

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018

President Jed Smith called meeting to order at 7:07pm

Welcomed first time attendees to Spenard Community Council meeting, self introductions. Introduced 2017 Vice president Jay Stange, Secretary Irène Persson-Gamble, Auditors Bill Marsh and Tom McGrath, and Treasurer Peggy Auth. She gave a report of the Council's finances which include sixteen \$50.00 value gasoline cards that were acquired from a grant that was given to the SCC some years ago and a bank balance of \$28,052.52

Announcements:

Kristen Collins- Reminder that Anchorage will have its 1st Vote by Mail, Ballot Box parties at each ACLU office,

Sam Davenport - she and Victoria Petersen work on the Spenardian Blog, looking to develop it into a print magazine. Launch party at the Church of Love on March 1 at 5pm.

Call for motion to approve February 7, 2018 Agenda, seconded and passed. Call for same for January 3 Minutes with a correction mentioned by Peggy, she nominated Irène Persson-Gamble for Vice President, not other candidates.

John Johansen gave Anchorage International Airport monthly update. Peggy asked about Ketchikan Airway business on east shore of Lake Spenard that does not follow policy set some years ago regarding not leasing potential float plane slips for business use; John will look into this concern and report back to SCC. Dave Donley asked about snow storage that used to be allowed on airport property free of charge to the Municipality; reply was that the FAA requires rental or sale of land for non-airport use to be at fair market value and the Muni chose not to continue plowed snow storage on the airport property due to budgetary constraints.

Jim Szczecin has recently been hired as the new ANC international Airport Manager. He has experience working at airports in the state of Illinois.

Assembly Report- Tim Steele gave information about the Municipal budget which is an ongoing topic; described the first time vote by mail system to be used in the upcoming Municipal election which will close on April; explained the sale details of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric, which is an owner cooperative organization. It sale is seen as having advantages to customers in the Municipality.

Anchorage School Board report- Dave Donley explained Bond package in upcoming election. Request is \$56 million dollars for maintenance of school facilities, retiring 5.6 million in debt is included in this bond proposal. Four years ago, the State of Alaska quit supporting 70% of school budget which is causing a huge impact on trying to get local funding for necessary repairs of aging schools, particularly roofs. Phil Islay asked if any school roofs are still under warranty, reply ‘no’ most are up to 30 years old at this time. Another question was asked about teachers having contracts for more than 1 year at a time, response given by Dave is that would be a benefit, but the Legislature decided to not extend teacher contracts two or three at a time.

Old Business

Nominations for all Officer positions were opened from the floor, as February is Spenard Community Council election month for open or continuing officer positions. Member Jessica Thornton nominated Kristen Collins for Secretary and member Sam Davenport nominated Ariane Filippenko for Secretary
Nominations were closed with at least one candidate for each office.
Ballots were then handed out to 25 members to cast their votes.

School Safety Resolution- Lindsey Hajduk gave update on this issue that was presented at January’s meeting, when it was decided to have a committee look into concerns voiced by members at the time. She and Michael Powell were on the committee and recommended to “table” this resolution indefinitely, if/when it is brought up in the future. It was ‘moved’ and ‘seconded’ to follow the recommendation, all members were in agreement so was passed unanimously.

Paul Berger gave background information on his request for a liquor license transfer from “Carousel Lounge” to “The Bar on Spenard”. Jay opened floor to questions about this request, comments from Eileen Kaiser and Jerri Leonard. Tom McGrath gave details on his concerns from the history with previous owners. A comment regarding the option of food being delivered from Sicily’s which is next door to the bar’s space, also concerns about adequate parking spaces. Peggy Auth gave some history about the businesses along Spenard Road in this area. Jay asked for a motion on Paul’s request for ‘support’ on his liquor license

seconded by Phil Isley, called for the question, 1 vote in favor, 9 opposed. Phil moved to accept Tom McGrath’s resolution and table the response to Paul Berger’s request. It was seconded, “called for the question” 8 votes in favor, 2 opposed. Motion passed.

Jed read Election results: President Jay Stange; Vice President Irène Persson-Gamble; Secretary Kristen Collins; Treasurer Sam Davenport; Auditors Peggy Auth & Bill Marsh.

Arctic Sausage Company's representative Ron Thompson, presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit that was described at last month's meeting. Phil moved to approve the request as stated, it was unanimous.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday March 7th.

Jed adjourned the meeting at 8:55