

SCC 5 April 2017 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting opened with introductions of the present Executive Committee and Eric Croft, the Assembly member representing Spenard. A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes. A request was made to correct the spelling of Ure Park and the minutes were approved
- APD Sean Case: Wanted to introduce himself and explain the mission of the new community policing. There are 10 officers retiring with another 94 officers ready to retire. The foot patrol will address three areas of concern: they will be an outreach, they are not going to be zero tolerant and writing tickets; they want to get to know the neighbors and neighborhoods, and they are going to be dealing with quality of life issues. - The community policing goal is to get to know the neighborhood and establish relationships. There will be 20 officers that will be rotating throughout the four communities they are doing the foot patrols.
- Nora Morse, Mayor Berkowitz's office: There will be 4 new bikes for Spenard foot patrol, two of which will be fat tire bikes. Please call the police to report crimes so there is accuracy in the databases. Please use the online homeless reporting tool.
- Eric Croft: The Assembly will be certifying the April 4 election and will be re-organizing for the next two meetings. The drone ordinance had pushback from the FAA, but will be up again soon. The scrap metal ordinance will be coming up for a vote.. The Council has the ability to set special limitations on liquor licenses. This kind of activism is important when we consider marijuana licenses. Are they concentrated too much in Spenard? Should we regulate the number or let the market take care of it? On April 11th there will be a public hearing on garden spaces in municipal parks.
- John Johansen (Airport) There will be an Aviation Air Show on May 6 & 7. The annual garbage clean up is scheduled for May 5. There will be a job fair on April 8. They are looking for heavy equipment operators.
- Tyler Robinson, Cook Inlet Housing Association (CIHA) : Presented list of projects and parcels set for future projects in the Spenard Council area (map provided). Asked Council: What are your ideas?
Community gardens off Chugach Way. Jay Stange made a request to keep daylighting Fish Creek on the table while CIHA is working through their plans.
- Peggy Auth, Code Compliance: The Diamond Parking sign on Northwood and International is not in compliance with Title 21 and the owners are asking for for a variance so they can extend the amortization of the sign for another year and a half. Asked for extension on variance. Mr. Samuel, the representative for the owners, said they want to take the sign down at the end of May, but they are also seeking the variance. It's considered a billboard sized and such those are out of compliance with things are no longer in compliance. It's been 20 years since they put the sign up and now it is time for the sign to come down. We want it removed before Dec 2018.

We need a resolution setting a date for the sign to come down. It will come before ZBEA (Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals) board on May 5. A Resolution opposing Variance Extension was made and . Approved with no objection.

- Midnight Sun Rezone. We aren't ready to present, say owners. The rezone is not on the Planning and Zoning calendar. The Owners are notifying people in 100 yard radius. The owners stated they want to make sure they provide answers to the questions from at previous meetings. Several neighbors expressed their frustration with are frustrated at the delays. They have been here three times to discuss. A motion was made to continue the discussion and was voted down, 5-12. A one month delay approved. The owners of the property were told the Rezone Request would not be given any additional extensions and the council would take action on the matter at the May meeting.

- Tony Hoffman/Andre Spinell: Request for Variance of Title 21 Curb Cuts and Sidewalks. They contend it makes no sense to build a sidewalk to nowhere. They also say the Muni is asking them not to do it. The discussion in support of a variance centers on trying to rid the neighborhood of an abandoned house on the project parcels. Kevin Tritt and Bill Marsh asked if there can be a middle ground for a roughed-in sidewalk. Many members spoke in favor of better disabled, pedestrian and bike infrastructure on the stretch of 36th between Lois and Woodland Drive. A motion was made by Laura Oden and seconded by Sophie Leshan to oppose the variance request and insist on sidewalk and curb cut construction because the SCC supports sidewalks and improved pedestrian safety in our council area. The motion carried, 16-4.

- Sophie Leshan motioned to approve a resolution of non-objection and support for a special land use permit for Alaska Cares facility on A street and 48th Avenue. Motion carries 19-0.