

Spenard Community Council Meeting Minutes
Spenard Recreational Center
June 5, 2013

Vice chairman Jason Bergerson, acting as chair for the meeting, brought the meeting to order. He is on the board of NeighborWorks. They are looking for residents within the Spenard the older sections who would qualify for home loans. If you know someone within the 80% of median income who would like to own a home, please contact Jason.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved. Jim Bowers distributed an amendment to the May meeting. It was approved and adopted by a vote of 6-2.

Assembly report - Assemblyman Tim Steele

Many liquor licenses have been coming up for approval. There is a citizen's task force working on what is an appropriate amount of time for public testimony due to the bad feelings of the way AO-37 was handled.

Legislative report - Sen. Berta Gardner, Rep. Harriet Drummond

Sen. Gardner said no funding was approved for the Spenard Road project. There was monies approved for the Boys and Girls Club and Clare House. She was dismayed at the handling of funding for the indoor tennis courts at Dempsey Anderson. Rep. Drummond said the funding came under the appropriations for Project 80's maintenance. The Loussac Library got nothing.

Jason Bergerson brought up for discussion the meeting of the ABC board which was headlined in the ADN due to its handling of the Blue Loon in Fairbanks and other liquor licenses. Tom McGrath said a mini task force has been working on new policies because of this and the issuing of recreational liquor licenses. Rep. Drummond said the ABC started to make policy changes after they were moved from the Dept. of Public Safety to the Dept. of Commerce in 2012.

Airport report - John Johansen, Evan Pfahler for TSAIA, Bob Auth for the council

John Johansen: The Part 150 meeting was yesterday, the next meeting will be in September. About 150 people turned out for the Master Plan

public house. You can comment online at ancmasterplan.com until June 7th. Evan gave the presentation of the Master Plan. There are five draft alternatives. They vary widely, from making no changes to adding a new runway which would significantly affect Point Worozof and AWWU. The airport will have a public house in September with their preferred alternative.

Bob Auth: The airport communications committee would like to see a permanent airport communications plan as part of the Master Plan so the committee can dissolve. As part of that plan, a senior management person, not a p.r. person, would attend every council meeting so that they would have the ability to answer questions and really engage with the community councils. As far as the master plan alternatives, if the preferential runway use is done away with, there would be more take-offs to the East which would affect our community the most. A vote was taken for a continuation of the preferential runway use which was approved, 10-1.

CIP - Jason said there were no calls for changes to our past lists, so the CIP for 2013 will be as agreed to in the past.

Election - Bob Auth or Phil Isley for chair of the council

Jim Bowers asked if the votes would be sealed? Jason asked the council if we would prefer to do it that way or by a show of hands. There was no discussion, so the vote would be done as it always has been with a show of hands. Bob Auth was voted in as new chair, 7-5. Tom McGrath moved that Anna Brawley serve as secretary by acclamation.

Alcohol - Fred Odsen representing Minnesota Billiards

The Assembly approved a conditional use for MB. At the ABC meeting, community council members testified as did CHARR. MB disagrees with the decision of the ABC board. The next meeting of the ABC board will be July 24.

In and Out Liquor - Talbot Change for the owners, they were present but did not speak. Tom said that there is no conditional use permit for In and Out. There should be a hearing for the public to comment on a conditional use before the Assembly and use those requirements as a guideline for future behavior. Tom made a motion to that end, Allen seconded. Jason suggested a boilerplate agreement we can take forward to the Assembly. Passed, 7-0.

Allen Thornhill will be speaking with Mel about payment for the motor home tomorrow. Jason spoke for the council in that the executive committee will be empowered to deal with issues as they come forward over the summer when the council is not meeting. There is no new information on the Long House per Tom. Jason: NUSA conference is in Minneapolis this year. Bob Auth asked when the next council meeting will be and moved that it be in September. Allen seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.