

# SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, April 7, 2004, at the Spenard Recreation Center

## AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Legislative Teleconference from Juneau
2. Minutes and Agenda Action
3. Assembly Reports
4. Fish Creek Projects
5. Anchorage Roads Coalition
6. Spenard Banner Project
7. Capital Projects Survey
8. Committee Reports
9. Old & New Business

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REJECTS MAPLE RIDGE PETITION**

On March 8, 2004, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously rejected any changes to the existing special limitations on the Maple Ridge property. 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. Then, the developers "only" wanted to change the special limitation that required vehicle access to Spenard Road. This would have meant that all of the traffic from a potential 180 unit development (approximately 1200 average daily trips) would have accessed Northwood Drive only. Dozens of neighbors testified against removing this special limitation. This matter may still come before the Assembly, but no hearing date has been set.

## **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.

## **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. All appeared at our March meeting and made favorable impressions. We will have to choose one to represent us on April 6.

## **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. The Council passed a resolution in March approving the application, which will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 5, 2004.

## **ANCHORAGE ROADS COALITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

A representative from the Anchorage Roads Coalition will address the Council at our April meeting. The Coalition advocates for safe, neighborhood friendly and cost effective street construction on collector and minor arterials through the principle of context sensitive design, which should include the participation of all the stakeholders impacted by the road project.

### **SPENARD BANNER COMPETITION PROPOSAL**

Kristen Hately will present a plan to involve the two elementary schools in our Council area in a school wide competition to create a banner that represents the community of Spenard. Each class would have the option of learning more about their Spenard area, history, and ties to the community. She will also propose that local business and political leaders be involved in the judging of the banners, with the winning kids invited to a Council meeting.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS PLANNED FOR SPENARD**

A list of the capital projects planned for the Spenard area will be distributed at the April meeting. The City wants the Council to rank the projects and return the survey by May 17, 2004. This schedule provides the opportunity to discuss the projects in April and then rank them by priority at the May meeting.

### **TED STEVENS AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS**

As reported at the March meeting, the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Community Stakeholder Committee held its first meeting on February 25, 2004. Your chair is the Spenard representative. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2004 at 3pm in the North Terminal, McKinley Room. Additionally, there will be a meeting at 7pm on April 8, 2004 at the Coast International Inn (formerly WestCoast), 3333 W. International Airport Road, to discuss the Lake Hood/Ted Stevens International Anchorage Airport General Aviation Master Planning process.

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