

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

SCC President Jed Smith opened meeting at 7:04

Introductions: Executive Committee & Guests

- Introduction of Vice President Jay Stange aka “coach daddy”
- Treasurer Peggy Auth, reminded everyone to sign-in and pay dues to become a member,
- Secretary Irène Persson-Gamble, requests anyone sharing information to give their name and speak loudly to insure the minutes will be accurate
- Auditors Tom McGrath who has been involved with the SCC for many years and Bill Marsh, who is on vacation this week.
- Jed mentioned new officers will be up for elections in February. Anyone interested in serving on the Executive Committee should let him know and he can share more about the roles.

Neighborhood and Community Announcements

Jed welcomed anyone attending a SCC meeting for the first time and asked if there were any announcements about community events or information:

- Writers Block Bookstore/Café is now on Twitter, Instagram, and Website will be up soon to give details on opening date.
- Dippin’ Donuts (36th Avenue just east of Spenard Road) grand opening is on Mon, Nov 6th.
- Federal transportation project funding in the city here will be discussed at AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 workshops, Sat, Nov 4th, also Mon & Tues.
- The People Mover has new routes that offer more frequent buses on some routes.
- Member reported a stolen car taken from a driveway Brookside and 30th Ave. The vehicle eventually was returned. There have been several incidents of theft on this street intersection and someone suggested a burned-out street light at that corner might be reason thieves have targeted this area. Peggy described a similar situation of this concern.

Approval of Agenda and October 4 meeting minutes

Jed called for a Motion to accept tonight’s agenda and minutes from October meeting with 2 name spelling corrections.

Airport Report

John Johanson gave the Anchorage International Airport report.

- A vintage De Havilland airplane will be installed in the terminal to hang above the Norton Sound restaurant.
- The airport manager position is now open. If anyone knows of someone who is interested please encourage them to apply.
- The Lake Hood Master Plan was completed in September.

- The maintenance project starting in the spring of 2018 will be impacting the north/south runway for approximately 6 months which will cause jet take-off and landing noise impact over the city to the east.
- ARC of Anchorage will be putting in an installation in the airport.
- Tom McGrath asked to have a sign clearly noting exactly where the Uber & Lyft ride share vehicle pick up point is at the airport.

Stream Setback ordinance

Kristen Collins with The Alaska Center reported on a new proposed Stream buffer setback ordinance. She gave some background on the source of our community water from Campbell, Chester, Fish, and Ship Creeks, which provides the water supply to the Municipality of Anchorage.

- The current requirements call for a 25 ft setback, and the proposed ordinance offers varying wider setbacks for new development projects and would not impact already-existing developments.
- On January 9th, 2018, this issue will be brought up at a FCC Land Use meeting.
- Kristen requested a resolution to support this ordinance. Schawna Thoma motioned to approve the draft resolution Kristen presented (copies on table). Discussion resumed on draft ordinance, and concerns were expressed. Jed and Tom suggested waiting till Dec meeting to create a SCC resolution with input from a work group to organize after this meeting. Motion was tabled.

Assembly Report - Eric Croft

- Public Safety issues are a big concern by citizens in budget planning. A source of revenue is an increase in gas taxes to pay at the pump that can create a direct impact on lowering property taxes. Also a standard deduction on all residential commercial property.
- Eric introduced an ordinance reducing the time allowed to clear homeless camps from 14 days to 10 days. There has been litigation in the past pertaining to humane civil rights and a reasonable amount of time to allow for relocation. Assembly postponed decision till Dec 5th meeting.
- Discussion with questions and comments from members.

Conditional Use Permit Amendment

Bri Keifer with Huddle Co. presented on a Northern Lights property seeking Council support for a conditional use permit for a parking area, which currently is used as a parking area.

- Conditional Use Permit would allow off-street parking as the primary use on Lot 10, Block 3, Bittner Subdivision, and amend landscaping requirements for the off-street parking facility on Tracts 1-4, Block 3, Hansen Subdivision A to be consistent with current landscape standards.
- Council members raised concerns about vegetation blocking visual sightlines for traffic, as well as the impact on nearby residents from natural and artificial lighting changes resulting from the permitted site.
- Discussion on this and other projects from property owners requesting zone exemptions that may have been acceptable in the past but are now no longer desirable.

Wrap up

- Next meeting Wednesday December 6th.
- Code Enforcement Committee breakout met after SCC meeting adjourns. Jed adjourned meeting at 8:15