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# VIVA Spenard! Community Council

7: pm, October 1st, 2003 at the Spenard Recreation Center

**"NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME"**

## AGENDA

1. Introductions, Minutes & Agenda Action:
2. Assembly Reports:
3. Alaska Railroad & Ted Stevens Airport:
4. Gun Crime Prevention, US Attorney Tim Burgess 929-3941:
5. Spinnell Homes 344-5678, ADOT Right of Way & MOA Code Violations:
6. Appoint a Midtown Delegate?:
7. Spenard T-shirts presented as fund raiser?:
8. Committee Reports:
9. Adjourn.

### **AFD SHUT DOWN ROBERTO'S BOARDING HOUSE**

Between fire and other code violations, Roberto's Boarding Room is now closed.

### **GOVERNOR MURKOWSKI'S STATE BUDGET PLAN**

As the Budget Plan unveiling has not happened yet; Marilyn Stewart, Deputy Director of Community Relations for the Anchorage Governors Office will not be giving a presentation on the State Budget Plan this month as scheduled. We look forward to having her report with us again in the near future.

### **MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAKING HEADWAY**

Spenard supports the MOA Planning & Zoning Departments recommendation and Dan Coffey's plan for a whole new Midtown Council to be implemented from Fireweed Lane in the north, Seward Hwy to the east, International Road in the south and Arctic Blvd to the west. Call Dan 274-3385 for more information. Any Spenard residents living in the described area please attend and participate in the process, your voice is welcome & encouraged.

### **ASD BOARD MEMBERS ASSIGNED HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

Anchorage School District has assigned John Steiner to address any concerns of our West High School attendance area. Feel free to call him at 696-2629.

### **SPENARD OPPOSES RENEWAL OF J.S. XXX BOOKSTORE LICENSE**

During the August meeting, Spenard made resolution, unanimously opposing the J.S. XXX Bookstore being able to renew their municipal Adult Oriented Establishment business license. This lines up with APD, as they too oppose the renewal due to criminal activity on site. Fortunately, the building is now within the new Spenard Boundary and we can finally deal with them once & for all. Previously it was in Turnagain Community Council bounds.

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### NEXT BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

The old pink hotel, a boarded up repeat fire and crime site at the corner of 37<sup>th</sup> & Oregon is on Mayor Begich's list for removal. The owner has been issued a final notice and come August 30<sup>th</sup>, the muni is responsible for it's demolition. They are procuring funds and hopefully it will come down before winter- that's my goal.

### APD REQUESTS OF US: REPORT ALL STREET PROSTITUTION 786-8900

Keep the calls coming in folks, even if you feel it isn't helping- that's what it takes! At our September meeting, with APD present, we formed a committee to deal specifically with the prostitution problem on our streets. Your calls do help.

### WESTSIDE COMMUNITY PATROL

We need more community members to step forward and help enhance public safety by taking a pro-active approach towards reducing street crime in our neighborhoods. Sam O'Connor, President of Westside Community Patrol announced they are again ready to recruit and hold free training for volunteers. Courses Include recognizing street problems and how to deal with them, by developing a working relationship through a compatible line of questioning formula with APD officers & dispatchers; becoming an extra set of eyes and ears. Education in Disaster Preparedness also is a large part of the program. "We have made a difference and we will continue to make a difference by neighbors helping neighbors". If you are interested in joining or for more information please call Westside Community Patrol 243-3777 or Sam at 227-5157.

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