

Spenard Community Council
Spenard Recreation Center
2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517
Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 7:00-8:30 pm
6:30 pm meet and greet



Minutes

Happy Half Hour

- Connect with neighbors and help set up for the meeting

1. Welcome/Call to Order

- Meg Mielke called meeting to order at 7:06pm
- Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 01/04/2023, Agenda for current meeting)
 - **Peggy Auth moved to approve consent agenda, Irene Persson-Gamble seconded, no objection.**
- Mielke introduced the Executive Board

2. Brief reports

- Anchorage School Board Report: no representative present, no report
- Assembly Report: Kameron Perez-Verdia reported
 - An initiative to have marijuana tax go toward paying early childhood education will be on the April municipal ballot.
 - Assembly passed emergency orders: limited spending, lowered limits that need to come to assembly for approval; limited ability to engage in contracts; extended terms on boards and commissions. EOs will last for 60 days.
 - Concerns about former Anchorage Health Department Director Joe Gerace; Assembly is investigating what exactly happened, what impact he had while in office, how he was hired.
 - He has received a number of questions about Golden Lion; anticipates that coming online in near future.
 - The area around the Sullivan Arena is number one response for APD. APD now has foot patrols around SA, shifts of officers walking the trails. Auth asked about navigation center contract. Assemblymember Felix Rivera reported they're waiting to see if Hickel will take MOA to court. Said that Assemblymember Chris Constant trying to come up with a code change that would require assembly approval on final disbursement of funds.
- Airport Report: Megan Peters reported
 - ANC will be hosting job fair at North terminal. See notes. Merle asked if there would be a public meeting about the new tower going up; Peters responded that is up to the FAA.

3. Information Topic: Community Council Boundaries Subgroup, Bob and Peggy Auth

- Bob and Peggy Auth gave update and brief background on SCC boundaries. They propose expanding Spenard boundaries to older boundaries. Posits that the midtown community council is attended mostly by business owners as opposed to residents. Midtown Plan is being proposed,

would like Spenard residents to have a voice in that. Peggy is willing to serve as a volunteer from Spenard.

4. Information Topic: Stakeholder working group for the Ted Steven International Airport Master Plan Update, Bob Auth

- Airport starting a process of an updated master plan. Bob is willing to be representative, has filled out form, but needs an alternate name. Planning group would like to know top three priorities in Spenard as they relate to the airport. Megan Peters will check to see if meetings will be open to the public

5. Decision Topic: Spenard Road Rehabilitation Design Comments Letter, Sarah Preskitt

- Preskitt presented a comments letter drafted by Lindsey Hajduk addressed to Lance Wilbur outlining feedback on the recently updated plans for Phase II of the Spenard Road Rehabilitation project. The feedback and recommendations were discussed by the Spenard Corridor Plan Task Force.
 - Julie Leonard moved to approve the letter. Peggy Auth seconded.
 - **Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays. Spenard Road Rehabilitation Design Comments Letter approved.**

6. Decision Topic: Resolution In Support of Fully Funding for Public Education; Mark Foster, Rogers Park Community Council

- Mr. Foster not present, **no vote taken.**

7. Decision Topic: SCC Elections

- Candidates introduced themselves.
- **Candidates elected:**
 - Meg Mielke, President
 - Matt Duncan, Vice President
 - Sarah Preskitt, Secretary
 - Julie Leonard, Treasurer
 - Peggy Auth, Auditor
 - Margaret McDonagh, Auditor
 - Irene Persson-Gamble, Auditor
- **No write in candidates returned.**

8. Information Topic: PFAS Chemicals in Alaska; Pamela Miller, Alaska Community Action on Toxics

- Pamela Miller gave report on PFAS Chemicals in Alaska. Report included on SCC website.

9. Information Topic: Update on Barratt Inn Acquisition; Victor Mozzoli and John Weddleton, Anchorage Affordable Housing Land Trust

- Mr Mozzoli and Mr Weddleton reported the Municipality of Anchorage had funding for low income housing that was appropriated to Rasmuson Foundation; the funds were moved to the Anchorage Affordable Housing Land Trust. The Trust now owns the Guest House downtown, are turning it into apartment building. The Trust also owns Barratt Inn and just closed on Lakeside Inn. They couldn't disclose names earlier while under contract. The business plan is to lease apartments in these former hotels. Will be placing additional laundry facilities to accommodate renters. Tenants and landlords are subject to Landlord/Tenant Act with same rights and responsibilities. Renters can use vouchers to pay for housing. First individuals will be moving into Lakeshore the week of February 6. Tenants have vouchers, but no current place to use the

vouchers. At Barratt Inn, former restaurant will be turned into a communal kitchen. May rip up the parking lot to turn into a park. Barratt Inn will have front desk staffed 24/7.

10. Discussion Topic: Legislative Appropriations Wishlist; Meg Mielke, SCC President

- Mielke asked those present what their priorities were regarding funding requests to Alaska legislators.
- Requests included:
 - Sidewalk snow removal
 - Lois Drive Pedestrian Amenities
 - Daylighting Fish Creek

11. Neighborhood & Community Announcements

- Anna Brawley: running for District 3 Anchorage Assembly
- Long Lam: planning to transfer 36th Ave Liquor license to their business
- Kameron Perez-Verdia: Assembly gave additional funding for snow plowing; MOA is currently experiencing a labor shortage.
- John Weddleton: Announced 2nd Saturday activities in Spenard. Selling stickers to fundraise against human trafficking. Spenard Chamber of Commerce is back.

12. Treasurer's Report: Julie Leonard, SCC Treasurer

- Leonard said that no monies moved, so there is no official report

13. Adjourn

- **Peggy Auth moved to adjourn, Oleks Lushchyk seconded**
 - **Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm**
- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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