

Spenard Community Council

Spenard Recreation Center
 2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517
 Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm
 (First Wednesday of each month)



Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30 pm	1. Networking - meet and greet/coffee and cookies
7:00 pm	2. Welcome/Call to Order - Jay Stange (approx. 70 people in room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting, Agenda for current meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Tom M. moved to approve, Sarah P. seconded. Approved. ● Introduce Executive Committee and Guests ● Neighborhood & Community Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sue 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 ○ Rick Phillips, Northeast Community Council: Shared info about the Fair Share Act for a full PFD and oil company. Offered to register voters and sign people up for the www.voteeyesforalaskasfairshare.com ○ Bob Auth: announced the need for homeless camp clean-up along Fish Creek Trail and in the neighborhood. ○ Sara Hailey, Turnagain Community Council: Spenard Beach Park (on Lake Hood) committee for Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant of \$10,000 to do park improvements, total of \$20,000. Fundraising another \$6,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13th at 5pm at home. ○ Talbot Chang, Anchorage Wine House: had been closed for 9 months due to roof collapse, but it's open now! Yay!
7:15 pm	3. Brief reports (5 mins - including questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Airport report - Jim Szczesniak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wings for Autism: Nov 2nd at 11am, www.allevents.in/anchorage/wings-for-autism-anc/200018003775937?ref=organizer-page# ○ Real ID Act: recommends getting an updated license as it comes into effect on Oct 1, 2020. www.tsa.gov/real-id ○ Passenger Drop-off/Pick-up: additional signage for the cell phone lot is coming to alleviate congestion. ○ Additional 75,000 tourists came into Alaska this year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Hood Pilots Association is meeting and user group meetings discuss Lake Hood issues. ■ A hotel RFQ was released so the airport is considering a potential contracts. ● Assembly report - Austin Quinn-Davidson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two issues on the April ballot for voters to weigh-in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Whether to add a 2nd Assembly member for downtown district. ■ On-site consumption for smoking marijuana. (Assembly did vote to allow on-site consumption of edibles). ○ Plastic bag ban was upheld at 11/5 Assembly hearing, and redefined the term “re-usable bag.” ○ Anchorage Community Development Authority EasyPark now allows free parking for Purple Heart Recipients (2nd Floor of garages). ○ Vacancy Ordinance for Assembly member appointments to implement rank-choice voting. ○ Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Merle, Aviation Advisory Board appointee Bob Coffman, requested Austin to invite him to the SCC. ■ Tom M: funding through the end of October for homeless camp clean-up. ● Anchorage School Board report - Andy Holleman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 90% by 2020 goals for graduation rates is fast approaching, so there are strategic planning efforts for 2026. Meetings: 6pm on 11/7 Goldenview, 11/12 Begich, and 11/21 Mears Middle School. ○ Bond package being proposed for a vote 11/19 at School Board meeting for \$90 million 2-year proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Largely for earthquake repair (60%) and additional repairs while working on that earthquake damage. ■ New project: Inlet View elementary replacement, over capacity. Planning for \$3 million, then future construction needs. ○ Aquarian Charter School: ASD building with ASD students with ASD staff, and this is a charter school in need of repairs.
7:40 pm	<p>4. Special Topic: “Trick or Treat Fish Creek” Halloween - Lindsey Hajduk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you! Anchorage Park Foundation, Turnagain Community Council, Kaladi Brothers Coffee, Off the Chain, Representative Harriet Drummond, Kiwanis Club of Anchorage, NightWatch Alaska, Dankorage, Rustic Goat, NeighborWorks Alaska, and our many neighbors: Allen, Schawna, Michael, Marie, Salila, Meg, Sam, Jed, Jay, Diana, and more! ● Thanks to Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Neeser Construction, CRW Engineering Group, Anchorage Parks & Recreations, for the actual construction of the trail and bridges!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit our Facebook page to see photos and videos from the event! www.facebook.com/SpenardCC
7:45 pm	<p>5. Special Topic: Lois Drive Pedestrian Improvements - Holly Spoth-Torres and Erica Jensen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Involvement Process for \$500,000 Design Study Report (Nov. 13 public hearing at Aquarian Charter School) ● Kicking off the project today! Project Open House, Wednesday, Nov 13th at 6-8pm at Aquarian Charter School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lois-32ndupgrades.com ○ Write up on online interactive map with all issues. ● Potential improvements: new roadway sub-base, improved roadway lighting. AWWU will potentially participate. ● Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a “swallow-the-car sinkhole” on 32nd Ave. Full geotechnical analysis will occur. ○ Traffic makes U-turns northbound on Minnesota, impacting traffic on 32nd. ○ Asphalt erodes at alleys. ○ What about the full length of Lois Drive? ○ Overall timeline: project is funded through the design study report, scheduled to be completed Dec 2020. Construction would need additional funding from there in the CIP for 2021 (placeholder for \$2 million).
8:00pm	<p>6. Special Topic: Discussion on Cannabis licenses - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jay shared background about SCC’s role with marijuana operators with our Neighborhood Responsibility Plans, and also recognizes there is a need to improve our process because some permits and problems are not always coming through our council. ● Brief discussion on DRAFT Resolution in Support of Capping the Number of Retail Cannabis Licenses with SCC Boundaries - Lily Bosshart, Dankorage ● Proposal to establish “Spenard Cannabis Committee” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community and industry members to participate in a more defined role for our neighborhood. Jay will appoint a chair for the committee. ○ Members self-identified interest to join. Email Jay to join committee at SpenardCC@gmail.com. ● Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tahnee S: recommends moving forward right away. ○ Bill M and Peggy A: shared history about land use. Recommends having committee report back and provide recommendations to the full SCC. ○ Judith C: shared her thoughts about applications vs. rules. ○ Tom M: Alaska Marijuana Control Board and Anchorage Assembly actually approve the licenses. There is a lot of money invested by the time those decisions are made. It may be most effective to go to the Assembly with what additional rules we may have. ○ George A: regulations are being used to create economic winners and losers. ○ Cathy G: committee needs to be aware of Assembly’s Community and

	<p>Economic Development Committee’s process, which does the due diligence for the full Assembly and Planning Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris M: also wants to ensure rules are followed. Does not see a need cap number of businesses because there are market forces. ○ Abe S., Studio 420 AK: permit was approved 11/5, in a very long process. ○ Gina: it’s important to recognize the best interests of the community, aside from just economic benefits. ○ Paul B: also agrees there are market forces. ○ Lilly B: encourages communication with marijuana, and alcohol, businesses throughout the lifetime of the license, not just the initial permitting. Recognizes there may need to be a city-wide resolution looking at zoning instead of just Spenard. ○ Jed S: a guiding principles document at a high-level to clarify the process and equal treatment for all operators. ○ Mike M: agrees with process need, and has public health as top of mind concern but is not concerned about current operators.
8:10 pm	<p>7. Special Topic: \$50 Gas Card giveaway - Arina Fillipenko</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 43 people have signed in--more people were present. ● Steve Voth won!
8:15 pm	<p>8. Adjourn - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4 ● Motion: Tom M moves to adjourn.

To add agenda items to future meetings, email SpenardCC@gmail.com