

Spenard Community Council

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 6:30-8:45pm

Zoom Meeting Recording:

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Minutes

Time	Topic
6:30 pm	Zoom Happy Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none">Irene Perrson-Gamble welcomed council members and guests.
7:00 pm	1. Welcome/Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">Orientation to Zoom: Lindsey Hajduk led an orientation to Zoom.Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 5/6, Agenda for current meeting)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion: Irene Perrson-Gamble moved to approve, Jerry Sparkman seconded. Consent agenda passes.Hajduk asked for a moment of silence to honor the death of George Floyd and others who have lost their lives, and recognized that to truly honor his life we need to work to change systemic racism.Hajduk introduced Executive Board council members.
7:10 pm	2. Brief reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assembly Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">Austin Quinn-Davidson: Discussed the extension of emergency order and failed mask measure. Preparing for allocation of funds from CARES Act. Discussed preparations for implementation of alcohol tax, which will begin in February 2021. Created committees to move toward solutions. Conversations in community about police brutality and racism; how do we take ownership and move forward; we're at the beginning of the conversation with the police department.Kameron Perez-Verdia: Passed stimulus for transportation for reducing the annual permit fees (impacts taxi cabs as well as much of the transportation industry).Bob Auth inquired about extra funding for homeless camp clean-up; noted that the same ones mentioned in October (Northwood Park) are still present, within 10-20 feet of established trails and cited public health issue. Peggy Auth commented that the property is private.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quinn-Davidson: Noted that it is not simple; recognized the need to do clean-up but also follow-through with a long-term plan so that folks are not just moving from one location to another. ■ Perez-Verdia: Budgeted for significant camp clean-up, and will be ramping up. Email him to ensure those specific camps are on the list. ■ Quinn-Davidson: If property is private, it is owners’ responsibility, but encouraged to report online. ■ Link to file report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Airport Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Johansen: Working to accommodate DHSS at the airport, will be finalizing temporary set-ups at the end of this week. Recruiting for staff at the airport.
7:25pm	<p>3. Neighborhood & Community Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jay’s Goodbye! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jay Stange shared that he and his family are moving to Hartford, Connecticut. ○ SCC provided Jay a going away poster, gifts, and unveiled the “It’s Always Sunny in Spenard” stickers and pins. Community council members shared gratitude for Jay’s community building over the years.
7:35 pm	<p>4. Special Topic: “Spenard East” Development, Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tyler Robinson, CIHA: Property located across the street (diagonally) from headquarters. The project area boundaries are Spenard Rd., 36th Ave, Chugach Way, and Dorbrandt St. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development summary: building mixed-use (ranging from studio to 3 bedroom units), re-platting 20 lots into 5 lots, proposing to vacate the right-of-way and serve property with private roads/sewer system. ○ Will likely be making improvements to Chugach Way and Dorbrandt St. ○ Buildings closest to Spenard, Chugach will be 19/21 unit buildings, one is senior housing and one is multi-family. Will feature duplexes, 4-plexes, and 8-plexes. ○ “Yummy Bakery” building will continue to exist as a commercial building, under new ownership. ○ Features larger greenbelt to promote better drainage along Fish Creek. ● Lindsey Hajduk: Inquired about timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robinson: Plan to go before the Platting Board in summer and Urban Design Commission in fall. Plan to build the first phase as early as Summer 2021. In a perfect world, the project will be complete in 2023. ● Michelle Wilber: Commented on large dedication to spaces to parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robinson: Ideally would have less parking space, but this is what it takes to get development approved and financed. Noted that they need to provide all parking as there is no option for parking to spill over on side streets. ● Jeremy Weatherall: Inquired if the plan was on the website and if this project keeps Spenard Road redesign in mind and about a plan for inclusion of solar panels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robinson: We do not publish publicly because CIHA is competing for funds, but happy to answer questions regarding projects one-on-one. This project allows

for extra space for right-of-way expansion for Spenard Road, and we plan for solar panels on part of the project.

