

Spenard Community Council Minutes

March 5, 2008, 7pm, Spenard Recreation Center

The meeting started at 7:03 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Agenda Additions or Deletions: None

Minute Corrections: None

No objections, Moved & Approved with no changes. (Matt B., 2nd Bob A.)

2. Announcements

a.) Assembly Candidate Introduction:

Sheri Jackson: Life long Alaskan, mother of 4, home schooled children for several years, married 26 years. Active in the Sand Lake Area for years, runs little league baseball for 1100 kids, Sand Lake Community Council President for 8 years working with many entities, brings a conservative background. Sheri would like to make bonds easier to read for the average taxpayer.

Harriet Drummond: Has lived in West Anchorage for 30 years, homeowner for 22yrs. in her current location, small business owner since 1981 (graphic design). Elected to School Board 1994 (3 terms), active in the Northstar Community Council and the Federation of Community Councils, appointed to the Midtown advisory group. Harriet would like to focus on public safety and working with public employees fairly, road decisions made with public input from start to finish (businesses as well as residents). She will also make sure our property taxes are not going to waste.

3. Legislative Report-report came before item 2 on the agenda.

Sen. French: Education packet passed the Senate. New money for the base student allocation and special needs students. Supplemental appropriations bill passed to save 3.6 billion between two savings accounts (CBR & CBR statute). House passed the operating budget and is now in the Senate. Thanked people who showed up for the Pizza Party on Saturday along with the Governor, who stayed for about an hour answering questions and meeting people.

Rep. Doogan: Not in attendance.

4. Assembly Report

Matt Claman / Dan Sullivan: School district budget is coming before the assembly. A teamster's contract and the purchase of some automated garbage collectors were some recent items passed by the Assembly. Security guards or metal detectors may be used in the future at Assembly meetings in light of recent shootings in the lower 48 at city. The Assembly would like to see some money from the State to do maintenance on facilities

that are in need of repair. The noise ordinance is not moving forward, it has been shelved and complaints have gone down hopefully due to better enforcement. Power plant on Electron Drive has not been brought to the Assembly for action of any kind.

5. Local projects and Issues discussions

a.) School Bonds (Jeff Friedman and Mike Price): 2 bond props. will be less than the debt retired this year.

Prop 2: Chester Valley and Sand Lake Elementary maintenance and renewal. Master plan for Girdwood Elementary school

Prop 3: Building system renewal (roofs, piping, venting, traffic safety)

b.) Anchorage Tomorrow

Prop 1 (Claire Stockard, Anchorage public libraries): 6.9 mil total, 2.9 libraries (2.5 to Ioussac), 3 mil to Sullivan Arena, 1 mil to the existing museum. The bonds will make these projects available for Rasmussen funds only if they are passed. Other private money is being sought for these projects as well.

Prop 4 (Michele Summers, Municipal pools): The five Pools need some basic maintenance and upkeep. 4 mil. = 2 mil. from tax payers and the State will match those funds. Out of these funds a maintenance fund will be set up to address future needs.

c.) West/Romig Community Center (Blythe Marston & Wendy Ferrel)

This is a new concept in public schools that creates a partnership between the private and public sector. See the ASD website for more information

<http://www.asdk12.org/renewal/RomigWest.asp>. Public comments are being taken until April 24th. A resolution was put before the Council.

Resolution in Support of Appropriating Funds to Redesign the West/Romig Middle School Campus as a Center of Community. See Exhibit A (attached) moved and seconded, approved no objections.

d.) Taft Street, 48th & Van Buren Project Update (Aaron Christie of DOWL Engineering)

4/17/08-2 hour Public meeting at Northwood Elementary School, 30-40 min presentation. Construction is currently planned for late summer. Phase I is the American Fast freight diverter at Taft and Phase II, summer of '09 parking lot and relocation of soccer field. Dowl will be back in April with more updates.

e.) Boettcher Subdivision, Ersin Aygun Property (Ken Ayers, Lounsbury & Associates)

A new site plan application for a 3000 sqft. two story building and paved parking for 120 cars has been submitted to MOA Planning & Zoning. Proposed use of this land is a rental car lot. The meeting was contentious between Mr. Ayers and the council since both sides have a history with this project. **MOA concerns:** on site drainage collection, paving and grading plan needed for building, landscaping between the lot and residential lots. **Council Concerns:** Better fencing between property and residences, frequent changes in plans, no explanation of how Ersin's plan ties into the Spenard Road

Development Plan, signage concerns, Landscape plan differs from Site plan and the hours of operation. **Epilogue:** A new landscape plan was provided to the Council and the Muni. Ken Ayers was going to speak to the residential neighbors that border the lot. A letter outlining the Council's concerns, was drafted by Bob Auth of the Council's P&Z committee and signed by Past-President Jason Bergerson because of his history with this project (see Exhibit "B" attached).

6. Committee Reports

a.) Planning & Zoning Committee (Peggy Auth, Not Present)

1. Cora Weaver, MOA Land Use Enforcement report:

ii. Boettcher Subdivision, Ersin Aygun received a \$4500 ticket for storing cars illegally on his lot. **Epilogue:** The cars have since been removed. **Motion: P&Z committee will get together and put Council comments to paper and submit prior to the P&Z meeting on 4/14/08.** Moved and Approved. **Epilogue:** These were turned in by Jason Bergerson the end of March (see above Exhibit "B").

iii. 4211 Spenard Road: Cited for junk, junk cars and no business license. **Epilogue:** Previous items were taken care of. He will also address landscaping, according to the original landscaping plan provided by the previous owner. **Council Concerns:** Paving of the lot and washing of cars with run off into Spenard.

b.) Public Safety Committee (Sam O'Conner, Not Present)

- 1.** Grant money found for Community Patrol and receipts were paid leaving about \$1800. A Capitol request for \$10,000 from the state went to the legislature.
- 2.** Sam is getting more support from people looking to join.
- 3.** Bob Buch gave Sam a good write up in his legislative newsletter.

7. Old & New Business

a.) Election of Officers:

i. Slate: Matt Burkholder & Tom Bichtsel President, Jason Bergerson VP, Jim Bowers Secretary and Allen Thornhill Treasurer. Matt Burkholder was not on the original slate, he was nominated by Jason Bergerson at this meeting. An election was held for President and Matt won 7 to 3. Votes were put into a hat and counted by Jason and Bob Auth. Susan Elkins and Tom Bichtsel were appointed to the Auditor positions that the Council decided to fill per our bylaws. Nineteen paid up members at the time of this meeting with ten in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm approximately.