

**Spenard Community Council**  
Spenard Recreation Center  
2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517  
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 7:00-8:45 pm  
6:30 pm meet and greet



# Minutes

## 1. Welcome/Call to Order

- **Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Meg Mielke.**
- Mielke introduced the executive board.
- **Sarah Preskitt moved to make an amendment to the agenda** to add a report by the Anchorage Fire Department after the report from the Anchorage Police Department.
  - **Seconded by Matt Duncan. No objections, amendment approved.**

## 2. Brief reports (5 mins each with time for questions)

- Meg Zalatel gave a report from the Anchorage Assembly
  - The Assembly is in the second phase of budget season and are taking a look at money that wasn't spent last budget season. \$11million of the alcohol tax collected was not spent. Some of those funds paid for cold weather shelter, but not the mobile crisis team. The Assembly will review. Member Zalatel also reported that FEMA reimbursements are starting to come in.
- Officer Will Perry gave a report from Anchorage Police Department
  - Officer Perry reported that recent trends include a lot of vehicle break ins and vehicle theft. Noticing that sometimes key fobs are close enough to open car doors. 97 vacancies at APD, 70 of those vacancies are for patrol officers.
- Members of the Anchorage Fire Department introduced themselves and let attendees know that they are available for questions.

## 3. Info Topic: CIP Priorities

- Sarah Preskitt reminded attendees that the survey requesting Spenard residents and business representatives rank their priorities regarding future capital projects in our boundaries.
- Paper copies of the survey were made available to attendees. Preskitt will send the link to the electronic survey via the FCC mailing list and Meg Mielke will post the link on the SCC Facebook page.
- Preskitt will compile and draft a resolution based on the survey results to be voted on at the May 2023 meeting.
- Surveys are due on Friday, April 21 at 5:00pm.

## 4. Decision Topic: Resolution 2023-03: A Resolution in Favor of the Implementation of Temporary Protected Bike Lanes in Anchorage

- Lindsey Hajduk presented a resolution supporting a pilot project to place temporary protected bike lanes on Fireweed Lane.
- **Lindsey Hajduk moved moved to approve; seconded by Sarah Preskitt**

- Discussion in favor included the need for protected bike lanes in Anchorage and that collecting data would help make the case to construct permanent protected bike lanes and other non-motorized infrastructure. Discussion against included that if the pilot project failed, it would be more difficult to gather support for protected bike lanes and other non-motorized infrastructure in the future.
- **Matt Duncan moved to vote; seconded by Sarah Preskitt; no objections.**
  - **12 in favor, 4 opposed; resolution passes**

5. **Decision Topic:** Resolution 2023-04: A Resolution Opposing the proposed use of the Arctic Recreation Center and its property as a location for a low barrier shelter and other homeless services

- **Matt Duncan moved to open the resolution for discussion; seconded by Peggy Auth, no objection.**
  - Ryan Quigley and Melissa Sullivan presented a resolution opposing the use of the Arctic Recreation Center and the property it occupies as a low barrier homeless shelter
  - Discussion in favor of the resolution included that Assembly members have not communicated a concrete plan and that residents do not feel that there has been adequate communication about using the site for homeless services. Additionally, the site is located near a dense neighborhood, schools, and a church and would be an inappropriate location for such services.
  - Discussion against the resolution included not wanting to prohibit exploration of using the site and wanting to allow Assembly members the opportunity to present a concrete plan for how this site would be used and staffed and how it would affect the neighborhood.
- **Bill Borchardt moved to approve; seconded by Rosemary Borchardt.**
  - **5 in favor, 11 opposed. Resolution fails.**

6. **Information Topic:** Title 21 Site Access Amendments

- Municipality of Anchorage Senior Planner Tom Davis presented a report on the progress of Title 21 Site Access Amendments. Introduction at the Assembly is anticipated in April of May 2023 with an Assembly public hearing date still to be scheduled.
- Peggy Auth asked if there was an ordinance number assigned yet. Mr. Davis reported there was not, but interested residents could follow PZC Case 2023-011.

7. **Information Topic:** Community Council boundaries

- Municipality of Anchorage Senior Planner Tom Davis presented a report on the Community Council Boundary Committee
- The Planning Department has formed a committee of 12 people to discuss, analyze, and make decisions for possible new community council boundaries based on a survey sent earlier this year. These meetings are open to the public.
- The next meeting will be held **April 24 at 6:30pm**. Those interested can attend in person or via Teams.
- Documents about this project and process can be found at <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/CommunityCouncilBoundariesReview.aspx>

8. **Decision Topic:** Good Neighbor Policy Memorandum of Understanding between CSS' Clare House and the Spenard Community Council  
Kjersti Langnes, Catholic Social Services

- **Postponed to next meeting**

**9. Information Topic:** Girl Scouts Presentation

- Soraya Karimi from Girl Scouts of Alaska gave a report on what Girls Scouts are doing in our community and said they are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers. Those interested in joining or volunteering can call 907-248-2250, visit [www.girlscoutsalaska.org/join](http://www.girlscoutsalaska.org/join) or email [customer care@girlscoutsalaska.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsalaska.org)

**10. Information Topic:** Rezone of 1007 W. 32nd Avenue

- Ron Thompson, Scope Permitting & Engineering presented information regarding the property located at 1007 W 32nd Avenue in Spenard. It currently houses a radio tower that cannot be moved or removed since it is still in use. He is seeking ideas for what could be done with the property to prevent it from becoming an empty lot that would invite illicit activity. Those interested or seeking additional information can contact Mr Thompson at [scopepne.ron@gmail.com](mailto:scopepne.ron@gmail.com)

**11. Community Announcements**

- Due to time constraints, Mielke requested those with community announcements send those to her and she would post them to the SCC Facebook page.

**12. Adjourn**

- **Peggy Auth moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt Duncan.**
  - **Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.**
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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