

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, January 5, 2005, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Reports
3. Chelsea Inn Update
4. Assisted Living Home Ordinance
5. Amendments to Bylaws
6. Upcoming Election
7. Committee Reports
8. Old and New Business

ASSISTED LIVING HOME ORDINANCE

Doran Vaughan, the owner of Anchor House Inc., 1058 W.27th Ave, has asked to address the Council regarding a proposed ordinance regarding oversight of assisted living homes throughout the Municipality.

CHRISTMAS IN SPENARD MAKES FILM DEBUT

"Christmas in Spenard," a film set in 1971 portraying a real-life story that occurred in Spenard, was shown on December 12, 2004, at the Anchorage Film Festival. The all-Alaskan crew shot the movie last winter at many of the locations where the events actually took place, including what is now Old Hermit Park. For more information go to www.christmasinspenard.com.

35TH AND MCRAE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

CRW Engineering, currently under contract with the Municipality to complete a design study report for the road improvements along 35th Avenue and McRae Road, from Wisconsin Street to Spenard Road, is seeking comments from the community, especially regarding pedestrian amenities (trails/sidewalks), lighting, landscaping, creek crossing enhancements, curb, and drainage improvements. You can send comments by mail (CRW Engineering Group, 3940 Arctic Blvd, Anch. 99503), by fax (561-2273) or by email (csheahan@crweng.com).

TOURS OF THE ALASKA CENTER FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, located at 3903 Taft Drive (near the intersection of Spenard Road and McRae/Taft), will be conducting one hour tours of their facilities on January 13, 2005 at noon; and on January 27, 2005 at 5:30pm. The Center focusses on rehabilitation & job training, transition from high school to college or work, and helping seniors with low vision live independently. If you are interested, call 248-7700 to reserve a spot.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS NEEDED

Due to a change in the Spenard Community Council's boundaries made by the

Assembly early in 2004 (which created the Midtown Community Council out of an area that once belonged to the Spenard Community Council), the Council's bylaws will have to be amended to reflect that fact. The bylaws will be discussed at the January meeting.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Based on those same bylaws, an election of officers will be held in February at the regular meeting. A slate of candidates may be nominated at the January meeting.

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