

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

Link to meeting recording:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uMqbDOJk4&t=1709s>



**Minutes**

	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> <b>Sign in sheet: 21 residents, 6 business, property, or nonprofit attendees, 6 guests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meg Mielke led an orientation to Zoom.</li> <li>Mielke announced adjustment to agenda: no door prizes this month, will return in April.</li> <li>Mielke introduced executive board.</li> <li>Consent Agenda (minutes from previous meeting on 02/02/2022, agenda for current meeting.)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Motion:</b> Peggy Auth moved to approve, Matt Duncan seconded. Consent agenda passes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mielke reviewed the agenda.</li> </ul>
7:10pm	<b>2. State Legislator Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mia Costello: Reported that a presentation to the Commerce Committee indicated that there will be more jobs than Alaskans to fill them; a new bill may require apprenticeships rather than Alaska hires. Much of the funds from federal infrastructure legislation will be going to communities via pass-through grants. House Majority announced they will be supporting a \$1,300 energy dividend in addition to PFD. The House also passed a statement in support of Ukraine. Reported that state courts have moved to working most cases on zoom and plan to reopen courts on Fridays.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seccareccia: extended thanks to Costello and other legislators for work regarding snow plowing; has noticed a significant difference. Encouraged Costello to continue advocacy for sidewalk plowing.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costello: Agreed it's a safety issue and will make sure funding DOT maintenance is in the budget</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:10 pm	<b>3. Brief Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Austin Quinn-Davidson: Thanked Senator Costello for meeting with her and Assembly colleagues about the Port of Alaska. MOA will receive \$365 million in judgment for Port. Assembly has reached the stage where it will entertain</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

amendments on one reapportionment map, Map 11 version 2. Reminded attendees to register to vote by Sunday, March 6. Provided link to all the bonds on the ballot and reported on the new ballot tracking system: <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/pages/ballotinfo.aspx> Reported on process for getting bonds on the ballot including Spenard projects.

- Kameron Perez-Verdia: Reminded people to engage in reapportionment process and reach out to assembly members with comments. Gave update on body camera policy; comment period open until March 21.
  - Dave Weir: reported that he has reached out to all assembly members but has only heard back from Mr. Constant. Inquired as to why the input deadline on reapportionment was extended if maps have been narrowed down to one.
    - Perez-Verdia: Still interested in comments regarding modifying the lone map before approving the final map. Will look for emails from Mr. Weir.
    - Quinn-Davidson: process has been in place since November, put solicited maps out in January, had town halls in January. Timeline was extended until March 23, amendments should be submitted by March 7 so they can be put on the website for public viewing, inviting testimony on March 15.
  - Jed Smith: Concerned that Spenard Community Council may split into 3 different assembly districts and it may water down Spenard representation. Encouraged attendees to submit feedback to Assembly.
    - Perez-Verdia: appreciates concern and is actively working on amendments.
  - Irma Ruiz: was unable to submit question due to microphone issues
    - (addressed in meeting after Airport report) Wanted to know if 32nd and 33rd was included in the bond on the April 2022 ballot.
    - Perez-Verdia confirmed.

