

Special Community Council Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2003

Chairperson Smart said there would be no discussion on the Northwood Park improvements as planned. Motion to approve May minutes passed.

Tom McGrath requested the council members to be diligent in calling APD whenever street prostitutes are seen as the problem has been escalating.

Stephanie Wheelock from the Alaska Railroad gave updates on the closure of C Street June 5 & 6 at 64th and 68th. Closures will be at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

There will be a public meeting on the problem property at 1900 W. 33rd with Anchorage Police. Time to be set later. There are problems with the Spinell main office on West Benson. There was an illegal removal of trees and vegetation. Mike McKamey, the chair of the zoning committee, reported there was a meeting on May 29th. A joint work session on the new sign ordinance was held for Assembly members and the municipal planning staff with members of the public in attendance. Please report sandwich signs, they are illegal and have been since the 80's.

Dan Sullivan reported there will be a work session on the community council boundaries Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The rezone on Barbara and Spenard for a hotel was approved. The assembly put on hold a resolution on high voltage lines by Chugach Electric near the railroad tracks, next to businesses and homes. He also discussed the new panhandling ordinance, changes in notification for rezones, the new sign ordinance, the road plan, and one that has been very important to the council: regulating teen strip clubs.

Problems with the Federation of Community Councils was discussed. Assembly chair, Dick Traini, stated that the FCC is not in the city charter. Also, the concerns about the new ordinance pertaining to accessory dwelling units were brought up. Monitoring their use would be a problem.

Brenda Smart wanted to acknowledge the work Sheila Wynne did in cleaning up a park after recent vandalism.

Hollis French spoke about his work in the last meeting of the Alaska State Legislature and the bills that were and were not passed.

Bonnie Jack, speaking for Assemblywoman Faye von Gemmigen, congratulated Chairperson Smart on her work in addressing the cleanup of the fire damaged property at 1900 W. 33rd.

Sam O'Connor spoke on the issues and problems with Chugach Way. Steve Noble of DOWL Engineers was able to tell the council what is happening with Arctic Blvd. The council passed a motion that Chugach Way should be part of the scoping work when the engineers make plans for improvements on Arctic.

There was a very long discussion about the problems that have been happening at Minnesota Billiards. The owner, Jindo So, speaking through his attorney, John Farr, saw the news item on t.v.. He has since hired security guards for the parking lots with extras indoors on the weekends. Ken Zong, owner of the Phillips restaurant that shares the same parking lot, stated that his business is way down to people's fears of the activities in the parking lot. He also said his other business, in the mall next to the billiards parlor, is open late at night and the workers are afraid. Sgt. Simms of APD reported that calls from simple disturbances to shoots is common. It was asked if the owner of the property can

be i ~~nd~~ as this is a nuisance issue and the APD can treat it as such, including billing Minnesota Billiards for \$500.00 for each call. A motion was made and passed that all the parties come to the next meeting, including the owner of the mall.

Sgt. Simms again asked the council to be more involved in stopping prostitution. There have been stings lately which have been successful, but more prosecutors are needed as the offenders are put back on the street immediately. Dan Sullivan said he would ask Assemblywoman Melinda Taylor of the public safety committee to see what the city can do

A motion was made and passed that the council is opposed to all accessory use dwelling units on the basis that it undermines all current zoning laws.

A motion was made that since the council would not be meeting in July, that the zoning committee deal with the Spinell illegal removal of trees on Benson. The motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned. As is typical, the council will take a summer break and not meet again until August.

*written by:*

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