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VIVA Spenard! Community Council

7: pm, September 3rd, 2003 at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Introductions, Minutes & Agenda Action:
2. Anchorage Assembly Reports:
3. Governor Murkowski Representative, Q&A w/ Marilyn Stewart 269-7456:
4. Ted Stevens International Airport, Jennifer Payne 266-2107:
5. Alaska Railroad Corporation, Stephanie Wheeler 265-2671:
6. Alaska Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Center, Tamara Keech 279-1799:
7. MapleRidge Rezone, Brookes Chandler 272-8401:
8. Chugach Way, Lounsbury & Associates:
9. APD Requests Spenard's Top Concerns:
10. Pedestrian Safety Prioritization List for Submittal to AMATS:
11. Zoning Committee:
12. Old & New Business:
13. Adjourn.

GOVERNOR MURKOWSKI REPRESENTATION COMING TO SPENARD

Marilyn Stewart, Deputy Director of Community Relations for the Anchorage Governors Office will begin attending our meetings, to address Q&A on behalf of Governor Murkowski's Budget Plan. A formal presentation on the Budget Plan is scheduled for our upcoming October meeting, so be sure to attend.

SPENARD ENCOURAGES A SEPERATE MIDTOWN COUNCIL

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. The final mandatory Public Hearing on the subject is scheduled at 7:PM on September 17th, 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.

MINNESOTA BILLIARDS HAS A SUCCESSFUL RESOLVE

The crime rate has dropped to zero in the parking lot at Z Plaza in front of Minnesota Billiards due to their new management policy and pro-active security. We are happy they are becoming more involved with the community's well-being.

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.

NEXT BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

The old pink hotel, a boarded up repeat fire and crime site at the corner of 37th & Oregon is on Mayor Begich's list for removal. The owner has been issued a final notice and come August 30th, 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!

APD ASSIGNING OFFICERS TO ALL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Lt. Paul Honeman from APD is currently working on a plan to assign a regular officer to attend council meetings and work with them on their concerns. Spenard has had great success with APD and welcomes the representation.

Brenda Smart

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CARE TO BECOME STREETWISE, FOR HEALTHY REASONS?

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.