

## **Minutes: Spenard Community Council Meeting - May 2nd, 2018**

### **6:30 pm Set Up - Coffee/Cookies/Conversations**

### **7:00 pm Introductions: Executive Committee; Guests**

Tom McGrath - Auditor

Peggy Auth - Former Treasurer + Secretary

Bill Marsh - Auditor

Irene Gamble - Vice President

Jed Smith- Former president

Sam - Treasurer

Bob - Return Chair

### **Neighborhood and Community Announcements (1-2 minutes suggested)**

Mark Butler

- Spenard Farmers Market jumps off May19th with live music featuring Dipper Donuts
- Will be public announcement and commenting on non-motorized plan

Tom McGrath

- There about 10 intoxicated people on Benson/Spenard who are going to Capt. Jack Sparrows. Owner told SCC he would respect our council's terms but he is not. Asks council to take pictures and hold him accountables

Jay Stange

- Bike to Work Day on May 18th! Stop by the Spenard Station for treats.
- May 7th - Stream Setback Hearing, no testimony but they will vote

Peggy Auth

- City-wide clean-up until May 5th

Creek Clean-up

- May 12th - Spenard will have a team. Look for the information on facebook. There will be a honcho station at West Chester Lagoon as well as Spenard

Irene Gamble

- Request for Spenard residents to host exchange students. She is the local representative for the ASSE student exchange program that is a State Department sanctioned organization. Anyone interested in hosting a student during next school year can contact her at 907-229-3812 or irene12851@hotmail.com

### **Approval of Agenda and April 2018 meeting minutes**

Tom McGrath moved to approve

Second by Irene Preston Gamble

### **Airport Report**

- John's Updates
- Communications being revised. Meeting on proposed changes on May 15th in Airfield Maintenance Facility. Merrell encourages SCC to stay involved with the airport and attend the communications meeting May 15.

- Spring Maintenance on Lake Hood Seaplane Base
- Lake Hood User Group Meeting at Aviation Museum on May 3rd
- Mandatory fire fighting training - black puffy smoke
- Airport Clean-up day on May 4th at 12pm
- Great Alaska Aviation Gathering on May 5th and 6th - open to public, free at the FedEx hanger
- MS Society Walk on May 12th
- May 19th - 75th Anniversary of Battle of Attu at Alaska Aviation Museum
- New terminal concessions
  - Popcorn Kiosk near C2 in May
  - New icecream venue
  - Kuhl clothing store
- Job opening in maintenance, police officers, and firefighters
- New Airport Manager - Jim Sesniak on North South Runway
  - New to Anchorage from Chicago O'Hare
  - Experience in environment setting (noise, etc)
  - North South Runway needs resurfacing every 10 years. This summer, it will be widened to accommodate new Boeing. On June 1, they will start to shorten runway and work in the shortened section. Next summer, will be the majority of the repairs to the rest of the runway. An example of what this closure will be like the first two weeks of June. There will likely be changes in how airplanes take-off and land. They are preparing for promotion/education on new temporary airplane procedures during construction.
  - More cargo planes coming into Ted Stevens

## Assembly Report

### 7:30 pm Spenard Community Garden Update - Alivia DeBusk/Michelle Wilber

- Alivia Garden Coordinator for Spenard Community Garden at Spenard Church of Love
- Pilot program with potential to become permanent
- May 19th - Community Garden Build from 10am-4pm Garden is owned by everyone. Anyone can partake in the produce, everything else goes to social services.
- Work days throughout the summer are Wed 6:30 - 8:30 and Saturday from 8-noon
- Everyone should go to the garden after they go to the market!
- Looking for garden supervisors. You can find more info if you contact Alivia on Facebook

### 7:40 pm Radhika Krishna (Anchorage Community Land Trust) "Spenard Demographics/Who are the people in our neighborhood?" (10 min presentation/10 minutes of Q&A)

- Works in Anchorage's low-income neighborhoods and collects data along the way
- ACLT - neighborhood non-profit works in Mountain View, Fairview, and Spenard. Directly invests in neighborhoods through property redevelopment and promoting neighborhoods.
- SCC is a larger council.

