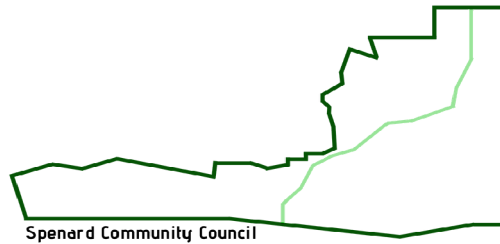


# Spenard Community Council

Spenard Recreation Center  
 2020 W 48th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99517  
 Wednesday, January 8, 2020 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm



## Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30 pm	<p>1. <b>Networking</b> - meet and greet/coffee and cookies                      Thank you Vice President Irene Persson-Gamble for bringing cookies!</p>
7:03 pm	<p>2. <b>Welcome/Call to Order</b> - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting, Agenda for current meeting).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion:</b> Tom M. moved to approve, Julie seconded. Consent Agenda approved.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Introduce Executive Committee and Guests.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SCC Executive Board up for elections in February 2020.</li> <li>○ February 2020 is Jay's last meeting as president (terms out).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Neighborhood &amp; Community Announcements                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cathy Gleason, Turnagain Community Council president: West Anchorage Candidates Forum will occur before April 7th election. If you'd like to join planning committee email: <a href="mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com">cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com</a></li> <li>○ Irene Persson-Gamble: working on "welcome sign" for SCC asked to gather feedback from folks.</li> <li>○ Brandi Pennington, Anchorage Real Estate: grew up here in Spenard and is working to convert home to an office space and will be seeking a variance on a fence in the future.</li> <li>○ Merle Akers, guest. Attended Governor's Aviation Advisory Board and raised some issues to keep in mind.</li> <li>○ Bob Auth: shared kudos to Anchorage muni for removing a homeless camp.</li> <li>○ David Clark, legislative aide to Rep. Matt Claman: introduced himself and shared one-pager Community Council update on Governor's proposed budget.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:19 pm	<p>3. <b>Brief reports</b> (5 mins - including questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anchorage School Board Report - Andy Holleman                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was a break-in to North Star over winter break, but not much damage.</li> <li>○ ASD Bond package: \$82.3 million dollar package for 2 years. Will be before Anchorage Assembly Tuesday night for approval. <a href="http://www.asdk12.org/bonds">www.asdk12.org/bonds</a></li> <li>○ Discussion: Question about it we have insurance rather than bonding for repairs, but ASD does not have this because it fiscally cost prohibitive.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Maintenance is covered by ASD operations budgets, but major repairs (like seismic upgrades) require bonds. Alaska legislation dictates formula for school district operations and incentivizes bonds. Discussion of property taxes going to schools.

- Discussion: About building equity in our schools and length of building lifespans.
  - To contact Andy: [holleman\\_andy@asdk12.org](mailto:holleman_andy@asdk12.org)
  - To email all Board Members: [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org)
  
- Airport Report - John Johansen
  - Lake Hood: winter operations are in effect
  - Community Outreach Plan Update: comments by March 18th, [dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/community.shtml](http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/community.shtml)
  - Anchorage Transportation Fair: January 23rd at 3-7pm Alaska Airlines Center. <http://anchoragetransportfair.blogspot.com/>
  - Sign-up for GovDelivery: for DOT related items. <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/akdot/subscriber/new>
  - Discussion: Recommend telling high schools not to walk on Lake Hood.
  - Discussion: Food carts can get airport approval to set up at Cell Phone Parking lot.
  - Discussion: Hangars on Lake Hood permitting discussed.
  - Discussion: Turnagain Community Council worked collaboratively with the airport in the past and asked about how to have better community council engagement before putting a draft out for comments.
  
- Assembly Report - Judy Jessen, Assembly aid for Austin Quinn-Davidson - (Judy 907-317-3078), [Austin.Quinn-Davidson@AnchorageAK.gov](mailto:Austin.Quinn-Davidson@AnchorageAK.gov)
  - Assembly working on potential sources of new revenue (for April ballot) Jan 28th vote by Assembly on Anchorage Bonds and these potential revenue sources:
    - [Alcohol Tax](#) for police and first responders: would raise \$11-15 million per year to prevent domestic violence, substance misuse. (Sponsored by Rivera, Dunbar, Quinn-Davidson)
    - [Alcohol Tax Substitute](#) version: starts with a lower tax rate and can ratchet up. (Sponsored by John Weddelton)
    - [Sales Tax](#) for public safety: 3% flat tax, including property tax relief. (Sponsored by Fred Dyson)
  - Discussion: Question as why to target liquor, one industry for a city-wide issue.
  - Discussion: Alcohol Tax Substitute does not include Fire and Police.

