

**Spenard Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2016**

Called to order at 7:03 by Chairman Jed Smith

Jay Stange introduced himself and Jed Smith welcomed everyone and invited anyone to take a "minute" to share anything of concern in Spenard.

Mark Butler gave a short overview of DOT traffic building at Benson Blvd that is to be removed. Spenard Road project is progressing, mentioned several changes regarding businesses moving to new locations in order to accommodate the road upgrade and that the Brown family who owns property along Spenard Road are cooperating with the Muni in changes needed in the process.

Treasurer Peg Auth reminded everyone that membership in the SCC is "only \$5" per calendar year and can be paid at anytime during the meeting.

Report on "Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean" rehabilitation project

KSKA reporter Zach Hughes is attending the meeting to listen to discussion on Marijuana business process

Community Garden coordinator Michelle Wilber reported about this project and invited anyone interested in being involved to contact her.

Moved and seconded to approve agenda and same for the March Minutes as amended with correction that the owners names are Verden Maries and Cathy McQue of new Writers Block book shop on Spenard Road.

Transit Planner Colin Hodges gave report on Anchorage Talk Transits- over view on People Mover routes and related statistics, ie !4 routes and 1000 bus stops. During April he is going to Community Councils to share info regarding May 5th is kick off event at 6:30 in Anchorage Museum to gather input and suggestions from the public, there will be a special guest speaker and hands on interactive activities. The project website is [www.PeopleMover.org/TransitTalks](http://www.PeopleMover.org/TransitTalks) Offered to take questions from the floor which is he answered.

Next presentation is about Proposed North wood at the Park, Lee Henry is requesting SCC to give support for a resolution to change zoning regarding this property. Lee gave a brief history of this particular property and the various aspects that have impacted the business potential of "developing" this property. Presented details via 'Power Point' visuals projected on large screen. Opened floor to questions. Several people made comments and had questions with concerns about this request. Due to a scheduled teleconference with legislators in Juneau Jed tabled the request for action until after the reports.

Legislative Reports via teleconference from Rep. Christ Tuck and Sen. Mia Costello in Juneau. Priority issue continues to be a viable financial plan and acceptable workable budget for the State of Alaska. Several specific topics being worked on were described with the goal to save

money on a variety of projects. The session may be extended in order to complete necessary tasks. Opened floor to questions, none were stated.

Back to previous agenda item, discussion continued then Bob Auth made a motion to oppose the request and seconded by Bill Marsh. Several additional comments were made before a "call for the question". Moved to oppose the requested rezone of 600+ rental units proposed project. Motion passed 17 in favor with one opposed. Another motion was made by Jason Bergerson to have a special meeting next week to look in more detail on this development before the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on May 2nd. Seconded and passed unanimously.

A draft Resolution for having a committee to respond to special Marijuana Land Use request items that come up during the summer months when the council does not meet was suggested.

Jane Stinson introduced herself as a new marijuana business owner, along with family members, who is representing the several potential other businesses on the SCC committee that will review applications to land use requests and proposals for various aspects of the approaching future marijuana industry. Another person mentioned that she is planning to open a marijuana business at 3902 Spenard Road near the Brown Jug. Jed commented that a committee meeting on this topic was held last week and the process is being carefully addressed to insure a positive and smooth progression for these new enterprises in the Spenard community. Called for the question, motion to have a committee address requests during the summer was seconded and passed unanimously.

Terry Lintz with Anchorage Airport gave report as John Johanson is out of town. There will be a final meeting at Millennium on Master Plan at Millennium Lakefront on April 28th. Noise Reduction committee project is 100% complete hope to have March Study Input meeting, public welcome to Badge office, construction for this summer South Airport Place road, some landscaping between old and new International Airport Road to improve visual appearance, display area for school children's art for a year at a time. Job Fair April 2nd in North Terminal building to give onto on hiring for summer positions, trees around north end of gravel airstrip will be "trimmed or cleared" as growth is infringing on Lake Hood airstrip.

Assembly Report from Tim Steele- highlighted winners of election held yesterday; Eric Croft, Forrest Dunbar, John Weddleton, May have delays regarding marijuana licensing process due to work at State level still pending. Spenard Road and Romig Hill will remain open during construction.

Amy Coffman from Mayor's office read a statement verbatim per request by Mayor Ethan Berkowitz regarding concern about the State Legislators shifting budget shortages to local communities 'mainly Anchorage'. Requesting all Alaskan residents contact their legislators to share their opinion about this budget crisis situation. Jason mentioned that many members of the various Boards and Commissions need to have members reviewed who are no longer active or have the best interests of the Municipality. Anyone interested in serving can contact Mayor's office website and click on Boards and Commissions for more information. "Vision Zero" project having a meeting in early May at Mayor's office. Police applicants to next academy is very positive. Homeless concerns have a committee that is encouraging more people to be involved in working on solutions. Jay Stange mentioned that thanks to Jed Smith there is now a

Facebook page for SCC, and suggests to use this avenue to post statements to thank the Mayor for the support of issues such as the Spenard Road project etc. Some comments and questions were brought up that Amy answered.

Peg made comment about Planning and Zoning Department that she and her husband have been involved with for over 25 years that commentary on various rezone requests etc that have been made by Community Council members that have not been included in the packets for presentation to the P & Z members. This is of concern and encourages everyone who has input to request that those comments be included in all relevant documents.

Jed asked for motion to adjourn, all in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:55