SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, May 7, 2014, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Legislative Report
3. Assembly Report
4. Airport Report
5. West/Romig Report
6. Long House Update
7. CIP List Survey
8. Bylaws Update
9. Spenard Beach Park
10. Officers Report
11. Old and New Business

AIRPORT REPORT

The airport's draft master plan calls for partial abandonment of the preferential runway use program during daytime hours, should airport operations increase in the future. The Spenard Community Council opposes this proposed change, as it would lead to a significant increase in noisy takeoffs to the east. 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 May 7 at 11am - 1pm at the Community Councils Center, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane.

A new liquor license application has been made for the airport terminal area, by the Norton Sound Seafood House, which will be discussed at the May meeting.

WEST/ROMIG PROJECT PRESENTATION

Brianne Keifer with Dowl HKM will make a short presentation regarding the West/Romig Career Technology Education building and site plan, which will consist of two small building additions: one at Romig and one at West, with associated landscape improvements.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS NEEDED

The Assembly recently passed an ordinance establishing new standards for community councils, which will require all councils to amend their bylaws. A bylaws committee was established at the March meeting, and the committee will give an update on their progress to date.

CIP LIST SURVEY

Every year the municipality sends out a survey, composed of a list of proposed capital projects for each community council area, and asks that each council review the list and complete the survey by prioritizing the projects, from most important to least important. The councils can also propose that projects be added and subtracted from the list. The executive committee has already reviewed the list (and compared it to last year's list) and will present its findings to the Council at the May meeting. The survey results are due on May 30 so a decision on these projects will have to be made at the May meeting.

LONG HOUSE UPDATE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider at their May 5 meeting a proposed ordinance that would repeal the use of "Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing," but the Planning Department has withdrawn, for the moment, replacing it with a new category titled "Supportive Housing Facility", which presumably would apply to the Long House. The matter will be discussed at the May meeting.

SPENARD BEACH PARK

On June 9, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider a community council boundary change, transferring Spenard Beach Park from Turnagain Community Council to the Spenard Community Council. Written comments on the proposed change are due by May 23, 2014. This matter has been the subject of a prior resolution and will be discussed again at the May meeting.

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