

Spenard Community Council

Spenard Recreation Center

2020 W 48th Ave

Anchorage, AK 99517

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 7:00-8:45 pm

Doors open at 6:30pm



Minutes

	Clock	Topic	Discussion Leader	Time
1	7:00 pm	Welcome/Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consent Agenda (Minutes from previous meeting 12/4/2024, Agenda for current meeting) Meeting called to order at 7:06pm. Agenda accepted, moved by Lindsey Hajduk, seconded by Will.Introduce Executive Board	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	5 min

2	7:05pm	<p>Brief reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage Police Department Report - no report given. ● Alyse Galvin's Office - Lisa Keller - report on excitement for the new session in Juneau. Focus this year: paid family leave, mental health screenings in public schools, free school breakfast and lunch to low income students, women (or men) in prisons who are primary caretakers - maintaining connection with kids, end shackling women to the bed when giving birth in prison, allowing for mother/child bond, strip searches of inmates, monitoring in dry cells, only being monitored by men. ● Assembly Report - Felix Rivera - Officer involved shooting on Northern Lights - attempted robbery, rounds fired when the suspect fled the scene. Fish Creek Trial Connection - last AMATS meeting, project not on hold, continues to move through process, DOT has approved funds and funding increases. Criminal Activity around encampments - need specifics of the activity and locations. Delay on sales tax proposal to a special election. Five different versions available for review on Muni website - Project Anchorage. Tax Levies Approved - police and ARMSA fleets - systematic tax levy to create known budget for maintaining vehicles. Jed Smith - is the online portal the best way to report homeless camp activity. Answer - yes. Matt Duncan - spoke out against sales tax because it hurts the poor. Answer - Continued public hearing on March 4th about the proposals for sales tax. Need to report difference between residential property taxes and commercial property taxes along with percentage of changes. Will - limitations to what the Assembly can do in relation to taxes, there should be a discussion at the State Law level. 	<p>Lisa Keller - Rep. Alyse Galvin's Office</p> <p>Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly</p>	20 min
3	7:25pm	<p>President's Report</p> <p>Midtown District Plan Update - February 24th next public meeting regarding the letter passed at SCC and other CC's meetings.</p>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	10 min

4	7:35pm	<p>Decision Topic: Letter on Chugach Way Design - Shared the history of trying to update Chugach Way over the past nine years. Explained the letter that talked about the desires of the Spenard Task Force. Move to approve the letter from Lindsey, Anders seconded. Letter passes 15-0.</p>	Lindsey Hajduk, Spenard Corridor Plan Task Force	10 min
5	7:45pm	<p>Decision Topic: Letter to Assembly on Functional Classifications of Roadways in Spenard - Lindsey Hajduk explained all the different classifications of roads that exist in Spenard, what the speed limits are on these roadways and how they can be altered. Matt Duncan spoke about the necessity of lowering the speed limits on Minnesota Drive. Motion to postpone - Matt Duncan, seconded by Lindsey Hajduk. Passed.</p>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	10 min
6	8:05pm	<p>Information Topic: Transit Supportive Development - Had a presentation on what it is and how it is in the 2040 Land Use Plan. Questions - what is by right? (Sarah Preskitt) Answer - if a change is allowed by right then it doesn't involve all the different levels of permitting to happen. John Weddleton - Covid delayed work on this. I'm a big fan of transit corridors. One of our big problems is our poor transit system in Anchorage. Matt Duncan - trying to use the bus for fun. No reliable bus service to bedroom communities that surround Anchorage. Doesn't support use of our communities and businesses. What would change in the zoning map? Possibly height restrictions. Irene Persson-Gambel - combining the public and private resources to have muni support for vehicles like Uber/Lyft to provide the connections between the bedroom communities and center of town. Matt Duncan - this happens in NW Arkansas. John Weddleton - Girdwood has done a private bus route using federal funds.</p>	Will Walker, Anchorage Housing Club	15 min
7	8:20pm	<p>Information Topic: 2025 Election Announcement - voting for the SCC Executive Board.</p>	Sarah Preskitt, SCC	5 min

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8	8:25pm	<p>Community Announcements - Matt Duncan - presented Christmas present to President Sarah Preskitt. Jed Smith - Anchorage Folk Festival 1/23-2/2 at Wendy Williamson. John Weddleton - Spenard 2nd Saturday this coming Saturday. A bunch of stuff at the Nave. Irene Persson-Gambell - ASSE exchange students, looking for host families. Consider next fall. Rep Carolyn Hall - Pre-Legislation Constituent on January 14th, next Tuesday at 5pm at the LIO. Public Transit Advisory Board is meeting tomorrow at rm 155 at City Hall. There is also a riders survey at the People Mover website.</p>	All	10 min
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Adjourn

- Next Meeting: February 5, 7pm, Spenard Community Recreation Center - Irene Pearsson-Gambell moved and Matt Duncan seconded to adjourn at 8:11pm.