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Spenard Community Council

Meeting to be held at Spenard Recreation Center on
March 5, 2003, 7:00PM.

Agenda

1. Minutes & Agenda Action:
2. Legislative Tele-Conference with Juneau:
3. Assembly Report:
4. Railroad and Airport Reports:
5. Anchorage Tomorrow, Tim Vig 343-5237, Road & Park Bonds:
6. Tom McGrath 250-2512, Single Member Assembly Districts:
7. Anchorage School District, Carol Comeau 742-4312, School Bonds:
8. School Board Candidates Forum, seats E, F & G:
9. New/Old business:

Spenard Community Council Newsletter

February Elections Brought on a Slate of New Council Officers. We will miss Tom McGrath as our Chairperson though we won't let him stray too far from our meetings, he is indeed a keeper! Brenda Smart is our newly elected Chairperson; Robert Auth is once again our Vice-Chair; Margaret Auth is our new Secretary; Allen Thornhill is our foundation and continued Treasurer; and Sam O'Connor is our appointed Public Safety Officer. Brenda Smart was also elected to be our Spenard Delegate at the Federation of Community Council's Board Meetings.

School Board Candidate Forum: 47% of your MOA taxes go to the Anchorage School District. We have invited all 10 candidates running for 3 board member seats to come introduce themselves and for some Q&A.

Speaking of Elections... April 1st (Fools Day) is our next Municipal Election; don't miss your opportunity to VOTE!

Skateboarding is NOT a Crime! Per our request, Assembly Persons Fay VonGemmingen and Dan Sullivan asked for \$150,000.00 for a skateboard park and it did make it onto the Parks & Recreation Bond. Spenard Community Council has been pushing for participatory venues at the lonely Midtown Park and it would be a good location for a permanent facility. Skateboarding is a healthy activity for our youth; they need good places where they are allowed to practice their sport. We have not yet addressed this idea with MOA Jim Posey's P&R replacement, John Rodda.

Open a Teen Strip Club in Spenard? No! It is supposedly a building owners' alternative business idea to fill his recently vacated space where the Hemp Headquarters just went out of business. We will be taking action against this matter.

Zoning Committee: We have a great MOA Land Use Enforcement Officer- JillAnne Inglis 343-8353, designated for the Spenard area. Brenda Smart is no longer able to be on any committee's so Robert & Margaret Auth and Bill Evans (winter only) are it for now. They could use some assistance, since most are elected officers already. Meetings are commonly held over lunch with MOA employees, dependent on issues at hand. This is a fun way of participating that is not too time demanding.

Care to Adopt a Park? Be you an individual or an organization, there are several parks in the Spenard area that are in need of adoption. Basically it requires a once monthly minimum commitment to pick up trash, MOA supplies the recognition sign, bags, vests, gloves and some tools & limited supplies for the more eager caretakers. For more information call Nancy Beardsley 343-4288 at P&R or come see the list detailing available parks at our next meeting. It also helps deter vandalism.

Rust In Peace: Is there an abandoned vehicle in your (or someone else's) yard, driveway or parked along your neighborhood streets that you would like to send for FREE to that "Big Heated Garage In the Sky?" Well, the Municipality can help you. Call 729-RUST or the APD Junk Vehicle Hotline at 786-8854.

If there are other matters that need to be brought before the council please feel free to contact me. Thank you for participating.

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