- Anchorage School Board Report, Margo Bellamy: Shared that the Board has approved negotiated agreements for both support staff and teachers. The Board will meet on March 13 to narrow pool of candidates, and seek further community input on superintendent candidates when the pool is narrowed to 2 or 3. Student Community work agreement, which would put a process in place for projects that are at least a million dollars, passed with some revisions. Encouraged public participation at school board meetings. Optional masking now in place, reports that mask use is about 50%, and the board will continue to assess. Lottery program is now open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Link to ASD lottery form: <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/lottery">https://www.asdk12.org/lottery</a></li> <li>○ Rosemary Borchardt: asked what reading program lower grades use in ASD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bellamy: ELA reading curriculum, in use for the 4th year. Also used through middle school.</li> <li>■ Borchardt: Asked what impact it has had on 4th grade reading levels</li> <li>■ Bellamy: Reading proficiency is a focused goal, focused on grades K-3. Monitored every month.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Airport Report, John Johansen: There is no longer COVID-19 testing on airport property, but there is a vaccination clinic to the left of the B Concourse ticket counters. Still looking for comments on community outreach plan by March 18: <a href="#">ANC Airport Community Outreach Plan June 2020 Update.pdf</a> Gave update on summer schedules. Construction on terminal loop road will start in early April, watch for lane closures on social media. Other construction projects will be posted in a few weeks.</li> </ul>
7:43 pm	<p><b>4. Education Topic: Ure Park Site Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Taylor Keegan, Anchorage Parks and Recreation: Shared proposed long-term (10 year) vision for park, solicited feedback and questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project website: <a href="https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/UrePark/SitePlan.aspx">https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/UrePark/SitePlan.aspx</a></li> <li>○ Oleks Lushchuk: Asked what funds beyond the \$327,000 budgeted would be used for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Keegan: Has found that recent contractor costs are not what they were when the budget was developed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:55 pm	<p><b>5. Education Topic: Kitchen Incubator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kirk Rose, Anchorage Community Land Trust: Shared pre-development funds request for a kitchen incubator idea to assist neighborhood residents working to open a restaurant or food establishment.</li> </ul>
8:07 pm	<p><b>6. Education Topic: Zoning Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Daniel McKenna-Foster, MOA: Provided information about R-4A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jed Smith: Asked if reductions in setbacks include stream setbacks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ McKenna-Foster: No, these changes only apply to setbacks on the property to the property line.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Peggy Auth: Asked why MOA is offering an additional 15 feet height increase to a certain area of Spenard by Chugach Way, Arctic Blvd, and 36th Ave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ McKenna-Foster: Response to request from Cook Inlet Housing Authority to match additional height allowance in B-3 zoning. All changes would apply to R-4A anywhere, not just Spenard property.</li> <li>■ Auth: On Northwood, a currently zoned trailer court had previous attempts to build tall properties upset the neighborhood.</li> <li>■ McKenna-Foster: residents will have the process through the planning department to address the highest height allowances.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Lindsey Hajduk: Asked about including facade requirements along Chugach Way, which is an enhanced shared roadway and will have increased pedestrian amenities; reminded council that SCC supported the rezone of the parcel to R-4A at the end of 2020.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oleks Lushchuk: Asked if MOA had talked to the owner of the parcel to see what his plans are for the future.</li> <li>■ McKenna-Foster: Has spoken with Mr. Brooks as well as many developers to see who will use this new zoning amendment.</li> </ul>
8:25 pm	<p>7. <b>Decision Topic:</b> Noise Control Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peggy Auth: Shared proposed <a href="#">resolution</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tahnee Seccarricia: Spoke in support of resolution</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Resolution passed 15-1</b></li> </ul>
8:30 pm	<p>8. <b>Education Topic:</b> Proposed Rezone, MacKentie Subdivision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Milton Stevens: experienced technical difficulties, unable to present</li> </ul>
8:30 pm	<p>9. <b>Neighborhood &amp; Community Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eric Phillips: spoke in support of Milton Stevens, owns adjoining property. Reported that Mr. Stevens wants to rezone his property to I-1.</li> <li>● Tahnee Seccarricia: Thursday, March 10, 6pm-8pm is the West Anchorage Candidates Forum on zoom. Seccarricia will moderate. Also reported that City Wide Cleanup Week will be a full month this year. More information to come.</li> <li>● Irma Ruiz: Reported ongoing and increased traffic and interpersonal problems with parents picking up children at Aquarian Charter School near her residence.</li> </ul>
8:40 pm	<p>10. <b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Julie Leonard, SCC Treasurer: no treasurer's report due to new board. Will have an audit and treasurer's report next month after transfer of powers have been completed.</li> </ul>
8:45 pm	<p>11. <b>Adjourn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion to adjourn: Peggy Auth, seconded by Julie Leonard.</b></li> <li>● Next meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2022</li> </ul>