

Spenard Community Council Minutes August 8, 2005

Call to Order

The Spenard Community Council, returning from its Summer break, began its August meeting shortly after 7 pm. No legislative teleconference was planned this month. The Minutes from the June meeting and the August Agenda were both approved as drafted.

Assembly Reports

Dan Coffey provided the Assembly report for this month. Mr. Coffey described the 'full plate' the Assembly dealt with during their last meeting: Budget, Sales Tax issue, and Bike Helmets. The Call of the Wild complaints were also discussed.

We also received an update on the status of the new committee system the Assembly is using to improve workflow. The example he offered was the work that Traini, Coffey and Ossiander are doing on the Title 21 rewrite. They are dealing with a chapter a week in work sessions with staff.

Questions were asked related to officers issuing tickets and the proposed Charter amendment. A hearing is scheduled on this topic for August 23rd.

Special Announcements

Terry Albrecht from the Mayor's Office reported on the Mayor's efforts related to a memorial for the Scout leaders involved in the fatal accidents earlier this year. Terry can be reached by e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:albrechttl@muni.org"](mailto:albrechttl@muni.org) albrechttl@muni.org or by phone at 343-4497.

Rich Fern is the new Westside Code Enforcement Officer. The new hotline number is 343-4141, a single number to report all code enforcement complaints. The Bart Green case has led to injunctions and fines imposed by the Superior Court. The Spinelli issue at Benson & Northern Lights was also discussed in the context of issues the Council would like to see resolved. For an upcoming meeting the idea of offering our "Top Ten Complaints" to Rich was mentioned.

Brown Jug Conditional Use

Ed O'Neil and Bob Klein provide us an update on the status of their conditional use application. They are seeking a "no objection" resolution from the Spenard Community Council. Brown Jug promises to continue to be a good neighbor with the new development proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to "not object" to the conditional use, passing without objection.

Habitat Update

Jim, the Construction Manager with Habitat, gave us an update on their ongoing planning work on the 32nd & Spenard property. All of Habitat's work historically had been in northeast Anchorage. This will be the first project on the west side of town. The concept

for the development is firming up with plans to have 4 5-bedroom, 4 4-bedroom and 4 3-bedroom units on the site. Ron Bateman, the architect on the project, explained that the goals are to have simple designs that are compatible with a northern climate, that are phasable and improve the neighborhood. The city is requiring garages for this project. Habitat is looking for volunteers to help with the fundraising and construction aspects of the project.

APD Community Liaison Report – Officer Stanton

Deferred

Parks Improvement

Doe Anderson, the Northwest Parks division manager, told us about all the work that has been done this summer on our area parks. A Rasmuson Grant of \$400,000 was recently received. Another grant from the Carr Foundation was also received for work at Pop Carr park.

The Parks & Rec. staff has been working on painting benches, installing trash bins and general clean up at the 81 parks in the northwest district. Volunteers are always needed. Those interested in helping can contact Doe at 343-4163.

Committee Reports

Planning & Zoning Report: Peggy Auth

The McRae & 25th project was discussed under the topic of “Context Sensitive Design”. The project was provided as an example of how not to be context sensitive.

Steve Nobel at Dowl is continuing to provide updates to everyone on the Northwood Drive Project. There is some concern about the utilities in the area and the planners are working on the issue.

Bart Green’s house has been sold. The old Affordable Used Cars building also has a new owner.

The meeting adjourned just before 9 pm.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm.

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