

**Spenard Community Council
Minutes
May 3rd 2017**

Jay Stange, vice chair welcomed everyone to meeting and introduced Executive Board members that were present.

Jed Smith, Chairperson opened meeting, called for any additions to agenda, Jay added Capital Improvement Projects discussion, and any corrections to meeting minutes from April, both approved.

Community Announcements: Mark Butler shared that Spenard Farmers Market is back for the summer months and will have opening day Saturday on May 13th in the south parking lot of Chilkoot Charlie's. Due to construction on Spenard Road the Market may need to be moved farther south on Spenard Road to the Cook Inlet Housing vacant lot temporarily. Parking would be available in the Church of Love parking area. Booth space rental is \$30 for vendors. Duke Russell a local artist will be creating small pieces of art for sale at reduced prices just for the Market. Connie B. shared information about the University of Oregon alumni have volunteered to "Adopt" a portion of the Fish Creek Trail and any

The Masonic annual Vidalia Onions fundraiser to support the local "Children's hospital" will start on May 13th. These delicious onions will be sold for \$10./bag through Tuesday the 16th. Michelle with Yarducopia.org encourage those interested in gardening to get involved with projects where those who have yard space can offer to those would be gardeners who will do the work The harvests are shared by both the property owner and the volunteer gardeners.

"Bike to Work Day" will be Wednesday May 17th with over 50 businesses volunteering to serve morning refreshments along several routes. Check Bikeanchorage.com for details. Developing Community of Bicyclists for the future

Kristen C. shared info from State Legislative Rep Harriet Drummond, a resolution to name a garden after Della Culbert has been presented and a support letter from the Spenard Community Council is requested to help finalize this proposed recognition site.

Johnny Hayes from Anchorage Museum shared that an exhibit called "North by North" will be held May 12,13 & 14th. More details at museum website.

Shawna T. regarding Spenard Jazz Festival on May 20th, Check out website.

Jay, as a proud parent of an upcoming student at the Aquarian Charter school, announced that Wednesday May 17th from 3:30-7:00 there will be an unveiling of a new art mural at this Charter school, plus the school is sponsoring a refreshment station for Bike to work day that afternoon at corner of Lois Drive and 32nd Ave.

No Assembly Representative at meeting tonight, no report available.

Anchorage Airport- John Johanson, Field maintenance update as of May 18th Runway 11-35 will be closed for 6 months.

Great Alaskan Aviation showcase event will be May 6th at FedEx hangar all day.

Airport clean up Friday May 5th, BBQ lunch provided to volunteers.

Alaska Drivers Licenses have been determined as 'not compliant' according to the Transportation Security Administration to go through screening for flight access. Eventually there will be a date when ADLs will not be accepted as ID (identification) and everyone traveling by commercial airlines will need a valid Passport to get through security checkpoints.

Fire fighting training at the airport will be on May 3-4th

Peggy asked about Alaska Airline Hangar to be built in future for plane maintenance John did not have specific information on this project.

David Holthouse -(Jed met him at a "Pop up Prom" held in American Legion building on Fireweed Lane) Highlighted a project by a firm called "Lateral North" that is creating a map of Anchorage that will be available for future planning and development in the city. Community members are encouraged to give input via a short survey that David has as an 'App' on his iPad. He will be passing his iPad around to interested members who can answer the survey questions during or after the meeting.

A Re-zone request by Midnight Sun Car Rental at 3811 Iowa Drive made at a couple of SCC meetings earlier this spring, has been withdrawn according to Greg who is representing the owners of Midnight Sun Car Rental. The company owners will not proceed to seek this change in zoning from residential property to business use property as first planned. Rather the two houses on the two lots that are currently owned by Midnight Sun will be brought up to Municipality codes and leased as income property that will maintain residential status. Shawna T. made several positive statements for Greg to share with the MDC rental owners. She always refers friends and visitors to them to support the excellent 'business neighbors' they have been to the Spenard area! The audience was also very pleased to hear of the re-zone request being withdrawn.

Jed then continued the discussion from last months meeting regarding the requirement of Title 21 for sidewalks in residential developments that might be re-considered for reasons determined by the commercial developers. Several comments were made by members, mostly negative, asking why commercial entities should be allowed to waive this requirement. Jed gave some guidance on how a waiver might be allowed in a specific instance for valid reasons that the SCC agrees upon. He acknowledged many people who made comments about what citizens feel they want the character of Spenard to be to maintain the individuality and uniqueness of this historic section of Anchorage. In order to insure there is no loss of residential property, and other qualities deemed appropriate, in the SCC area, the executive board members are working to create a set of 'guiding principals' for commercial/business developers that will be used to assess any such proposals in our neighborhoods. The Planning and Zoning Department has asked for a resolution from Community Council for this type of document as a guidance instrument. Discussion and comments continued from several attendees in the audience. In order to help facilitate capturing input Sophie, from the Municipality, created a "Google docs" option so members can give suggestions on this topic in particular for the Capital Improvement Projects

prioritizing process that everyone who is interested is welcome to make suggestions. Peggy Auth had information about the property along Northwood just north of Fish Creek park, that she reports the owner has had the area cleared of brush and trees without permission as the area is actually public property along a portion of the park. Jed asked what is needed from 'us'. Peggy suggests everyone call Assembly members to address this situation.

The next meeting has been scheduled for June 14th the second Wednesday of the month due to several SCC Executive Board members who will be out of town the first Wed (7th). Jed encouraged everyone to take some time after the meeting to look at the Mapping project that was presented earlier to give their feedback and suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned 8:45