

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, September 7, 2005, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Reports
3. Airport Update
4. Long Range Transportation Plan
5. APD/MUNI Update
6. Parks Improvements
7. Harding Drive Update
8. Committee Reports
9. Old and New Business

WEST HIGH AND ROMIG ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Anchorage School District (ASD) has retained an educational planner to study how the existing facilities at West High School and Romig Middle School match ASD educational specifications and to consider future changes to those facilities. A public meeting to discuss these findings will be held on September 14, 2005 at West High School. If you have questions contact Michael Logan at 348-5272 or at Logan_Michael@asdk12.org

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The public review draft of the Anchorage Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was released on August 12, 2005. In preparation for the public comments which are due on September 25, Cheryl Richardson will make a presentation at the September meeting called Transportation Myths and Realities. Additionally, the Assembly and the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on the LRTP on September 19, 2005 from 7-9pm in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Members of the planning division at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport will discuss the Echo Parking Phase II project at the September meeting.

BROWN JUG CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Brown Jug has recently applied for a conditional use permit for a package store at 2710 Spenard Road (the former Space Station building near Spenard Road and Northern Lights) to replace their existing store at 2534 Spenard Road (next to the La Mex), which will be closed. The former Williams gas station property at Spenard and Northern Lights will be used for parking at the new store. The Council discussed and voted to approve the application at the August meeting. The matter will go before the Assembly on September 27, 2005.

TITLE 21 LAND USE CODE MEETINGS

Mayor Begich and Planning Director Tom Nelson will give an overview of the latest draft of the Title 21 land use code at Loussac Library, Wilda Marston Theatre on September 1 from 7:30-9:30pm and at Bear Valley Elementary School on September 7 from 7-9pm. Public comments on the draft code are due by September 16, 2005.

COMMUNITY LIASON SERGEANT CINDI STANTON

Cindi Stanton of the Anchorage Police Department is the Community Council Liason Sergeant and has faithfully attended our Council meetings for the last several months. She is a great community resource and can be reached at 786-2668 (office); 317-0985(cell); cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

PARKS AND TRAILS IMPROVEMENTS

Doe Anderson, the NW District Manager of the Northwest District Office will address the Council at the September meeting about the problems at Minnesota Park. If you can't make the meeting but want to help out, contact Nancy Beardsley, Volunteer Coordinator, at 343-4288 or at beardsleynj@muni.org. FYI, the Parks & Recreation Northwest District Office is now at the Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W.48th Ave. Doe Anderson can be reached at 343-4163 or at AndersonBL@muni.org.

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