

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, November 3, 2004, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Assembly Reports
3. Anchorage Municipal Libraries
4. Tudor Road and Wilson-Cambridge Intersection Update
5. Spenard & Benson Building Demolition
6. Funding for Code Enforcement
7. Title 21 Update
8. Banner Relocation
9. Committee Reports
10. Old and New Business

ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES

Art Weeks, the Municipal Librarian, will make a brief presentation at the November meeting on the services of the Anchorage Municipal Libraries and specifically on what the Libraries can offer Spenard.

TUDOR ROAD AND WILSON-CAMBRIDGE INTERSECTION

Scott Thomas, the Central Region Traffic Engineer for the Department of Transportation (DOT), is exploring options to reduce or eliminate the sidestreet left turning and crossing collisions at this intersection. According to the DOT, those options include 1) installation of a raised "puzzle piece" median to restrict traffic from crossing Tudor Road or turning left from the Wilson and Cambridge approaches; 2) installation of a traffic signal to facilitate left turning and cross maneuvers; or 3) leave it as is. The Council discussed these options at the October meeting but decided to defer to the local neighborhoods to make specific recommendations. The Council will receive an update at the November meeting regarding those recommendations.

SPENARD & BENSON BUILDING DEMOLISHED!

On October 22, 2004, the Department of Transportation demolished a derelict wood framed State owned building at the intersection of Spenard Road and Benson Blvd, The Spenard Community Council had actively sought the demolition of this building, which had boarded up windows and its entryway and adjoining parking lot were frequently occupied by inebriates.

FUNDING FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Council discussed at the October meeting the issue of the Assembly fully funding the code enforcement officers assigned to various parts of the City. Since the matter was not on the agenda, it was tabled for the upcoming November meeting and will be discussed then.

PENDING ZONING MATTERS

1) An ordinance has been proposed to allow offices of tax exempt charitable organizations in the R-1 zoning district as a conditional use on lots with a minimum of 20,000 square feet . This matter is going before the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 1, 2004.

2) An ordinance has been proposed that would allow applications for restaurant and eating place licenses (i.e., for beer and wine) be approved solely by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A hearing before the P&Z Commission is scheduled for November 8, 2004.

TITLE 21 UPDATE

Mike Wolf, an engineer with Tryck, Nyman, Hayes will make a short presentation regarding the status of the proposed changes to Title 21, the City's land use regulation. The intended purpose of those changes is to implement the most recent Comprehensive Plan.

BANNER RELOCATION EFFORTS NEEDED

Two of the banners that were placed on light poles along the north part of Spenard Road in 1995 have fallen off and need to be put back in their place. If you have any suggestions about how to get this accomplished, please speak up at the November meeting.

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