

**Spenard Community Council**  
 Spenard Recreation Center  
 2020 W 48th Ave  
 Anchorage, AK 99517  
 Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:00-8:30 pm



# Agenda

Item No	Clock	Topic	Discussion Leader	Time
	6:30 pm	<b>Happy Half Hour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with neighbors and help set up for the meeting</li> </ul>		
1	7:00 pm	<b>Welcome/Call to Order 7:02pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 03/06/2023, Agenda for current meeting) - Motion Matt Duncan, seconded by Sverre LeRoy</li> <li>Introduce Executive Board</li> </ul>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	5 mins
2	7:05 pm	<b>Brief reports (10 mins each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Report - Top Legislative request \$4million for shelter at SWS, revoted on it and in Operating Budget to continue the shelter through the summer. The Mayor introduced an ordinance about camp abatement, still being worked on, a new resolution coming forward, look for in the future. Election results are coming in, most bonds are passing. Public restroom bond isn't passing, sadly. Still are votes to be counted, will know later in April the official results. First quarter budget revisions are starting. Looking at revenue projections and making adjustments, set property tax mill rates. It's a two-part process, not a lot of anticipated changes from last year's budget. On meeting on April 23rd. Bob Auth question - editorial about something related to what's the point in elections. Why not rank choice voting in Muni elections? Answer from Meg Zalatel on why, waiting to see what happens from the State. Sarah Preskitt question - why don't we know how much money we have from 2022? Anna Brawley answer - we are</li> </ul>	Anna Brawley Erik Peterson	20 min

		<p>just behind, the books haven't been audited yet. Please reach out, email is the best.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport Report - Printed maps and sign. Presenting airport construction projects for the year. There is an email and phone number for submissions until May 15th. Reaching out to the public, particularly community councils. Job Fair was very successful. 4th Floor of South Terminal Parking Garage is going to be closed over the summer due to renovations, starting on April 15th. If you have a car there, please get it by 4/14 otherwise it will be towed. Map of everything that the airport is constructing this summer. FedEx expansion, water main improvements off of Lake Hood, Postmark Drive repairs/repaving. Question - will there be a bike lane on Postmark Drive. Answer - not this time, it is just repaving, but there is talk about this happening. Question - in the past there was talk about a paved trail around the airport, but it fizzled out, is that happening? Answer - not that I know of.</li> </ul>		
3	7:25 pm	<p><b>Decision topic:</b> Midtown District Steering Committee Alternate - North Star, Midtown and Spenard CC, about an 18 month committee. Lindsey Hadjuk has expressed an interest in serving on the development of the Midtown District Plan. Riley Prestegard volunteered. Matt Duncan moves for Riley and Lindsey as alternates, Peggy Auth seconds. No objections.</p>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	5 min
4	7:30 pm	<p><b>Info topic:</b> Northwood Area Traffic Calming - Very early idea form, right here in this (Spenard Recreation Center) area. There was a study that had a lot of speeding in this neighborhood. On 45th Ave, over half the cars are going over the speeding limit. Cars driving upwards of 65mph. Recommendations on how to solve the problem, raised crosswalk, more speed humps, radar speed feedback sign - on 45, 46, 47, 48 Avenues. Just starting the design looking for feedback. Matt Duncan question - what about shik canes instead of speed humps? Answer - we can consider that, the nice thing about speed humps is that you don't have to worry about drainage. Peggy Auth question - worked on upgrades in the past of Northwood Drive. Corner of 45th and Northwood, issue of kids walking to school and</p>	Zak Hartman, MOA Traffic Engineering Department	10 min

		<p>people turning right on Northwood not looking. Need some kind of obstacle for them to go around to protect the kids. Answer - this is a great idea. Sverre question - loves this idea, lives on 45th, intentionally drives slow to slow others down. Answer - yes, slow traffic congestion is traffic calming. Barbara - is this in the school zone for Northwood Elementary? Answer - yes. Sarah question - is there going to be signage for the crosswalks? Will there be flashing lights and noises? Answer - signs yes, flashing lights yes, noise I'm not so sure. Sverre - any data on people running stop signs? Answer - raised crosswalk can help with this. Anna - thank you for supporting the road bond that included a big increase in traffic calming funds. How many speed humps are we talking about? Answer - six speed humps approximately. Raised crosswalks are more expensive, particularly if there are drainage issues. Peggy question - are you coming back for further community input prior to digging into the ground? Answer - yes. Plan to come back once plans are finalized for more input. Question - giant trucks coming through 48th and how does that fit into your plan. Should they be there? Answer - no, they shouldn't be there. There are even signs with muni code listed. Question - what's the price difference and effectiveness difference between different options like speed humps vs. shik canes? Answer - depends on the job. All are very effective, but it depends on what the nature of the site, there is no one answer that is good for every project.</p>		
5	7:40 pm	<p><b>Info topic:</b> HOME Initiative - Details online, slideshow. Housing Opportunities in the Municipality for Everyone. Been working on this for the past few months to bring to the Assembly. Looking at zoning codes to allow for more compact housing in our city. Anchorage has a housing shortage. Initiative more predictable housing codes. Fit more units into existing neighborhoods. Zoning codes are getting in the way. Take existing 15 residential zones and condense it down to 5 zones. Going back to the land use plan, the 5 definitions found there and try to fit it into our existing zones and condense the zones. Gentle increased density. Wanting code to reflect what is actually happening. Adaptive reuse is the goal. Using what we have</p>	Anna Brawley & Meg Zalatel, Anchorage Assembly	10 min

