

**Spenard Community Council**  
 Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 7:00-9:00 pm  
 6:30pm Happy Hour / meet and greet

Link to meeting recording:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yCa3JNo6gE&feature=emb\\_imp\\_woyt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yCa3JNo6gE&feature=emb_imp_woyt)



**Agenda**

	Topic
6:30 pm	<b>Zoom Happy Hour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meg Mielke welcomed council members and guests.</li> </ul>
7:00 pm	<b>1. Welcome/Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lindsey Hajduk led an orientation to Zoom.</li> <li>Consent Agenda (minutes from previous meeting on 01/05/2022, agenda for current meeting.)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Motion:</b> Irene Persson-Gamble moved to approve, Peggy Auth seconded. Consent agenda passes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hajduk reviewed the agenda and introduced the executive board.</li> </ul>
7:10 pm	<b>3. Brief reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Report, Kameron Perez-Verdia: Directed attendees to review reapportionment documents on assembly website. Noted that the assembly will be hosting public hearings on February 24 and March 1 and encouraged community feedback. Shared update on transitional housing plan. Noted that assembly has approved a new police chief. Provided update on bond which includes Spenard projects.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preskitt: Inquired about staffing plan for transitional housing properties.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perez-Verdia: Noted that a Request for Proposals (RFPs) will go out and housing will be staffed by community organizations (not municipality.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mielke: Voiced question from chat from Grant Kinney inquiring if alcohol tax is funding any items outlined in homelessness report.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perez-Verdia: Clarified that at this time that was not a funding source, rather they are using COVID funds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mielke: Voiced question from chat from Margaret McDonagh inquiring if reapportionment could adjust community council boundaries.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perez-Verdia: Noted that it is possible, noted that he does not think it will change SCC's boundaries particularly.</li> <li>Hajduk: Shared that she had asked this question at previous town hall meetings, noted that the answer was that potentially the CC boundaries could change further down the road, but nothing in the current reapportionment process outlines remapping community councils at this time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Tahnee Seccareccia: Inquired about difficult working relationship between Assembly and Mayor’s Office and if there has been progress.</li> <li>■ Perez-Verdia: Shared that personally, getting information from the administration has been a challenge, but noted that outlook can depend on topic (some working well and others not.)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Link to muni reapportionment site</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Anchorage School Board Report, Margo Bellamy: Shared that countdown to kindergarten has begun (lots of opportunities for parents to attend virtual meetings) as well as lotteries for charter schools (virtual presentations rather than in person visits to schools and charter school fair on 2/19.) Noted that parent-teacher conferences are upcoming on 2/16-/217. Shared summary of bond (\$111 million).       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Link to ASD Bond Site</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Airport Report, John Johansen: Seeking input on community plan. Encouraged use of cell phone parking lot and disuse of Lake Hood Seaplane Base.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peggy: Inquired if there was an acting airport manager.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Johansen: Shared that John Binder will be acting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Jed Smith: Inquired if the airport is managing taxi que line. Shared difficulties with catching a cab (in terms of disorganization of cabs and passengers.)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Johnasen: Noted that it is not managed 24 hours a day but there is a more limited basis of management, noted that he will pass concerns along to operations manager.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:37 pm	<p>4. <b>Decision Topic:</b> Spenard Road Project <a href="#">SCC Spenard Road Design Comments</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peggy Auth: Shared that SCC Taskforce has been meeting regularly, outlined recent letter providing comments on Spenard Road redesign projects. Summarized suggestions such as reducing speed limit and narrowing road to allow for safer pedestrian and bike crossings.</li> <li>● Bob Auth: Clarified part of road is from Minnesota to Benson; noted that other parts of the road have been redone already with similar visions. Noted that goal is consistency with work already completed and to be proactive regarding residential developments occurring in future.</li> <li>● Hajduk: Reminded attendees of previous presentation highlighting 3 main options; noted that letter does not select a specific option but rather preferred features. Noted that individuals are encouraged to still submit comments on spenardroad.com and that it was timely for the SCC to submit comments.</li> <li>● Seccareccia: Noted that there were a lot of forward-thinking conversations and a lot of work that was integrated into this document.</li> <li>● Cheryl Lovegreen: Thanked committee for thorough work.</li> <li>● Daniel McKenna-Foster: Introduced self as muni employee but clarified he is speaking as a private Spenard resident. Thanked members for their work and reminded attendees to continue to advocate for what they want to see based on community goals.</li> <li>● Jeff Troiano: Introduced self as a former Spenard resident (no longer living in area.) Expressed gratitude for being able to attend meetings.</li> <li>● <b>Motion: Passes 23-0.</b></li> </ul>

