

## **SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting at 7pm, August 4, 2004, at the Spenard Recreation Center

### **AGENDA & NEWSLETTER**

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Reports
3. Manrique's Brassiere Conditional Use Application
4. Tudor Road and Wilson-Cambridge Intersection
5. Boettcher Subdivision Plans
6. Lake Spenard Beach Park
7. Pop Carr Park Skating Rink
8. Committee Reports
9. Old and New Business

### **FATAL ACCIDENT AT TUDOR ROAD AND WILSON-CAMBRIDGE**

As reported in the July 25, 2004 Anchorage Daily News (ADN), a motorcyclist traveling east on Tudor Road was killed the Sunday before when he was hit by a car turning on to Tudor from Wilson. As the article points out, there were 14 accidents at this intersection in 2003 and a traffic light has been considered in the past. The matter of how to improve that intersection will be discussed at the August meeting.

### **POSSIBLE SKATING RINK AT POP CARR PARK**

Steve Hennessey brought up the possibility of installing a skating rink at Pop Carr Park at the June meeting. Since it was not on the agenda, no action was taken but the matter will be discussed at the August meeting.

### **SPENARD IN THE NEWS**

In the July 5, 2004, ADN, a letter writer reported an incident on June 22, when police officers twice came to Lake Spenard Beach Park, once to warn swimmers to be careful of planes, and then to remove all swimmers, presumably because of complaints by float plane pilots. The Assembly used to fund a lifeguard position until a couple of years ago. If a lifeguard were on duty, it would not be necessary for police officers to monitor swimming activities.

On July 8, 2004, KTUU ran a piece about the new audible signals installed at Spenard Road and McRae, which are designed to help the more than 6000 blind and visually impaired people in Anchorage, especially the clients at the nearby Alaska Vision Resource Center. The signals tell the walkers when they have the go-ahead and how much time they have to cross the street before the light changes.

The July 9, 2004 ADN reported that a police prostitution sting on Spenard Road nailed eight johns and impounded the offenders' cars. This was the first use of a new law allowing the city to take possession of an offender's vehicle for 30 days. There are 30 to 35 prostitutes working the Spenard area.

On July 20, 2004, KTUU ran a piece about a recent methamphetamine lab explosion in a Spenard apartment, which rocked the entire building and seriously burned the man

who was cooking meth. These labs put off toxic fumes that permeate the walls and the floors. Few police officers are trained to deal with the biohazards of meth labs.

### **NORTHWOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

The City has begun park improvements at Northwood Park. If you have questions, the project administrator is Dave Gardner, 343-8127. The project is supposed to be completed by September 3, 2004.

### **BOETTCHER SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLANNED**

Ersin Aygun, the owner of Lots 1 and 2, Boettcher Subdivision, next to Gwennies on Spenard Road, is proposing to build a long term parking lot on the previously undeveloped two lots. A preliminary site plan has been submitted to the City and Mr. Aygun will be at the August meeting to seek community input and to answer questions. Lot 1, closest to Spenard Road is zoned B-3, while Lot 2 is zoned R-3SL.

### **MANRIQUE'S BRASSIERE RESTAURANT SEEKS CONDITIONAL USE FOR SALE OF ALCOHOL**

Manrique's Brassiere Restaurant, located at 701 W.36th Ave (in the Olympic Center where Atlasta Deli used to be) is applying for a restaurant eating place license and is seeking a conditional use permit, which will be heard before the Assembly on September 7, 2004. A representative of the restaurant, which is located just east of the Spenard Community Council's Arctic Blvd boundary, will be at the August meeting to make a short presentation.

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