- Census tracts 24, 21, 20, 14
- Residents
  - Median Household Income. Anchorage average 78,121
    - 24 - 73,784
    - 21 - 56,500
    - 20 - 38,482
    - 14 - 47,461
  - Renter occupied Housing Units
    - 24- 44.8%
    - 21 - 53.1%
    - 20 - 66.4%
    - 14 - 75.6%
  - Detached single family houses. Anchorage average is 49.1%
    - 24 - 53.4%
    - 21 - 40.8%
    - 20 - 18.5%
    - 14 - 13.6%
    - Neighborhood watch blocks require 50% of residents. This is easier when you have single unit homes vs. many apartment complexes.
  - Grocery store access
    - The majority of Spenard is not in walking distance to fresh produce/grocery stores
  - Households that do not have access to a vehicle
    - 24 - 5.44%
    - 21 - 7.8%
    - 20 - 9.9%
    - 14 - 14.0%
  - Spenard Businesses
    - Spenard is a really small business hub, smaller than most other communities in Anchorage
  - Crime and Safety
    - More lighting and infrastructure on Spenard Rd. may not have an impact on crime because crime is more likely in commercial corridors
  - Anchorage Safety Patrol Data
    - Service of the city. This is the van service that takes someone to police station if intoxicated in public
    - North Spenard has most activity. As well as down by the airport
  - Want to know more? Factfinder.census.gov, Alaska Economic Trends - 2013 Anchorage neighborhoods issue, Muni Gallery Map, Community Crime Map
  - SCC suggests we take this to worksessions of the assembly because it's really valuable information. Radika suggests residents/councils to do the advocating and educating of elected officials
  - It takes committed, organized residents to use this information to make community driven change.

8:00 pm Spenard Corridor Plan/Chugach Way Reconnaissance - Update and Call for Public Comments (Report from the Chair) [www.spenardcorridorplan.com/](http://www.spenardcorridorplan.com/)

- Public review draft available May 21st, 2018
- Spenard does not have a neighborhood plan
- \$250K from from AMATS for a Spenard Corridor Plan. Transit oriented development plan. A plan that shows where public transit opportunities will be so that new housings + retail opportunities can start to by built nearby.
- New plan is a very representative of what SCC has been asking for
- Key Features
  - Plan Area matches our community council boundaries
  - Guides development in our area until 2048
  - Incorporates other planning documents
  - FREE! Costs us nothing
- It contains 13 guiding principles. They did a good job of talking to the public and hearing what we want.
  - Principles includes fish creek restoration
  - Maintains cultural diversity
  - A future transportation network, motorized and non-motorized. "Gateways" to Spenard
  - Chugach Way Redevelopment Area/Reinvestment Area
    - Opportunity to work with stakeholders to figure out a way to get more people to invest in properties. Spenard properties are expensive comparatively

8:15 pm SCC Ranking of 2019 Capital Improvement Projects

<http://www.munibudget.org/Council/spenard>

- Section 1 - Project Management + Engineering
  - 13 projects
  - Lois Dr. Upgrade was previously indicated as a high priority - estimated 10 million dollars. Upgrading the road, new sewer lines.
- Section 2 - State of Alaska
  - 10 projects
- Section 3 - Parks and Recreation
  - 11 projects
  - Comments:
    - Park behind Boys and Girls club needs several improvements. New Fish Creek Park to Barbara
      - This was passed as a bond several years ago and it was supposed to be finished last year. The bridges + lights will be replaced.
- SCC is asked to review the rankings of the projects and highlight priorities for our council

- Jay Stange will take everyone's input and we will compile results with a draft ranking. It must be submitted by the end of this month. Any comments will need to be submitted to Jay by May 21st.
- SCC can find more information on each project at the link provided in the agenda
- SCC can propose changes to projects, we don't have to accept them as listed.
- You can make individual comments by creating your own username
- In Spenard, we have little power to get projects complete by the city. Jay suggests we choose a project or two that we really want and Spenard starts to organize and push these projects through. This survey will help identify what those projects are

8:30 pm Wrap up

Adjourn - Jay Stange

Seconded by Peggy Auth