

## Spenard Community Council Meeting

March 1st, 2017

Jed Smith, SCC Chairperson, opened meeting at 7:07 with welcome to all and asked if anyone was a first time attendee to introduce themselves. Announcements for the 'good of the order' included:

Peggy Auth announced there was a "Kings" cake for everyone to try made by a group of women who are learning to bake. Kings cake is a Mardi Gras tradition.

School Board report by Elisa Snelling, \$58.5 million Bond will be on the April 4th Municipal election ballot. Money from a Bond will be for roof repairs, general building maintenance, and some renovations to West High, Romig Middle school, Northwood and Willow Crest Elementary which are all in the Spenard area. Also Mike Nero, from Anchorage School District, gave more detailed information about these bond proposals and dispersed hand outs explaining the financial aspects of the Bond.

A new resident to Spenard area, mentioned the "Next Door" 'app' for smart phones which was presented at a SCC meeting last year. Good reminder for everyone to look into this electronic 'neighborhood' watch feature.

Dave Donley, is running for School Board. Gave a little personal history of his political service at the State level, i.e. he worked on a new State financial formula in 1998 and the 'CPI' Index and now that he has 2 children in the Anchorage School district he would like to serve on the School Board.

There will be a West Anchorage Candidate Forum at 7:00 pm Wednesday March 29th, at Spenard Recreation Center.

Sarah Preskitt reported as a Librarian at Loussac Library and reminded the group that the library is now in the Spenard Community Council area after recent Municipal realigning of 2 other areas. Announced there will be a Book sale April 3, 4 & 5th at Loussac Library on West 36th Ave and Denali Street.

Scott Pascal, from Fire Station #5 on Spenard Road and McRae Road, reported that the carbon monoxide issue has come to the forefront in our community due to tragedy of loss of life recently. Carbon Monoxide Detectors needed to be installed on each floor of a home to give an alarm alert if there is a leak from a combustible appliance usually a gas furnace. A 'Knox Box' unit, insures rapid emergency entry for firefighters to access a multi-home or commercial building that may have a Carbon Monoxide leak. Funding has been acquired to purchase 3 new ambulances in Anchorage and will be added to the Municipality's fleet soon. Questions and comments were made about how the Knox Box.

Airport Report- John Johanson gave a brief update on airport, provided information handouts. Announced that on Saturday April 8th there will be an Airport Job Fair to be held in the North Terminal building from 10:00-15:00 (3:00)

Anchorage Tomorrow- report from Nicole Rehm who passed around an information sheet about this organization which is a multi faceted group of specialists such as civil engineers etc. for safe infrastructure projects in our community. 'AT' supports Propositions number 2,3 4,5 and 6 and encourages all residents to vote for these Props. There will be some impact on property tax depending on specific Bonds that are approved by voters on April 4th 2017. Go to Municipality.org online for more info.

Code Compliance- report from Peggy Auth gave a bit of history from when she used to be chair of the committee that dealt with "land use" issues.

Sharon Ferguson is the person now involved with the Diamond Parking "billboard size" sign, on West International Airport Road south of Northwood Drive, that is now "out of compliance" after a 20 year 'grandfathered' grace period was allowed by a previous mayor's administration. Peggy will follow-up with Sharon on the status of how the business property owner intends to bring the sign into Municipality code for compliance now.

Jason Bockenstedt, from Mayor's office, reported there will be major interruption of traffic this spring and summer along Spenard Road in various areas. From 5:30-7:30 (17:30-19:30) on March 2nd a Town Hall style meeting will be held at the Spenard Recreation Center. At the meeting there will be a Project "ranking" activity opportunity for the public to give voice to what they consider priorities in this project.

Bill Marsh- gave information about Urie Park that has a small house on the premise that is scheduled for demolition by the municipality due to access issues on this lot. Bill's home property adjoins this park and he thinks that there could be better value for the community to spare the building and find new possible uses for the facility.

The item on the agenda about a Resolution regarding a proposal to rezone Lakeway Lots 2 & 3 in Block 2, by Midnight Sun Car rental from R2M to B-3 land usage is delayed until April 5th meeting.

Tonight's Agenda and the Minutes from February meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm