

Spenard Community Council

Spenard Recreation Center

2020 West 48th Ave

September 5, 2018

(all times approximate)

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

7:00 pm Introductions: Executive Committee; Guests
Neighborhood and Community Announcements (1-2 minutes suggested)
Approval of Agenda and June 2018 meeting minutes.
Airport Report
Assembly Report (Ira Perman and Austin Quinn-Davidson)

7:25 PM **ACTION ITEM:** Fish Creek Festival contribution pass through
from Brummell Family Trust (Chair)

7:30 PM **ACTION ITEM:** Alaska Cannabis Exchange, Memorandum of
Understanding (Aaron Ralph)

7:40 PM La Mex Re-Development Parking Variance (LaQuita M
Chmielowski)

7:50 PM Daylight Fish Creek Report (Karen Button, Friends of Fish Creek
Board Chair)

7:55 PM Stream Setback Ordinance Update (Kristen Collins, SCC
Secretary)

8 PM Spenard Corridor Plan/TIPS Report (Chair)

8:05 PM **Change of Bylaws Proposals** (Voting in December, Minimum
Voting Age, Definition of Voting Member)

8:30 pm Wrap up

SCC BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS: FOR REVIEW 5 SEPT 2018

The Spenard Community Council's Executive Board has several proposals that it would like to bring to the Council's attention. We would propose voting on these changes at our October 2018 meeting and potentially implementing them (pending Assembly approval) in November or December.

1. Article VI, Section 2, states that "any person who qualifies under section 1A of this article and who has met the requirement of Article VIII, section 2B is a voting member immediately after signing the member attendance roster at any regular or special Council meeting. The member attendance roster shall be used only for council business."

At the last election, there was confusion about who qualifies as a voting member because of the wordage surrounding "membership attendance roster" and a guest list. For clarification, the member attendance roster sheet is the master membership list held by the Council Treasurer. The Council would like to specify the difference between the membership attendance roster and the guest list.

2. Secondly, the council would like to propose changing the month when voting occurs for the executive board. Article VI, Section 5 states that "a membership year shall run from March 1 through December 31." The executive board would like to propose changing the membership year from January 1 through December 31, and to change the election month to December instead of February.

3. The council would like to open the floor for discussion in regards to changing the age of voting from 18 to 16. Several other councils in Anchorage are considering changing the voting age, including Mountain View and Rogers Park. These councils believe it is important for youth to have a voice and be represented in decisions made for their community.

Pros: Voting is a habit, and those who start young are more likely to continue later in life. Some people argue that it's easier for young people to pick up the habit when they're in a relatively stable place in their lives — like when they're still living with their parents and going to high school, as opposed to when they're moving out, starting their first jobs, or attending college.