

# **Spenard Community Council Minutes**      March 1, 2006

## **Call to Order**

The Spenard Community Council began its March meeting shortly after 7 pm.

## **Legislative Teleconference**

Senator Hollis French provided a brief report re; SB-305 petroleum Profit Tax. Tom McGrath asked about repeat Drunk Driver offenders not serving enough time, Hollis will be addressing this issue during this session.

## **Police Report**

Sgt Cindy Stanton said nothing major to report, Sam O'Connor asked about excessive false alarm calls, an estimated 8,000 calls per year to Anchorage Fire Dept, to include Anchorage Police Dept. Stanton said the Anchorage School District is the largest percentage of false Fire and Police calls. The Public Safety Advisory Commission is addressing the problem, and will report at the next meeting.

## **Assembly Report**

Assembly members Dan Sullivan and Pamela Jennings Talked about School Bonds, 3% Sales Tax, First Tee youth program operating and maintaining Russian Jack Golf Course, Fourth Ave. Theater bond, Assisted living in residential zoned neighborhoods,

## **Mayoral Candidates**

Mayoral Candidate Jack Frost 30year resident of Anchorage gave a 15 minute presentation. Mr. Frost would like to get spending under control, reduce the cost of living to include renting, increase police and fire personal, reduce property tax.

Mayor Mark Begich life long Alaskan advised the council the son of Brenda Smart was killed in an avalanche while snowboarding. Brenda Smart was chair of Spenard Community Council; our thoughts go out to her.

Mayor Begich stated that 40 new police officers were hired; in addition 28 potential officers are currently attending a police academy. Since elected Anchorage Fire Dept response time has been reduced from 8 minutes to 4 minutes. City and State are working together to address Anchorage roads.

## **New Business**

Jim Fredrick Habitat for Humanity requests a variance per code 21. The requested variance would allow for appropriate landscaping. Tom McGrath made a motion to approve the request. Motion passed.

DOT- Speed Humps will be installed on the following streets, Aspen, Cleveland, Wisteria, and Strawberry; with speed humps the traffic should reduce speed to 20 mph.

ASD- School Bond proposals, Jeff Freedman talked about the bonds and maintenance proposed.

Anchorage Tomorrow talked about prop 7 and the Arctic Blvd Surface Rehab project.

**Committee Reports;**

Peggy Auth met with code enforcement that now has 8 enforcement Officers instead of the previous 4 Officers, Peggy gave updates about coffee cart at Lois and Benson and other issues at McRae & Spenard, Crain's next to DMV Spenard & Benson.

Sam O'Connor gave a report about Airport Watch, AFD, APD false calls and the cost to the community, camera to be in operation soon, Trail Watch, Vanburen & W 48 traffic not stopping at intersection, AFD Training presentation

Meeting adjourned