7:50 pm	<p>4. <b>Special Topic:</b> Spenard Cannabis Committee - Jedediah Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee formed 2 months ago and met to update and finalize SCC’s approach to Neighborhood Responsibility Plans (NRP) at 12/17/19 meeting.</li> <li>● SCC <a href="#">Memorandums of Understanding and NRP documents here</a>.</li> <li>● Working to bring draft framework to SCC in February 2020 meeting for adoption.</li> <li>● Committee membership: to join, just email <a href="mailto:SpenardCC@gmail.com">SpenardCC@gmail.com</a></li> <li>● Cathy Gleason: Anchorage Community and Economic Development Committee meets 1/9/20, and will the committee provide input on code changes.</li> </ul>
7:55 pm	<p>5. <b>Special Topic:</b> MOU with Brown Jug - Erika Wilburn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two Brown Jug stores (Minnesota/Spenard and Spenard/Woodland/RR Tracks) are going before the Assembly Jan. 14 for package store license renewals. SCC requests MOU.</li> <li>● Jay presented draft MOU with Brown Jug with adjustment for visiting 2 times per year after year 1, and to cover all 3 stores.</li> <li>● Laura Oden: Clarification that this will cover all 3 store locations in Spenard CC boundary, including one not currently under renewal.</li> <li>● Tahnee Seccareccia: Litter of shooter bottles near railroad location. Request to put a trash can at the Brown Jug location. Brown Jug is trying to get one at the location and working with building owner. Store managers haven’t been consistent there.</li> <li>● Peggy Auth: Labeling bottles has never been adopted by SCC so is not in the MOU. SCC is trying to make sure we use the same city-wide agreement as a goal.</li> <li>● Tim, Midtown Community Council: Shared challenges between different businesses. The role of the MCC is to be the “eyes and ears” and report to Assembly and state board. Had tried to create a city-wide ordinance, then tried sub-district, and still working for solutions.</li> <li>● Phil Isley: Have SCC recommend there is a deposit on bottles to help get them picked up.</li> <li>● Laura Oden: Brown Jug is an outstanding community partner, and encourages them to participate in more SCC meetings throughout the year.</li> <li>● Jed Smith: Thanks for responsiveness in Mountain View. Shared that Anchorage has a “garbage problem” and not just an “alcohol problem” when it comes to bottle garbage litter.</li> <li>● Tom McGrath: Discussed sale limits, and Brown Jug is limiting amounts to align with Midtown’s MOU. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion:</b> Tom McGrath to change liquor limits for shooters to \$1.70 instead of \$1.50. Seconded, Peggy Auth. Objection, Jed Smith uncomfortable dictating prices for a business. <b>Vote:</b> 5 votes to approve; 7 to oppose motion. <b>Motion fails.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>No opposition to sign MOU:</b> Jay and Erika will sign MOU.</li> </ul>
8:24 pm	<p>6. AMATS MTP 2040 - Transportation Plan - Jay Stange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.mtp2040.com/index.html">http://www.mtp2040.com/index.html</a></li> <li>● Comments on Spenard Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rehabilitation of Spenard Road from 30th Ave to Minnesota Blvd: \$50 million (short-term project)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Additional phase of Minnesota to Northwood: \$25 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Rehab Fireweed from Spenard to Seward Hwy: \$9.5 million (safe walking, improved surface, etc)</li> <li>○ Study to reconfigure Minnesota Blvd from Tudor to Hillcrest: \$1 million (landscaping, slow road, provide better crossings)</li> <li>○ Challenging projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Widen Minnesota at Northern Lights: \$8 million</li> <li>■ Purchase right-of-ways for Minnesota to purchase right-of-ways from Tudor Road to Chester Creek: \$200 million</li> <li>■ Seward Highway projects, over \$1 billion</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Jay Stange will lead a committee to develop comments due Feb 14th. Interested folks: April, Peggy, Bob, Lindsey, Julie, Laura.</li> </ul>
8:32 pm	7. <b>Special Topic:</b> \$50 Gas Card giveaway - Julie Leonard. Winner is... Tom McGrath!
8:25 pm	8. <b>Adjourn</b> - Jay Stange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> Tom M. moved to approve. All adjourned.</li> <li>● Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 pm</li> </ul>

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