

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7p.m., February 5, 2014, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Report
3. Legislative Report
4. Airport Report
5. Ure Park Rezone Update
6. Council Election
7. Roosevelt Park Update
8. Faith Christian Community Project
9. Officers Report
10. Old and New Business

AIRPORT REPORT

The airport's current draft master plan calls for the abandonment of the preferential runway use program for 15 hours every day (i.e., between 7am and 10pm), should airport operations increase in the future. According to the airport, this change would result in approximately 55 extra jet takeoffs to the east between 7am and 10pm every day. It would also increase the number of households within the 65 DNL noise contour from the current 35 to 350. This proposed change appears to conflict with the West Anchorage District Plan, adopted in 2012 after a three year public process, which identifies the preferential runway use program as making a significant contribution to minimizing off-site airport impacts and which supports the program's continued application and improvement over time. Comments on the draft plan can still be made at www.ancmasterplan.com/comment.

A West Anchorage Land Trade Task Force has recently been created by the Municipality, whose members include representatives from the Spenard, Turnagain and Sand Lake community councils. Its goal is to establish the long term needs, constraints, possibilities, scenarios and actions necessary to resolve historic land use conflicts around the airport perimeter. The next meeting of the Task Force is February 12 from 11am - 1pm at the Community Councils Center, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane.

The recently opened Northern Lights Spa, located at the airport where the B and C concourses adjoin, has applied for a conditional use permit for a beverage dispensary tourism liquor license. The application goes before the Assembly on February 25, 2014 and the matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

ROOSEVELT PARK UPDATE

Kelly Petersen, who addressed the Council at the November meeting regarding her Roosevelt Park swing set project, will be seeking a formal resolution of support from the Council at the February meeting. The project goes before the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 13.

PETITION TO REZONE 4619 SPENARD ROAD

Justin Green is proposing to rezone the old Ceramic Palace property at 4619 Spenard Road from R-2M (multiple-family residential) to B-3 (general business). The rezoning petition, which was discussed at the January meeting, goes before the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 3, 2014.

ANNUAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The Council's bylaws require that an election of officers take place at the February 2014 meeting. The current slate of officers were all renominated at the January meeting: Robert Auth, chair; Jason Bergerson, vice-chair; Anna Brawley, secretary; and Allen Thornhill, treasurer. Phil Isley was also nominated separately for chair.

URE PARK REZONE UPDATE

At the November meeting, the Council discussed and approved the Municipality's proposed rezoning of Ure Park (2108 Roosevelt Drive) from R-2M (multi-family residential) to PLI (public lands and institutions) as a housekeeping matter, as the property was dedicated as a park in 1984. At the same time, the Spenard Lions were looking to enter into a long term lease with the Municipality to construct and operate a new clubhouse in Ure Park. As the Lions have abandoned those plans, the rezoning has gone back to the Planning & Zoning Commission as a stand alone proposition and a public hearing before the Commission is scheduled for March 3, 2014.

FAITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PROJECT

Don Conrad will make a short presentation at the February meeting regarding a building project that Faith Christian Community is doing on Arctic Boulevard.

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