecution of Prostitution Cases
5. Spenard & Benson Buildings
6. Committee Reports
7. Old and New Business

### **TUDOR ROAD AND WILSON-CAMBRIDGE INTERSECTION**

Scott Thomas, the Central Region Traffic Engineer for the Department of Transportation (DOT), answered questions at the September meeting about alternatives for this intersection. As part of the Tudor Road paving project, the DOT is exploring options to reduce or eliminate the sidestreet left turning and crossing collisions at this intersection. According to the DOT, those options include 1) installation of a raised "puzzle piece" median to restrict traffic from crossing Tudor Road or turning left from the Wilson and Cambridge approaches; 2) installation of a traffic signal to facilitate left turning and cross maneuvers; or 3) leave it as is. The DOT wants community input on these options and we will discuss them at the October meeting.

### **SPENARD & BENSON BUILDINGS**

The Spenard Community Council has actively sought the demolition of two State owned derelict buildings at the intersection of Spenard Road and Benson Boulevard. The wood frame building has boarded up windows and its entryway and adjoining parking lot are frequently occupied by street people. The DOT agrees with the Council that the building should be removed and the property rehabilitated, and it is looking into ways to pay for it. However, the DOT does not believe that the second building, a concrete block building, should be demolished. The DOT also rejected the Council's no-cost proposal to have Edward Brown demolish the buildings in exchange for the land. These matters will be discussed at the October meeting.

### **PROSECUTION OF PROSTITUTION CASES**

State Senator Hollis French, along with the municipal prosecutor's office, will give a presentation at the September meeting about the prosecution of prostitution cases

### **PENDING ZONING MATTERS**

1) Deloris Dash and James and Joyce Paulus seek to subdivide four parcels in the Woodland Park Subdivision (Lots 10E-1, the south 5' of 11E-1, 12E-1, and 13D) into two lots with vacation of the south 50 feet of Willow Street. The matter will go before the Platting Board on October 6, 2004.

2) Deloris Dash is also seeking a variance to allow a structure at 3052 Willow Lane to encroach into the sideyard setback. This matter will come before the Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals on October 14, 2004.

3) An ordinance has been proposed to allow offices of tax exempt charitable organizations in the R-1 zoning district as a conditional use on lots with a minimum of 20,000 square feet . This matter is going before the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 1, 2004.

### **35TH AVENUE AND MCRAE ROAD PROJECT**

Representatives of CRW Engineering Group, which is developing design alternatives to improve 35th Avenue and McRae Road to current City collector standards, attended our June meeting and they are continuing to seek input from the community. They held a community workshop on September 22, 2004, at Turnagain Elementary School. The project engineer is Brendan McKee (562-3252 or [bmckee@crweng.com](mailto:bmckee@crweng.com)) and the project administrator for the City is Duane Maney (343-8221 or [maneyDC@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:maneyDC@ci.anchorage.ak.us)). You can also check updates at [www.35thandmcraeproject.com](http://www.35thandmcraeproject.com).

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### **CANDIDATES FORUM AT STELLER**

The Spenard, Turnagain, Northstar and Midtown Community Councils are sponsoring a joint candidates forum on October 13, 2004 at Steller Secondary School, 2508 Blueberry, at 7pm. State house (districts 23-26) and senate (district M) candidates will be there, as well as candidates for US House and Senate. Contact Troy Maulden (644-4885) for more details.

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