		to accommodate the need that we have. Which is accessible housing. Packet of information, talks about the land use plan. Having the zoning codes match the land use plan. Table in the packet. Not significant changes to setbacks or other rules and dimensional standards. Recorded webinar on Muni's YouTube page. Next hearing May 20th with Planning and Zoning.		
6	7:50 pm	<b>Info topic:</b> RCCC response to HOME Initiative - We know that we need more affordable housing. Most areas have space for growth, so what has been preventing that building from happening? Changes to allowing MIL housing and 4-plexes. Still looking at the 2020 Land Use Plan and it is still a good plan. Also Title 21 Code, to implement the Land Use Plan. Created with a lot of public input. Looking at similar issues in the Lower 48. Not sure of the legality of the HOME Initiative. This is a massive rezone and needs to go through a public process to be done. Review of the timeline of the public process and seems like the process is being rushed without allowing for public comment. Appreciate that the Assembly members are meeting with citizens and groups, but worried that there are not enough opportunities for change and feedback. Lots of quotes from 2040 Land Use Plan. The Plan has been around but many of the elements of it haven't been enacted, why? Anchorage permitting process is too complicated. Process needs to be made more simple and streamlined to allow for more building to occur. If we can't stop HOME Initiative, can it be done in phases rather than all at once?	Ann Rappoport, Co-Chair, Rabbit Creek Community Council	10 min
7	8:00 pm	<b>Q&amp;A:</b> HOME & Response Q&A - Daniel - comment - a lot of things not quite true or accurate in the RCCC material, be wary. Jason Lasard - question for RCCC what is the threshold for data, if its new then there isn't going to be a lot of data? Answer - what is the data that should be collected, how many built, how many permits in process, we have done some literature searches on other cities, not really any good information out there. Barbara Lang - question for Anna B. is there a website we can go to for more information on what can be done with property? Anna B. - answer we don't have answers for a specific property, but there are	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	10 min

		<p>some things that you can find out on the Muni website. Scott - question - will this streamline the permitting process and make that better? Meg Z. answer - trying to make a variable framework more clear, so trying to remove some of the red tape and uncertainty. Trying to get to more yes along the line. Scott - question for RCCC Ann - why are you against this HOME proposal? Do you not want higher density in your neighborhood? Ann Answer - we are looking at the city as a whole, but worried about roads, septic, drainage, so for some areas higher density are a concern, steeper slopes. Worried about some fear of the unknown in the city as a whole, why not start in some areas first. Peggy Auth Question for Assembly Members - was part of the 2020 plan, it took a long time but was cool. Worried about the speed of the process and the lack of public information and input. Anger about the rezoning of lots along Spenard Road without community input. Why not use those empty lots first? Support SB 77 about derelict buildings. Answer - Anna B. - Assembly supports SB 77. Zoning districts are 40 years old, older than the land use plan. Made it infeasible to build what the plan calls for, but it has led to a stopping of development. Wants to implement the intent of the original plans. Bob Auth Question - Paperwork for R-4 proposed change to residential housing high. Mixed use development. Next page says allowing commercial uses without development in R-3 and R-4, mixed use is infeasible. What are you saying about what is allowed? Answer - Meg Z. combining R-4 and R-4A would allow for mixed use development, with commercial on one level and residential on other levels. Limits to commercial uses, may require additional review.</p>		
8	8:10 pm	<p><b>Info topic:</b> Code Enforcement List - Looking for properties that are violating code. We are hoping to have code enforcement to come to future meetings to discuss problem properties and concerns.</p>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	5 min
9	8:15 pm	<p><b>Community Announcements -</b> Sverre - house across the street from her on 2205 W. 46th is vacant and no activity. Possible permits in the window to convert to Assisted Living Facility. Owner passed away, had issues</p>	All	10 min

		<p>with space for an elevator to be installed. Owner died and the property went into foreclosure. Needs a lot of work.</p> <p>Matt - SCC is out of tea, if there is any particular tea wanted let him know and he will buy it.</p> <p>Carrie Sumner - Principal of Romig MS, Trojan on the building is 50 and needs to be updated. Not changing the mascot, taking the wood pieces down and adding more to him and more of a mural feel, have blessing from the original artist.</p> <p>Question - what is the timeline? Hoping to start this spring, have funding.</p> <p>Alaska Room - ZJ Loussac - still have online open house for the AK Collection for folks to look at and make comments.</p> <p>Handouts on Transit Center Study - have online open house starting today until May 3rd. Also in-person open house tomorrow. New sites.</p> <p>SP - going to be looking into getting a microphone for the next meeting to help with hearing. Don't know the details of the microphone.</p>		
<b>10</b>	8:25 pm	<p><b>Adjourn - Peggy Auth moves , Julie Leonard seconds, 8:26pm.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting: May 1, 7pm, Spenard Community Recreation Center</li> </ul>		

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