



Spenard Community Council

Spenard Recreation Center
 2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517
 Wednesday, October 2 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm
 (First Wednesday of each month)

Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30pm	<p>1. Networking - meet and greet/coffee and cookies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charlou food with Nikole Moore - Thank you!
7:03pm	<p>2. Welcome/Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting, Agenda for current meeting). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additions to agenda: Special Topics #5.5 and #6 listed below. ○ Motion: Tom moved, Dennis seconded. Approved. ● Introduce Executive Committee and Guests ● Neighborhood and Community Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessye M.: Welcome to the First Lady of Spenard! ○ Tahnee S.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anchorage Health Department: Flu Shots at Spenard Recreation Center Thursday, Oct 3 at 2-6:30pm ■ Anchorage Chamber of Commerce "Make it Monday" forum with Chief Doll: Monday, Oct 14 at 12pm Dena'ina Center. ○ Merle: Shared thoughts about homelessness in Anchorage about lack of resources in rural Alaska. Irene proposed a work group meet to discuss. ○ Nikole: co-founder of Charlou (3300 Spenard Rd.) open since May. Every Wednesday there is live dinner music. Every Tuesday there is a tasting co-sponsored by La Bodega. ○ Susan Hecks: US Census Bureau for 2020 Census to let folks know next year is our big 10-year census. They are recruiting for hundreds of jobs part- or full-time, for \$28-30/hour. www.2020census.gov/jobs ○ Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bill signing, recognizing Black History Month, was held Thursday, September 19 th , at the MLK, Jr. Memorial on the Park Strip. This was my first Bill approved and was supported by a vote of 55-1. ■ New Private- public partnership efforts on Homelessness of \$40: Providence Health and Services Alaska - \$15 million over five years; Rasmuson Foundation - \$10 million over three years; Weidner Apartment Homes - \$10 million over five years; Premera Blue Cross

	<p>Blue Shield of Alaska - \$5 million over three years. Organizations will announce specific projects over the next few months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To get on the Senator’s newsletter, email: Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov
<p>7:15pm</p>	<p>3. Brief reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Airport report - Tara Lindseth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N-S Runway Renewal Project: Now opened! There may still be some large planes on E-W runway when necessary, ○ October 2019 Stand Down for Veterans: Oct 25th @ 8am-2:30pm. ○ Discussion about vehicle noise impact, future hotel, pesticides. ● Assembly report - Kameron Perez-Verdia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On-site marijuana consumption proposal to put this on the ballot for voters. ○ Consideration for 12 Assembly members for equity across districts. ○ Plastic Bag Ban has been in effect for 2 weeks, with lots of community feedback and reconsiderations for restaurants and “shall” language. ○ Stormwater Utility: working to develop this with \$1.5 million dollars to do a study, including structure, needs, and rate study and public engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Currently there is no wastewater utility, it’s funded through bonds. ■ Discussion about costs and source of the funds and water treatment. ○ Budget: Draft will be released tomorrow. ● Anchorage School Board report: Andy Holleman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andy will serve as the SCC’s new school board liaison for the year. ○ ASD opened a new French immersion program. ○ District is down 400 students from last year, which is less than anticipated. ○ This year District avoided any lay-offs. ○ There is joint resolution SJR 9 to determine school funding sooner. ○ Also looking to bring back bond-debt reimbursement from the State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion about the school budget, staffing, and bonds. ■ To contact Andy: holleman_andy@asdk12.org ■ To email all Board Members: schoolboard@asdk12.org ● Federation of Community Councils report - Irene Persson-Gamble <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conversation about homelessness. ○ Vision Zero goal for zero traffic-related deaths. Will invite Kittelson to present at future SCC meetings.
<p>7:53pm</p>	<p>4. Special Topic: “Trick or Treat Fish Creek” Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invitation to volunteer, and spread the word! Celebrating the re-opening of the Fish Creek Trail with a family-friendly, community event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For details for the event: www.facebook.com/events/1176165065901995 ○ To volunteer fill out the volunteer form. ● Trick or Treat station sponsorship by SCC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to contribute \$100 for a SCC Trick-or-Treat station: Tom moved, Julie seconded. Approved.

<p>7:57pm</p>	<p>5. Special Topic: Special Land Use Permit Retail Marijuana License - Tahnee Seccareccia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alaska Cannabis Exchange co-owner attended and shared information about his business and special land use permit application. - Aaron Ralph ● There was conversation about the location of the facility (47th & Arctic) and this new facility (Northern Lights & Benson Blvd). ● Tahnee shared what she found to be inconsistencies around number of violations and language about SCC “responded favorably” to application. The items were clarified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aaron confirmed they had had 4 violations, which have all been remedied. ○ The SCC enters MOUs with establishments, not to signal favorability or unfavorability, but to open communication between entities. The SCC did enter a new MOU in June 2019, combining the 2016 for the existing business with the new proposed business. ● Anchorage Assembly to consider the permit variance is October 22nd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Tahnee requesting the SCC to submit a letter in opposition for the Special Land Use permit application. Tom seconded. Discussion followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tom M.: SCC MOU’s do not signal favorability but instead open a line of neighbor-to-business communication. ■ Jed S.: Shared the process the SCC has used to enter into MOUs with marijuana and alcohol businesses to open two way communication, so SCC can bring issues or violations forward with the business. ■ Annette A: Discussed the intent of the business for the permit language. ■ Kameron P-V: Recognized Assembly will receive SCC feedback when permit comes before Assembly. ■ Jim G: Recommends giving business opportunity to respond to comments ahead of submitting official letters. ■ Vote in Favor: 6. Vote in Opposition: 16. Motion fails. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was discussion to confirm SCC membership.
	<p>5.5. Special Topic added to agenda: DRAFT Resolution in Support of Capping the Number of Retail Cannabis Licenses with SCC Boundaries - Lily Bosshart, Dankorage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposal to the SCC to consider passing a resolution to limit the number of marijuana retail establishments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Draft resolution to be considered at November SCC meeting. ● Tom M: Recommendation for next time to discuss draft resolution at November SCC meeting. ● Pamela R: Recommendation for SCC discuss MOU for alcohol and marijuana establishments as a two-way street with businesses.
<p>8:38 pm</p>	<p>6. Special Topic added to agenda: Aquarian Charter School - Heidi Walland, parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage School District School Board on October 15th meeting will consider a bond for school improvement, including a new roof, which currently leaks. ● Request a Letter of Support from the SCC to support bond improvements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Tom moved, Arina seconded. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kameron P-V: served on School Board and agrees state of the school is in shambles and needs repairs regardless of being a charter school. ■ Harriet D: Shared story of 1990’s school bonds and construction.

	■ Vote: all in favor. Motion Passes.
8:46 pm	7. Special Topic: \$50 Gas Card giveaway - Julie Leonard. Winner is... Jim Gamble.
8:47pm	8. Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tom motioned to adjourn. Adjourned.● Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6th at Spenard Recreation Center

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