

SCC January 3, 2018

7:05 President Jed Smith called meeting to order

Introduction of those present who are attending a SCC meeting for the first time.

Announcements from the floor:

George Ascott shared that someone tried to break into his car in his driveway on Lois Drive just as he got into it and he managed to quickly lock the doors. The assailant tried breaking the windows of the car and yelling that it was his vehicle. He called 911, did not get to speak with police till almost 6 hours later, likely due to the many vehicle accidents that occurred that day. A neighbors surveillance camera caught footage that is being reviewed to hopefully assist in identifying the attacker. A reminder to be extra alert to possible criminal activity in the area.

Bill Marsh also experienced a disturbing incident near the Boys & Girls Club when twice in December the same woman approached him asking to use his phone for an 'emergency' and Bill noticed a car idling nearby watching her on one of the instances. He suspects it is a distraction with the possibility of a robbery of some sort.

Representative Matt Claman's aide Sara Perman, announced a get together on Wednesday January 10th at Spenard Recreation Center 6:30-8:00 to answer any questions and hear concerns from constituents before they head to Juneau for the Legislative Session that begins the 16th.

Phil Isley said the Moose Lodge is having a presentation re National Hypnosis Day next Jan 10.

Agenda approved for this meeting with the exception of an International Airport report by John Johanson who is unable to attend tonight, though a written copy of an update is available on the table by the door.

Dec 6, 2017 minutes approved.

Featured topics:

Anchorage Community House overview overview-Meg- Meg Zaletel she & husband started ACH near their own house on Tudor a few years ago. Now moving to Church of Love on Spenard as there is a residence type facility that they are going to use as the center for Anchorage Community House. The possibilities to use this facility range from small group up to 12 people to share a variety of activities; weekly Yoga class, STEM activities for young students, a tool library, cooking classes. Flyer available with opening info on Valentine's Day Wed Feb 14th 5-7 pm.

Eric Croft Assembly member report: Proposal to sell ML&P to Chugach Electric will be on ballot this April for voter approval. The offer is 1 billion of which \$520 million will retire debt which was considered a desirable value added aspect, with remaining

\$178

million in cash and balance in payments over time.

Also on the ballot is a proposal to raise the property tax exemption, from the current level of \$20,000 on every home. Plus suggestion to change food safety code regulations.

Bob Auth asked why Loussac Library is being considered to close on Sundays, answer was all entities in Municipality were asked to find 5% for budget cuts required across the board, except for city police services, and a variety of cuts were suggested in that effort.

Question about some school closures was brought up and it is not a popular option to hear about schools being closed, Eric gave some examples of low enrollment schools

Question from Merle Akers about a lease being given to a private business called Ketchikan Air to have 13 airplane slips without the public getting any advanced information about this transaction. A decision that was made in the 1960's that the Airport agreed to not allow any further private businesses on Lake Spenard/Hood as a consideration to allow the already existing hotel and restaurant located on the east shore of the lake. Merle said there was a 'secret' Aviation Board meeting that was held to allow this lease with Ketchikan Air and he requests Eric and Jed to check with Steve Strait who is on the Aviation Board to tell the community what occurred to allow this to happen.

Peggy Auth gave some history of the Spenard and Turnagain Community Councils request to be given advance information pertaining to the airport at the monthly meetings. John Johanson is the current representative who usually gives reports.

Jed mentioned the next Governors Aviation Board meeting is being held January 11th at the Airport Managers conference room.

Anchorage Police Department Update from Nora Morse, she used to work with Mayors office in the past and attended SCC meetings often, reported on "foot patrol" officers that have been initiated and are being very positively received in the neighborhoods they are patrolling including Mt View, Fairview and Spenard. There are

26 new solo police officers that just graduated from field training which they are partnered with an officer in a patrol car. The largest academy class ever

of 36 cadets has recently begun training. The standards of the Anchorage Police Academy is the second longest training in the nation which is what the Municipality deems it is important for our city. Bill Marsh asked about expanding foot and bicycle patrol officers. Nora said that is happening with police officers who are stationed in the schools will be working patrols on the bike trails during the summer when there is no school.

Jed asked what type of actions these officers do, Nora answered they are not intended to

respond to dispatch requests but just show a presence in neighborhoods as well as make arrests as they determine are needed.

A New Unit to support investigative work, called Investigative Support Unit. It consists of 8 members who have more flexibility in order to solve crimes, they have been working since September 2017 and have made 54 felony arrests. This unit has allowed regular officers to work without taking their time away from responding to calls on community patrols. They have had very good cooperation with Fred Meyer grocery store especially re shoplifting 'loss', as well as the Traffic and DUI Unit which is grant funded so does not take away from tax payer services. Question was asked about officers 'checking' on vehicles with tinted windows, which are illegal, and with missing license plates. Nora answered that the traffic unit does exactly those kind of 'stops', though usually they work a night shift so many citizens would not see these types of vehicles being pulled over during the day. 93% of stolen cars are usually recovered within 5-7 days. George Erska asked about the time frame of 6 hours he waited when he reported the attack on his car while he was in it as he mentioned earlier in this meeting. Nora explained that calls are numerically prioritized and Priority One, 1, calls are crimes in progress and violent person activity. Without knowing all the details of what the reason for the delayed response time in his situation she had a few possibilities of why no officer was available to respond quickly. This is a concern and the police force is aware of the frustration a person feels about this issue. The average response time is 4.5 minutes which compares very favorably to the national average which is 8 minutes.

School safety resolution- Tasha Hotch reported on her concern about the situation of sex offenders living close to schools in particular. She shared background on why she became concerned about this topic. In the interest of the safety of young children she read a School Safety Resolution to create a safety perimeter around schools and recreation centers. She would like the SCC to consider supporting this resolution she wants to present to the state legislature. Several questions were brought up and discussion ensued.

Jed asked for a motion on this resolution, Bill Marsh moved to adopt, 2nd by Peggy.

Phil made some comments of concern about crime in general, he made a statement to not approve this resolution due to fiscal resources not being likely to be funded.

Jed suggested specifying by name which schools and recreation center would be included in this resolution. Comment about the concept of including 'recreation' centers in the same resolution as schools is problematic.

Bob Auth suggested having a map to give a visual of where the offenders reside.

Jed suggested to table this motion. Asked if anyone would consider volunteering to look into this issue before bringing it back to a SCC in the next couple months.

Lindsey Hajduk and Michael Powell volunteered.

Old Business:

Nominations opened for officers - Peggy nominated Jay Stange for President, Irène Persson-Gamble for Vice President, Victoria Petersen for Secretary and Sam Davenport for Treasurer. Bill Marsh and Peggy Auth for the two Auditor positions.

Stream Buffer ordinance - a resolution will be presented at Feb 5th meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission. At least 6 people from SCC have been reviewing the resolution in order to come up with a 'conditional' resolution. In order to open discussion Bill Marsh moved to adopt resolution, seconded. George Ascott made comments related to past situations in the municipality that did not result in the , Bill asked to strike first 2 paragraphs in the resolution because of concerns about 'daylighting' Fish Creek which he thinks are unrelated to Title 21 rewrites. Phil suggested opposing this resolution over all for various reasons he gave. After much discussion among members it was determined to not use the term "support" of the resolution as written, but rather include a list of suggestions and recommendations for the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider in order to positively address the concerns of the residents of the Municipality especially the members of the Spenard Community Council. This was presented as ""if there are no objections" and voted so.

Tasha Hotch reminded the group that she is a candidate for the Anchorage School Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38