

Spenard Community Council

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

Zoom Meeting Recording:

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Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30 pm	Zoom Happy Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jay Stange welcomed council members and guests.
7:00 pm	1. Welcome/Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsey Hajduk led an orientation to Zoom. Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 3/4, Agenda for current meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Tom McGrath moved to approve, Jay Stange seconded. Consent agenda passes. Introduced Executive Committee.
7:10 pm	2. Brief reports (5 mins - Write questions in chat box) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Jessen provided updates from both Kameron Perez-Verdia and Austin Quinn-Davidson. Highlights from recent community newsletter include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mill rate set, residents should have estimates of property taxes soon. Changes to assembly meeting agenda: added a second public participation period to beginning of meeting and added native land acknowledgement alongside pledge of allegiance. Approved an ordinance designating a few more properties as “deteriorated”, owned by Peach Investments (owns the 4th Avenue Theatre.) Ordinance being put out by a couple of members to do away with bag fee for paper bags. Looking to make changes to emergency authority specifying a line of succession if Mayor is not available. Looked into extending emergency declaration, good through June 5. On June 2, the assembly will vote on an extension. Question from Peggy Auth on the Peach Investments: concern is rewarding bad behavior (reminder of history of 4th Avenue Theatre).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Response from Jessen: No tax relief has been extended to Peach Investments. These properties were only determined “deteriorated” (first step). Determining tax relief is a separate process. ● Anchorage School Board Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andy Holleman: Discussed process for providing student belongings which included trained teams to keep people separate. School Board is looking at what kind of conditions would have to exist for a return to school in the fall; could be scheduled shifts where only half of the students attend. Noted that Starr Marsett will report to Spenard Community Council in future. ○ Question from Harriet Drummond regarding bond-approved facilities projects. ○ Response from Holleman: Noted that there was a re-classification of priority projects; some projects started earlier since they are vacant. It is complicated by staffing issues among contractors; in some cases, the district is ready for work to begin but staffing is not ready. Expects an update by the next school board meeting. ● Airport Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Johansen: Highlighted summer construction project of note; the resurfacing, milling, and paving of Postmark Drive from International Airport road up to north terminal. Airport is experiencing 10% of the passenger traffic that airport experienced at the same time last year. Most concessions are shut down; McDonalds, Silver Gulch, and Hudson News & Gifts are open. While passenger traffic is down, cargo traffic has increased 25%; while trans-pacific cargo volumes have decreased; typically a lot of cargo goes in belly of passenger flights. This cargo is now being routed on cargo flights that often go through Anchorage.
7:30 pm	<p>3. Special Topic: Capital Improvement Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Voting and follow-up survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lindsey Hajduk: Every May, we vote on priorities for the city to consider. Rather than asking for live feedback, will send out surveys; ask for responses by May 15, will include a comment box if priority is not noted. Discussed 2020 priorities and showed participants how to review information on muni site. ○ Jay Stange: Discussed different visions for Minnesota boulevard; multi-way boulevard project is preference. ○ Link to Survey ○ Muni CIP Website
7:40 pm	<p>4. Special Topic: Local Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spenard Community Garden

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Leonard: Started up April 30. Limiting 3-4 people at the garden behind Charlou. Recommending gloves/masks. Everyone is welcome. Ask that folks park down street (rather than church lot) when Lutheran church is hosting services. ○ If interested, contact Nick to volunteer: (907) 717-4392 ● Anchor Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jay Stange: Described loosely affiliated organization, modeling program off Victory Gardens program. Goal is for organizing groups to create 5 new gardens in every community council area. ○ Michelle Wlber: Happy to help, train with individuals or groups of people. ○ If interested, contact Michelle Wilber (katmainomad@gmail.com, 350-1663)
7:50 pm	<p>5. Special Topic: Committee reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SCC Audit Committee report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arina Filippenko: SCC purchases include: Donated candy to trick-or-treat fish creek, bought two laptops for SCC meeting for sign-in purposes, donation to Aquarian Charter School PTA for use of facilities, pledged funds for challenge grant for Spenard Beach Park (\$2,000 not physically reflected, but set aside), and made loan of \$3,000 to Spenard Farmers’ Market. Passed one year mark on a three year loan; will provide updates as to repayment. Checking account balance is \$24,866.03 Also have \$300 in gas cards (6 gas cards), and \$65 in petty cash. ○ Tahnee Seccareccia: Requested an update from Mark from Spenard Farmers’ Market; asked for proof of items purchased, received one receipt; still waiting for more receipts. ● Spenard Corridor Plan Work Group update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lindsey Hajduk: Ongoing agenda item. All information is on community council website, did submit comments; most recent were 4 27 2020. ○ Jay Stange: Next step is review by Planning & Zoning Commission at their next meeting on May 18. Then on to the Assembly for adoption. ● Spenard Cannabis Committee: new changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lindsey Hajduk: Committee has not met in past month; no specific updates, asked if committee member would like to share changes. ○ Tahnee Seccareccia: Provided update. Under emergency order of COVID-19, Marijuana & Alcohol boards both allowed curbside service, understanding that it is temporary. Next meeting in June. Top Shelf Herbs (901 Photo Avenue) has been approved; unsure of opening date. Cannabaska is looking to get approval to open store in vacant floral shop next to Captain Sparrow’s. Cannabis license renewals are coming up soon.
8:00pm	<p>6. Neighborhood & Community Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cook Inlet Housing Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tyler Robinson, CIHA: Update on property behind the Carousel Lounge and Lutheran Social Services; about half an acre, moving forward with a 20 unit

	<p>apartment building breaking ground this June, expect a 12 month construction schedule. Will include studios, one bedrooms, and two bedrooms. Typical project of affordable housing, this will focus on smaller units. Right now the project is called, “West 32nd Avenue Apartments.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lindsey Hajduk: Will plan for Robinson to return for next month’s SCC meeting to talk about another upcoming development project. ● City-wide clean-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irene Perrson: City-wide cleanup going throughout the whole month of May. Can get free voucher, one per household member, for dump pass from May 4 through May 18. ○ Tahnee: SWS will be taking orange bags filled with neighborhood clean-up items (not household trash) the whole month of May. To get bags, you can go through Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. Chamber will put bags outside with sticky note with name on collection day; you can go to pick up. Caution about finding needles, encouraged people to have gloves and a jug/something hard to put needles in. ○ Link for free dump pass ○ Link for city-wide clean-up bags ● Blue Market AK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer Gordon: Market is now open; intention is to be a full-service grocery store but on a small scale. Do not have plastic packaging and a lot of AK and Spenard businesses as vendors. Not open for customers to come inside but can order products online and can pick up items curbside. ○ Blue Market Website Link ● Anchorage Community Land Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Radhika Krishna: Planning a Set-Up Shop program for small businesses; want to do a business training class entirely in Spenard. Starting in July, will offer targeted help to 8-10 small businesses to help with COVID-19 recovery, provide one-on-one help with getting their business online, marketing, and getting business in order. Will open up applications at end of May. Offer 10 hours of free services plus a few hours of instruction per week. First time focused particularly in a neighborhood. ● Peggy Auth: Hope to have Chugach Electric come in to do a presentation about why they are not undergrounding the electric lines; required to do and collecting money. Dismay at all healthy trees taken down by Chugach Electric.
8:22 pm	<p>7. Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion Tom McGrath moved to approve, Peggy Auth seconded.

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