

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2003

A motion was made to approve the September minutes and was approved.

Hollis French spoke for the council's prostitution committee. There are 50 cases of prostitution a year that are being prosecuted. He will suggest that one District Attorney be appointed to handle these cases. He will also try to get more court documents online for the public to access and keep track of each case.

Tim Burgess, the US Attorney, is going to all the community councils and Spenard's was the first one to hear about Project Safe Neighborhoods, a project to reduce gun violence and gun related crime. Spenard is number one in gun crime, it's 39 gun related crimes far exceeding number two, Taku Campell, which had 13. With Safe Schools working to eliminate guns in schools, they are asking the community to support their efforts and the efforts of APD to make the community safe.

Dan Sullivan addressed the new Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance that passed recently. They will not be allowed in R-1 areas. Mr. Sullivan also explained the reason he didn't support the Site Condo Ordinance saying it didn't address the issues of drainage and driveways. The Bear Tooth Theater has until June of next year to comply with parking requirements. He also discussed the new convention center. It may be on the bond measures next year. Spenard would like to see more of the ACVB money spent here since the hotels away from downtown also add to their general funds. There are now four more property tax assessors to bring properties more into current assessment standards.

Chuck Spinelli spoke to the group about his coffee cart, his new business building and the clearing of vegetation from both his property and the right of way over the summer. The issue is whether his cart is legal. He had gotten approval from the city, but there is the issue as to whether the cart is in the same place it was approved for originally. He is making an effort to keep the cart clean and pleasant. He has asked the council to approve a resolution to support his coffee cart, but after discussion, it was decided that since the issue is still in the legal department of the municipality, it would be inappropriate for the council to take a stance at this time.

Mike McKamey, the chair of the council's zoning committee, reported on the committee's September 18 meeting. The Maple Ridge project is coming before the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 6. Sandwich board signs are still a problem, report them when you see them. He thanked Chuck Spinelli for coming to the council and his revegetation plan.

The Mary Magdalene group is working to get prostitutes off the street and into more productive lives. Almost 100% of these women have been sexually abused at some time in their lives. The council supports their efforts and also would like to see a "John" law to penalize the men more.

Sam O'Connor reported the torso found in the Inlet today belonged to a known prostitute. He asked the council to keep an eye on prostitution traffic and report the license plates of the people picking them up to the APD.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.