

Spenard Community Council
Spenard Recreation Center
2020 W 48th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99517
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:00-8:00 pm



Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order

- **President Meg Mielke called the meeting to order at 7:01pm**
- Mielke introduced the Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 10/04/2023, Agenda for current meeting)
 - **Sarah Preskitt moved to amend the agenda to add Representative Jennie Armstrong. Matt Duncan seconded.**
 - **No objection, consent agenda approved.**
- Mielke introduced the Executive Board.

Brief reports (10 mins each)

- State House: Representative Jennie Armstrong
 - Representative Armstrong gave a report on the status of SB88, as well as efforts regarding access to birth control in rural areas, non-discrimination bills, and a child care bill. She recently visited Iceland and would like to encourage all of us to think of ourselves as part of the Arctic. Current advocacy projects include paid family leave (Alaska currently offers 18 weeks unpaid, would like to offer fully paid), and acquiring federal funding to get kids free and reduced price lunches.
- Assembly Report: Member Meg Zalatel
 - November 7 is the last chance to testify about the budget. The budget is currently \$12 million under tax cap, but those are based on labor savings calculated by vacancies. If those positions are eliminated, we will not be able to get that funding back for 2025. Members are checking the CIP list against the CIP budget. Member Zalatel is advocating for a 12.5 million dollar bond for 25 Portland Loo style public restrooms. These facilities would be placed on municipal land and be pumped in a way similar to porta potties. They are designed to be anti-graffiti and anti-vandalism, and the lighting inside discourages drug use. The goal is to bond enough to make them municipal wide. If passed, the cost would be approximately \$2.50 per 100k assessed. The Assembly plans to do a community survey to gather data but also make sure that they are placed throughout the municipality. Zalatel is hoping that some community groups would like to partner or sponsor to expand the program. An attendee complained about potholes in his neighborhood. Zalatel recommended the Pothole Hotline: 907-343-6363
- School Board: Representative absent, no report given.

Decision Topic: Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution Supporting People Mover Route 85

- **Lindsey Hajduk moved to approve; seconded by Peggy Auth.**
 - **17 in favor, 0 opposed. Resolution passes.**

Decision Topic: Resolution 2023-07: A Resolution Against the Wall in the Median on Minnesota Drive

- **Lindsey Hajduk moved to introduce; seconded by Peggy Auth.**
- Attendees discussed.
- **Matt Duncan moved to vote; seconded by Irene Irene Persson-Gamble.**
 - **14 in favor, 5 opposed. Resolution passes.**

Information Topic: Trick or Treat on Fish Creek

- Meg Mielke gave a report about this year's successful Trick or Treat on Fish Creek event.

Community Announcements

- **Irene Persson-Gamble:** A student exchange program will welcome its first student from Amsterdam. If anyone is interested in hosting a high school student, reach out to Irene at irene12851@hotmail.com
- **Unknown Attendee:** Fish Creek Trail Connection: decision regarding a lease that may block the current connection plan will go to the Railroad Board on November 14.
- **Cathy Gleeson:** gave an update on the Railroad meeting this morning.

Adjourn

- **Preskitt moved to adjourn; seconded by Margaret McDonagh.**
 - **Mielke adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.**
- **Next Meeting: December 6 at 7pm at the Spenard Recreation Center.**

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