

Call to order

The Spenard Community Council began its meeting late, about 7:30 pm, due to a lack of membership.

Agenda and Minutes

Tom McGrath made a motion to approve the agenda with minor changes, motion passed. The minutes were deferred.

Fly By Night liquor license transfer to Players House of Rock

Brief discussion occurred about the transfer of the license. Owners Alan Choy and Jeff Matosky were available for questions. Very few residents were in attendance. A motion was made to not-object to the transfer of the license. After a second, the motion passed without objection.

Assembly Report

Dan Sullivan reported on the Wal-Mart rezone issue in east Anchorage. A postponement is likely, he stated, since a full Assembly wasn't available and the question requires 8 votes. A Parking Fee reduction will be proposed. Also, a deployment audit appropriation will be sought to assess the effectiveness of APD. The Park Strip plan will also be in front of the Assembly for a final look. Pamela Jennings reported on the naming of the new convention center. The Block Heater program will also begin soon. Two positions in the DA's office were recently funded to address gang violence. The 2007 budget will be aided by a \$22 million appropriation from the State.

Questions were asked about why big box stores send lots of money to the lower 48 and why there aren't more concerns about energy costs. The land swap in south Anchorage has raised questions. The two parcels were appraised at \$22 and \$8 million. The swap was approved on the ballot, but the intent was for the swap to involve similarly valued tracts. A work session will be held in the near future to look at the legal questions. A candidate forum is planned for November 1st at UAA.

Legislative Report

Senator Hollis French gave a brief update on Oil and Gas issues. There won't be a third special session this summer. The LLC agreement still hasn't been resolved. The state is looking into the effect of the BP pipeline shutdown on the budget.

APD Update - Sgt. Stanton

Sgt. Stanton reported on a recent raid near the 4200 block of Hayes involving a house of prostitution. The new insurance requirements issues related to tickets and impounding vehicles was also discussed. Tinted windows and gang issues were both raised as issues that require further attention by the police.

Minnesota Skate Park

Brad Dunker reported that all of the skate board equipment has been removed from Minnesota Park. Boulder placement should begin this month. Plans are coming together regarding the relocation of the skate park to the Spenard Rec. Center next year. This is an issue that will be addressed again so that neighbors of the Rec. Center can be included in the planning process.

Road Projects

Mathew Korshin from DOWL provided an update on the Arctic Blvd. and Northwoods Drive projects. Arctic traffic should be redirected to southbound soon as work shifts to the northbound lanes. The Northwoods Drive project is proceeding with the laying of surcharge this month.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9 pm.