

Spenard Community Council

The Nave

3502 Spenard Road

Anchorage, AK 99503

Wednesday, October 4 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 7:02pm.
- Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 09/06/2023, Agenda for current meeting)
 - **Matt Duncan moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Margaret McDonagh. No objection, consent agenda approved.**
- Mielke introduced the Executive Board

Brief reports (10 mins each)

- Assembly Report: Christopher Constant
 - The Assembly appropriated additional funding for congregate and non congregate shelter, including shelters that don't traditionally get a lot of use in the winter. The former building that housed the administrative offices for SWS transfer center is currently being considered for low barrier shelter. The plan will ramp up between 10/15-11/1. The site will likely not be long term site for congregate shelter as the goal is to create housing, not to have large congregate shelter.
- Legislative Report: Alyse Galvin
 - There will not be a special session, but she hopes for a supplemental budget. Representative Galvin has been reaching out to constituents and has a weekly coffee meetup every Wednesday at noon. She is also touring CIP opportunities in Spenard so when she's in Juneau she can talk about them. She can be reached via email at alyse.galvin@akleg.gov.
- Airport Report: John Johansen
 - Seasonal scheduled flights are now over and the parking garage project is almost wrapped up. All four levels of the parking garage will be available for parking during the winter and the 4th floor will be closed in the spring to complete renovations in spring. 49th State Brewing has opened up in C concourse, replacing Humpy's. Public open house for a FedEx expansion across from the post office will be held on October 17. More information is available on the Anchorage Airport website: <https://dot.alaska.gov/anc/>

Information Topic: Airport Master Plan Update

- Bob Auth reported that at the September 14 meeting he learned a lot of statistics. He raised the issue of Fairbanks capacity being considered for cargo capacity, as they could take some of the excess cargo so that it didn't all have to be developed in Anchorage. Auth anticipates two more meetings in 2024.

Information Topic: Code Enforcement

- Richard Fern from MOA Code Enforcement reported that they are currently hiring. Staff cleaned up 4 or 5 drug houses this summer. There is they can do about the Basher property that has a homeless camp; APD must deal with it as Code Enforcement cannot do anything on private or public property about homeless camps. Fern reported that the camp is probably not going to be addressed due to lack of APD resources. Fern gave updates on the following properties as requested from the executive board and Spenard residents:
 - 2000 West 32nd Ave: The structure on this property is gone.
 - 2007 W 36th Ave: The car is gone, but the building is secure.
 - 4222 Spenard Road: This property will be complicated. Fern will address it.
 - 4300 Forrest Road: The cart and sign were permitted. A landscape architect took a look at the property.
 - 1115 Chugach Way: the issue reported is a known issue and not a permitted use.
 - Trees at Lois and Benson - Code Enforcement does not have staff to address this.
 - 2211 West 45th Ave: includes quonset huts from the 50s and materials in the watershed.
 - This property fell through the cracks.

Information Topic: Transit Center Study

- Joann Mitchell from Kinney Engineering and Randy Brown from the MOA Public Transportation Department gave a brief update on the Transit Center study. Public comment is open until October 20 at anctransitcenter.com. One of the five potential sites is in Spenard at the old DMV site at Benson and Spenard.

Decision Topic: Letter of Reprimand

- **Oleks Lushchuk moved to approve; seconded by Margaret McDonagh.**
- Matt Duncan presented a Letter of Reprimand addressed to the Municipal Administration for gross negligence with municipality resources resulting in \$2,455,352 financial loss to the landholders in the Anchorage Municipality.
- Attendees discussed.
- **Jed Smith moved to table indefinitely; seconded by Phil Isley.**
 - **13 in favor, 5 opposed. Letter of Reprimand is tabled indefinitely.**

Information Topic: Trick or Treat Fish Creek

- Mielke announced that this year's event will take place on October 31, Halloween Night, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
- The event will be along the Fish Creek Trail from Fish Creek Park to Barbara Street Park.
- The next planning meeting is Tuesday Oct 10 from 7pm-8pm at the Spenard Rec Center.
- Link to volunteer:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9uuZ3TLHlI74nZrd30cuTU9ZIA0cQ_F19QHKfDY7mMv-jtQ/viewform?pli=1

Community Announcements

Peggy Auth: The FCC email sent out directed people to Spenard Rec Center, then a correction directed them again to Rec Center. The Spenard Rec Center also has a new schedule; Auth asked where the Council will meet in the future.

Lindsey Hajduk: AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP2050) is taking public comments until October 9 at amats2050.com

RJ: Introduced herself as the Community Engagement Coordinator for CIHA; announced a new active duty

and veteran program featuring music on October 11 at 5:30pm; announced that next door, Frozen Flamingo Market has opened

Irene Persson-Gamble: Cyranos is running a play about Ted Stevens' life

Adjourn

- **Peggy Auth moved to adjourn; seconded by RJ.**
 - **Mielke adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm**
- **Next Meeting: November 1 at 7pm at the Spenard Recreation Center**

To add agenda items to future meetings, email SpenardCC@gmail.com