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08-06-03

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Smart announced cancellation of Q&A session with Governor Murkowski's Representative Marilyn Stewart as planned.

Jennifer Payne presented overview of airport construction progress and statistics. Steve Noble addressed Dowl Engineers upcoming meeting and proposal for Harding / Van Buren and Northwood Drive upgrades; and requested local input for Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ralph Rentz reported approval of funds available for Northwood Park improvements for parking, landscaping and information kiosk structures.

Dan Sullivan spoke of approval and acceptance for locations of 6 Dog Parks, applicable signs describing restraint requirements and waivers for damages incurred from unleashed pets.

Midtown Community Council's future boundary was discussed. Eric Croft denied his assumed involvement in the dispute dividing Midtown from Spenard Council territory.

911 system funding approval and budget revision for matching phone numbers to street addresses and future cellphone locate are in progress.

2004 Public Safety budget for Police and Fire is being reviewed.

Zoning enforcement issues and violation reports are welcome.

Panhandling ordinance has been addressed with permits required for exceptions.

Ed O'Neill representing Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers for alcohol issues introduced Food Tokens to distribute, as an alternative to panhandlers requests for money.

MADD Courtwatch monitoring program acknowledged efforts of Youth in Action, posting purchase offences a Brown Jug locations, tracking and monitoring vehicle offenses.

JS XXX Bookstore requested renewal of annual license. The request was presented by Attorney Frank Kayhill following on site visit to premisses at noon 08-06-03. Manager Ryan Kim was present on behalf of the owner/his brother who resides in Los Angeles CA. Police representatives were not in attendance at meeting as previously requested to report complaints and violations registered against proprietors, facilities and customers.

Sam O'Connor announced increased reports of complaints from neighbors regarding traffic exiting through the alley, solicitation of drugs and prostitution activities.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to appose renewal of operating license.

Successful implementation of security guards has eliminated disruption at parking lot and premisses of Minnesota Billiards, and management is complying with requests to report at Community Council Meeting.

Mike McKamey reported issues addressed by Zoning Committee regarding Lowes and Home Depot parking lot merchandise staging have been resolved. Disruption of parking at Walmart's Benson Blvd. location are expected to be resolved in May.

A plan has been implemented for relandscaping unauthorized clearing of right of way at Spinell property between Northern Lights Blvd. and Benson east of Lois Drive. Sandwich board sign violations are being scouted and reported.

Marrriott & Motel 6 have requested a replat for acceptable use of property on McRae Road. A proposal has been made to rezone an 11 acre lot at Northwood & 44th from R3-SL to R4. A variance from parking requirements has been approved by site review at 38th Ave. Between A & C Streets to accommodate construction of an office building.

A construction site at 29th & Lois has been sited as requiring signs posted to warn approaching traffic of construction equipment and vehicles parked around a blind curve. No action is expected on modification on Chugach Way for traffic calming pending Arctic Blvd. Improvements.

The Community Council Federation grant for 2 year mass mailing survey allotment has been curtailed until official establishment of boundaries.

Meeting adjourned

Written by Cindy