7:50 pm	<p><b>5. Decision Topic:</b> AMATS Transportation Improvement Program, <a href="#">TIP Resolution (posted here)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hajduk: Outlined process for advocating for transportation improvement projects. Noted that everyone is welcome to submit nominations for these projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Link to Muni TIP Site</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Peggy Auth: Recognized that resolution contains a lot of information for people to take in during a short amount of time, but noted that SCC has been consistently advocating for highlighted projects.</li> <li><b>Motion: Passes 18-0, 2 abstentions.</b></li> </ul>
8:00 pm	<p><b>7. Decision Topic:</b> SCC Executive Board Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates introduced themselves and shared their connections and visions for SCC.</li> <li><b>Motion: New executive board introduced.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peggy Auth, Auditor.</li> <li>Matt Duncan, Vice President.</li> <li>Julie Leonard, Treasurer.</li> <li>Margaret McDonagh, Auditor.</li> <li>Meg Mielke, President.</li> <li>Irene Persson-Gamble, Auditor.</li> <li>Sarah Preskitt, Secretary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:10 pm	<p><b>8. Education Topic:</b> Wildfire Hazard Mapping Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jen Schmidt, ISER, UAA: Shared planning tool, intended to assist communities with identifying wildfire hazards. Encouraged maintaining defensive space, regularly cleaning out gutters, keeping flammable materials away from homes, and trimming dead limbs. Shared that she is trying to advocate for chipper program where communities come together and remove dead trees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kimberly Hunt: Recommended chipper truck idea (noted that old neighborhood had this) and thanked presenter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schmidt: Noted that funder of map hopes to reproduce maps for 2022 and shared hope to integrate spruce beetle damaged trees into assessment.</li> </ul> </li> <li><a href="#">Link to Wildfire Hazard Planning Tool</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:25 pm	<p><b>9. Education Topic:</b> West Anchorage Candidates Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seccareccia: Noted that forum is coming up in the spring for assembly and school board elections. Shared that committee meets regularly over the course of 2 months to create questions and plan forum. Solicited volunteers including diverse perspectives and encouraged interested folks to email <a href="mailto:spenardcc@gmail.com">spenardcc@gmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>
8:27 pm	<p><b>10. Neighborhood &amp; Community Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seccareccia: Expressed gratitude to legislators (especially Sen. Costello, Rep. Drummond, and Sen. Gray-Jackson). Shared that she has noticed a change in plowing patterns on state-maintained roads.</li> <li>Alyse Galvin: Introduced self as hopeful future representative, noted that she is here to listen and learn. Expressed gratitude for being welcomed.</li> <li>Smith: Expressed gratitude to Hajduk for time spent outside of meetings to organize meetings and time spent during meetings making sure they run smoothly.</li> </ul>

	<p>Encouraged attendees to watch recording from recent house concert for Anchorage Folk Festival. Noted that there are vacancies on folk festival board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Link to Anchorage Folk Festival Site</a></li> <li>● Jim Wright: Introduced self as candidate for newly created state house district; former Spenard resident. Encouraged community members to email with questions or concerns <a href="mailto:jwright@gci.net">jwright@gci.net</a> .</li> <li>● Preskitt: Shared that there are several seats open on public transit advisory board.</li> </ul>
8:35 pm	<p>11. <b>Treasurer's Report</b> and <b>"Door Prize"</b>: Local gift card giveaway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jerri Leonard and Irene Persson-Gamble win gift cards to Yak &amp; Yeti Cafe.</li> </ul>
8:40 pm	<p>12. <b>Adjourn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hajduk: Expressed gratitude to everyone being involved, especially happy when new people attend meetings, join committees, or volunteer with executive board.</li> <li>● Peggy Auth moved to adjourn, Irene Persson-Gamble seconded.</li> <li>● Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022</li> </ul>