- Hunter Dill: Inquired about a plan for further property acquisition in the nearby area.
 - Robinson: Believes that should be the extent of it; smaller projects are slated on other Spenard streets.
- Quinn-Davidson: How does this relate to JJ Brooks's nearby development plan?
 - Robinson: Hope that if both parties move forward with separate projects, it is a good thing; no coordination.
- Peggy Auth: Inquired about sidewalk's utility for community use.
 - Robinson: Designed to accommodate development's residents and those that wish to use space.
- Bob Auth: Inquired about B3 zoning dedication.
 - Robinson: Housing is priority, properties are not able to be retro-fitted into commercial uses.
- Karen Button: Inquired about inclusion of permeable pavement in parking lots.
 - Robinson: Do not believe that is feasible. Project is as green as it can be while still likely to be approved.
- Jay Stange: Discussed Title 21 and recommended work to exclude this area from parking requirements; commended project for negotiating different factors--expressed optimism for future daylighting of Fish Creek.
- Emily: Inquired about opportunities for showing public support.
 - Robinson: Would appreciate a resolution in support of action if SCC chooses to do so, did not come with intent to ask. Opportunities for public comment at Platting Board and Urban Design Commission (can submit comments online.)
- Jerry Sparkman: Inquired if AWWU is willing to assist with sewer.
 - Robinson: Sewer Main is fine the way that it is. Extension we have to make is from 36th to Wilshire, biggest challenge: need to go into 36th and remove pipes that are tapped into the water line from previous connections; AWWU is not assisting.
- Discussion about a resolution OR a Memorandum of Understanding regarding development.
 - From the chat box, Hajduk raised a question regarding resolution of support, and noted that Stange proposed drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with a resolution to follow.
 - Peggy Auth: Proposed a resolution in support; inquired about what was to be voted on; asked for distinction between resolution and MOU.
 - Stange: Recommended MOU to outline mutual goals; spell out how to support CIHA and speak to a broader region. An MOU connected to resolution preferable over broad-based resolution, as it may be more helpful for the community and CIHA's efforts.
 - Hajduk: Noted that folks commenting in chatbox supporting MOU; noted that it would have to be taken offline, and can be taken to the Executive Board.
 - Robinson: Clarified that he did not come asking for resolution and is happy capturing the comments (requested copy of chat box). Noted that he was not

	<p>comfortable with perception that CIHA is entering into a MOU as a condition for a resolution in support. Noted that there is a way to promote partnership, politely ask that MOU be separated from formal comment of support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom McGrath: Seconds Peggy’s resolution in support of development as presented. ○ Robinson: Would hate for the record to show that the SCC does not support it since there are members supporting an MOU; it does not look good before a board/commission. ○ Hajduk: Motion on the table is if SCC would like to submit a resolution to support the project. ○ Peggy Auth: Unsure if she supports her own motion; and shared with Robinson that they want to show support for CIHA’s endeavors. Inquired about the timeline for Platting Board/Urban Design Commission (UDC) and when a resolution would be helpful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Robinson: Noted that the Platting Board and UDC are distinct at what they look at; UDC meeting would be after September SCC Meeting. Robinson clarified that resolution is not necessary, and the goal at this time is to share the project and listen to community feedback. ○ Hajduk: Recommended vote via chat box for eligible SCC members. ○ Stange: Noted belief that time tonight is too short, ask to withhold resolution until council has more dedicated time to talk about how to support the project. ○ Peggy Auth: Withdraw motion and ask to table until another meeting.
8:30 pm	<p>5. Special Topic: Set-up Shop Spenard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Radhika Krishna, Anchorage Community Land Trust: ACLT is providing free, 4 week class for small businesses. Application is open on website: Set Up Shop Online Application Encouraged referrals for businesses applying for CARES Act to seek support from ACLT. ● Jay Stange: Inquired how CARES Act can support businesses in danger of closing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Krishna: Encouraged neighbors to work together so that people are aware of CARES Act. Grant can cover rent, payroll costs, business equipment/inventory; very broad. It’s a lot of paperwork, but should be worth it.
8:37 pm	<p>6. Special Topic: Committee reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spenard Cannabis Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update ● Capital Improvement Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hajduk: Reviewed survey results and rankings, will submit results of priority projects to the Municipality by June 15. ● SCC Audit Committee report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arina Filippenko: Continuing audit. Still working to collect remaining receipts from Spenard Farmers’ Market on loan from last year. Will hope to have a more concrete update in September.
8:45 pm	<p>7. Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NO JULY or AUGUST meetings.○ Hajduk: Noted small work groups will continue to happen in summer; encouraged members to reach out to SCC.● Motion Jay Stange moved to adjourn. Peggy auth seconded. Meeting adjourned. |
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