



## Spenard Community Council

Aquarian Charter School  
 1705 W 32nd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517  
 Wednesday, September 4 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm  
 (First Wednesday of each month)

### Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30pm	<p>1. <b>Networking</b> - meet and greet/coffee and cookies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Taylor Keegan from Parks and Recreation will be on hand with <b>Ure Park Upgrade</b> Public Engagement Materials: What do want to build at your park?</li> </ul>
7:00pm	<p>2. <b>Welcome/Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting, Agenda for current meeting). Tom motioned, all approved.</li> <li>● Introduce Executive Committee and Guests:)</li> <li>● Neighborhood and Community Announcements           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enstar: Safety message from Enstar representative. Two natural gas lines moved with the earthquake so they are being moved and repaired. More information here: <a href="http://www.enstarnaturalgas.com/safety-education">www.enstarnaturalgas.com/safety-education</a></li> <li>○ Meredith Havens, newly bought a house in the neighborhood with honeybees:D On Doris.</li> <li>○ David Reamer, writes columns about Spenard, contact him for a 1-hour interview.</li> <li>○ Jen from new business <a href="#">Blue Market AK</a> at Spenard Farmers Market for local vendors to provide products without packaging. Since Aug. 10th, 1% of sales goes to Friends of Fish Creek.</li> <li>○ Tahnee, with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Monday, Sept 23rd @ 11:30-1pm for <a href="#">Marijuana Industry Update</a></li> <li>■ October 14th @ 11:30-1pm with <a href="#">APD Chief Doll</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Liz Steele, Midtown resident serving on Habitat for Humanity recruiting new board members. ReStore just opened in Spenard too:D</li> <li>○ Mr. Fujimoto Captain Sparrow liquor store</li> <li>○ Jay Stange, Fish Creek Halloween Party to welcome the reopening for the trail.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Anchorage Hate Crimes Forum</a>, Saturday, September 21st at 1-5pm at the Loussac Library.</li> <li>○ Anchorage Community Police Relations Task Force (ACPRTF)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:25pm	<p>3. <b>Brief reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Airport Report - John Johansen: Shared Airport updates and map with new lease applications for cargo facilities. Group discussion on a couple topics.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assembly Report - Kameron Perez-Verdia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “<a href="#">No Cell Phones in School Zones</a>” factsheet was shared with the council.</li> <li>○ Kameron asked for feedback: what type of information would the SCC would like to receive updates on? Email him at <a href="mailto:kameron.perez-verdia@anchorageak.gov">kameron.perez-verdia@anchorageak.gov</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Some discussion on camps in public areas, spruce bark beetles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ On-site consumption for marijuana is being discussed for adding to the ballot, but no clear timeline on this.</li> <li>○ There are conversations about the make-up of the Assembly to address that there are 2 representatives for every district except for Downtown, which would need to be on a ballot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Potentially increase the number of Assembly members</li> <li>■ Potentially have the single-representative district rotate to other districts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Changed the “cold weather ordinance” to make this an “emergency ordinance” for housing shelters that would kick in for weather, an emergency of some kind, or health of the department decrees that there is a need.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <del>School Board Report</del> - None tonight.</li> </ul>
7:45pm	<p>4. <b>Special Topic:</b> Homelessness in Spenard - Jay Stange, Tahnee Seccareccia, Kameron Perez-Verdia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jay works for NeighborWorks Alaska and attends Midtown Community Council (MCC) meeting as a business owner. MCC has brought forward a resolution and a letter about the challenges and wants to know what SCC will also do about this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>What is the appropriate role for the Spenard Community Council?</b></li> <li>○ Past discussions: community patrol, clean-ups, calls with APD, etc.</li> <li>○ Bring comments to <a href="mailto:SpenardCC@gmail.com">SpenardCC@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tahnee shared that she’s heard businesses asking the same question about what they are able to do.</li> <li>● Kameron shared that there are many interconnected issues, so it is not an easy conversation to have with easy solutions. More successful communities have created coalitions that make progress, like businesses, service providers, muni. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Today there are more camps on the street, but the numbers tell us the number of people unsheltered is not significantly increased.</li> <li>○ Emergency Operations Center brought all service providers in one room and really showed what our capacity and lack of capacity was.</li> <li>○ Anchorage’s Anchored Home Plan: <a href="http://anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home">anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph: Holiday, Brown Jug and Northrim Bank walls are areas where people congregate. If we could designate a “tent city” then we would keep some problem behaviors out of the neighborhood.</li> <li>○ Phil: recommends having permits if people want to congregate in public spaces.</li> <li>○ Cheryl: we don’t want to do a “whack a mole” but can volunteer and clean-up. SCC can be a partner in a coalition, collect data, find solutions or programs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tom: We should create and participate in trash clean ups. Advocate for better information on who the providers are.</li> <li>○ Sarah: We should not take a moral standpoint on homelessness because we have many different opinions. We should promote the health and safety of our residents.</li> <li>○ Denis: There is a difference between homeless people and vagrants. If there are illegal activities there should be consequences. Advocate to city government to come up with solutions.</li> <li>○ Jed: SCC can act as a forum, like Catholic Social Services or Clare House, to learn about what challenges and what needs they have. Bring in experts, welcome them in, and listen.</li> <li>○ Victor Marbury, retired chaplain for Fire Department: Talk with muni and mayor to work to fight homelessness. Some churches also open their walls too.</li> <li>○ Michael: Push for a community council town-hall style meeting for residents for common understanding and solutions.</li> <li>○ Peggy: Involve the State on issue. Derelict buildings contribute to problems, so advocate for them to be abated.</li> </ul>
7:50pm	<p>5. <b>Special Topic:</b> Alaska Community Action on Toxics neighborhood canvass - Emily Kloc had to cancel her presentation for this evening. - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There will be a summer canvass to identify people who have an interest in getting engaged in the community and will connect people to our SCC.</li> </ul>
8:00 pm	<p>6. <b>Special Topic:</b> Lois Drive pedestrian improvements public process involvement - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$500,000 on the bond with a public process starting in November, likely by CRW Engineering. Benson Blvd. and 32nd Avenue and 32nd to Minnesota.</li> <li>● We hope to encourage construction and not just design work.</li> </ul>
8:05 pm	<p>7. <b>Special Topic:</b> \$50 Gas Card giveaway - Julie Leonard. Winner is... Jerry Sparkman.</p>
8:30pm	<p>8. <b>Adjourn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tom motioned to adjourn. Adjourned.</li> <li>● Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2nd at Spenard Recreation Center</li> </ul>

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