

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016

Called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Jed Smith

Executive Committee was introduced to the members (secretary Irène Persson-Gamble was not able to stay for the meeting)

Updates from community members-

Community Band concert will be held on May 4th.

Spenard Farmers Market opens May 14th which is also the date of the annual municipal Creek Clean Up.

Meeting agenda approved as well as minutes from April 6th, 2016 meeting.

Mayor's Office Report- Amy Coffman shared numerous upcoming events, available to view on Muni website. There will be a Mayor's Open Office hours event to be held at the Fairview Recreation Center later in May, exact date and time to be set soon.

Assembly Report- Eric Croft, Westside District Assembly Representative gave a brief update from the latest Assembly meetings.

Legislative Reports- Kristen Krandock with Representative Harriet Drummond's office and also Katie Bruggeman from Senator Berta Gardner's office were in attendance to give Legislative updates.

Airport Report- John Johanson gave his monthly update on airport issues. Some residents expressed concern about 'elodea' controls on Lake Hood.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority Report- Sezy Gerow-Hanson gave an update on the status of the re-development project near Chugach Way off Spenard Road. There were handouts about the remediation of the contaminated site where the former business 'PJ's Night Club' was located, just south of West 36th Avenue on Spenard, as well as schematic drawings of mixed use residential and business development plans for this area.

Marijuana Business Proposal Report- Jane Stinson, with Enlighten Alaska and Angela Robinson, with AM Delight, shared more details on their respective "neighborhood responsibility" plans to address communication with the Spenard Community Council. This procedure will include expectations of both 'parties' and a process for 'conflict resolution' if issues arise in operating a cannabis business in the Spenard area. Members reviewed the Council's agreements and some had general questions about who on the Council would be designated to communicate with the business owners or their managers.

Meeting was adjourned early at 8:00 in order to continue with the **Celebration of the Spenard Road Bond issue** that was passed by voters in the April 5th Municipal election!