

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



# Minutes

## Welcome/Call to Order

- President Meg Mielke called the meeting to order at 7:08pm
- Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 06/07/2023, Agenda for current meeting)
  - **Margaret McDonagh moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Jed Smith. No objection, consent agenda approved.**
- Mielke introduced the executive board and announced the incorrect agenda for the meeting had been printed, but the correct agenda is available online.

## Brief reports (10 mins each)

- School Board Report: Dave Donley
  - Not making proposals for school closures
  - Massive deficit for next year \$60mil
- Assembly Report: Felix Rivera
  - Body worn cameras - APD looking to have 30 body worn cameras on officers as volunteer program, hoping for full implementation in 2024. Wants APD to have a public timetable
  - MOA Trust fund - Board will take over responsibilities of single MOA employee to a board of 9 individuals - will vote on board members at Sept 12 meeting
  - Homelessness - Tudor and Elmore navigation center was voted down by Assembly for a few reasons:
    - Cost, both capital and operating
    - Fire safety
    - Size of facility
  - Currently focused on emergency cold weather shelter; looking at non-congregate spaces such as hotels
    - Get better results from hotels
    - Better for residents than a large congregate space
    - Small increase at covenant house for transitional age youth 18-24
    - If not enough hotel space, prepare for population that might not fit hotel space for various reasons
      - AHD trying to figure out where to put small congregate space
    - Funding for plan on 9/12
    - Operation/implementation later in September
  - Assembly appropriated 220K to help mitigate large encampments

**Information Topic: Chugach Way Trailer Court**

- Alex Marqueda reported that he is running a test run on tiny homes and answered questions from attendees.

**Decision topic: Resolution 2023-5: A Resolution Opposing Lease from Alaska Railroad Corporation**

- Meg Mielke introduced the resolution.
- **Jed Smith moved to approve; seconded by Irene Persson-Gamble**
- Discussion
- **Smith moved to vote on the resolution; seconded by McDonagh.**
  - **8 in favor, 0 opposed. Resolution passes.**

**Information Topic: Trick or Treat Fish Creek**

- Mielke announced that this year's Trick or Treat Fish Creek will take place on Halloween night, 10/31.
- Anyone who would like to help plan is welcome. Meetings are planned for Tuesday 9/26, 10/10, and 10/24 at 6pm, Spenard Rec Center

**Community Announcements**

- Resident: has been receiving emails about doing 9/11 volunteer service, was wondering if the community council was sponsoring anything
- Tosha Hotch: Representative Alyse Galvin is hosting Town Hall at Loussac Library's Wilda Marston Theater with Representative Josephson and Senator Gray-Jackson on September 16, 1pm-5pm
- Joann Mitchell and Randy Brown: Working on a study to determine the best location for a new Transit Center. They are kicking off the public portion of study and looking for Spenard Community Council Rep for a 9/21 stakeholder meeting. Open house on 9/21.

**Adjourn**

- **Smith moved to adjourn, McDonagh seconded.**
  - **Mielke adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.**
- **Next Meeting: October 4 at 7pm; hybrid (zoom option) and in person at The Nave**

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