

Spenard Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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1. Minutes and Agenda Approval – *Bob Auth*

- October meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.
- Announcements (see newsletter)

2. Assembly Reports – *Reps. Ernie Hall and Tim Steele*

- **AO 37 “Labor Union” Ordinance:** update on the status, there was a vote to repeal, and garnered enough votes for repeal, but Mayor Sullivan vetoed. There was also a vote to set a date for the voting, but this was also vetoed. What the mayor can or can’t veto re: Assembly votes has been an open question for a long time, Ernie as chair got conflicting information about whether or not the veto was legitimate. The question has gone to a lawsuit and will be decided by a judge. They requested an expedited hearing which will likely happen in January. Updated information on actions is available on the Assembly website.
 - Rep. Steele clarified that there are two issues at stake: the vote to repeal the ordinance, which is currently being decided in court (whether the mayor has veto power), and the petition that was circulated regarding the repeal. There is also court action related to the petition re: setting a date, whether it would be part of a special election or part of the next regular election scheduled for April 2014.
 - Clarification: AO 37 is currently on hold, so it cannot be applied to any current or future labor actions until further notice.
- **Tennis Courts:** Have received a lot of testimony on the tennis courts issue, no specific updates but may have a decision as of the next Assembly meeting after finishing public testimony.
- **Taxi Ordinance:** This may also have a final decision at the next meeting. The Assembly has received a lot of feedback and involvement on the issue and would like to get the new version passed by the end of the year, especially addressing others’ safety concerns.
- **City Budget:** Have received some testimony regarding the budget, around a dozen or so testified, mostly regarding fares and fees for utilities and services. The Assembly held two public hearings, members must submit updates by Nov 13th and there is a work session on Nov 15th. Aiming to pass the final budget at the next meeting on Tuesday, Nov 19th.
- **Updates to Community Council Ordinance:** A committee is reviewing the current C.C. ordinance and considering what changes may be needed, if any. The group is working with representatives and others to review bylaws and other aspects of the ordinance, and are almost ready to bring the proposed updates to the Assembly for a vote. The ombudsman also reviewed all the community council bylaws, and drafted a standard set of bylaws for those C.C.s which are not active or don’t have a good set of bylaws. The proposed updates are available from the Muni and online, including the proposed default bylaws.
- **3107 Brookside Drive (update):** This property has been contentious and a center of suspicious activity, including several used cars apparently for sale. The property owner was also blocking access to an alley portion of Iowa Drive, and couldn’t services there. The neighbors organized and have been contacting the Muni to do something. As of now, the home has been foreclosed on and is in the bank’s ownership. There are still items to be sorted out, but there has been some progress.
- **Other comments:** Phil Isley brought up the issue of the long-term sustainability of the state’s budget, and that one estimate says Alaska will spend down its savings and current revenue by 2023 (in part because of the new oil tax law). He pointed out that many municipal bonds will be in jeopardy in 10 years, and asked the Assembly members what kind of long-term planning they are doing about this issue.
 - Rep. Hall pointed out that school bonds in particular are tied to “availability of funds” and that could be a big issue in future. Other projects are revenue bonds, meaning they are intended to be paid by future revenue related to the project (e.g. the new power

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plant). He acknowledged that the state's bond debt and the budget overall for the state and the Muni is of concern.

- Phil also expressed concern about ACES and whether oil companies will find it unprofitable to drill here in future, and put the state's other funds in jeopardy as well.
- Reps. Hall and Steele were not sure about that particular point, but pointed out that the Muni at least as some unfunded police and fire retirement commitments. One positive news item, the Muni recently got a AAA bond rating, meaning better interest rates and somewhat less total debt over time.

3. Legislative report – *Rep. Harriet Drummond*

- Aides from Reps. Drummond, Tuck and Sen. Gardner and Holmes were also in the audience.
- Rep. Drummond has been visiting a variety of agencies and departments around the state:
 - RurAL CAP's weatherization program, who has been managing that program after the Muni handed it over a few years ago, doing well to weatherize low-income homes.
 - Toured AVTEC in Seward, a vocational training college that has classes on applied technology such as renewable energy, welding, etc. AVTEC also has a culinary academy and maritime training including (ship) bridge and firefighting simulators. A new wind tower provides some power to AVTEC and use the tower for training. Working on expanding their dormitories. Currently there are more jobs for graduates than graduates! Great opportunity in-state for students.
 - Toured a coal mine site in the Sutton-Chickaloon area, and learned from nearby residents who have a lot of concerns about the potential mine.
 - Served on a panel of the Women's Council, organized by Sen. Lesil McGuire.
 - Attended an Anchorage School District update, with progress ASD is making related to students, budget and facilities.
 - Attended the Clare House open house in Spenard, a shelter for homeless women and families, one of the recipients of state funding that will benefit the area and their clients.
 - Also visited North Star Elementary, and will be visiting the schools in her district before heading to Juneau in January.
 - Visited the RurAL CAP child development center, part state and part federal funding, acquired a former federal child care center on 5th Ave. and Fairbanks St. and is now fully operational.
- House Finance Committee, Education subcommittee met with the Sustainable Education Taskforce this week. Got presentations from the commissioner of education on the current budget and school-related issues around the state. Also learned about residential learning programs around the state.
- Won't be able to stay for the discussion on Spenard Road, but happy to see that process moving forward. Rep. Drummond's office has been reviewing the 2014 Capital Projects budget priorities from Spenard—there are several “#1” priorities which makes it difficult to prioritize from a legislative standpoint, but looking to work with other Muni districts to collaborate on what comes to the top of the list.
- Phil Isley asked Rep. Drummond the same question as above, about the long-term budget issues facing Alaska. She pointed out that in the short term, it rests with Governor Parnell as he is preparing his proposed budget for 2014 that will be out in December. For example, she was not consulted about the tennis courts project, and while the Muni claims that legislators were consulted, neither she nor the legislator in whose district it would be were contacted. She is suspicious of this project.

4. Airport Report – *John Johansen*

- See *Airport newsletter online*, www.anchorageairport.com

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- **Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study:** this study continues, particularly mitigation measures to reduce impact of noise on the community. There will be two meetings on November 19, one the community input committee (1:30 p.m. at airfield maintenance facility), and a public information meeting (6 p.m. at Spenard Rec Center). The consultants will present their study results and ongoing mitigation strategies.
- **Airport Master Plan:** the consultant is finalizing the actual plan document for future development. The draft plan was presented in September, and comments were received through mid-October. The airport will continue taking comments through the end of the year as well, and will document them in the final plan. The next meeting will be a public open house (#7) on December 11th at the Coast International Inn, to present the final plan.
- **Other Items:** Airport stakeholders meeting earlier today, including some Spenard C.C. members, to get ongoing input from the community about what issues there might be that the airport should address.
- *Allen Thornhill asked about new developments, he noticed a new hangar?* John affirmed that there are two new buildings. The first is a smaller building closer to Jewel Lake that is owned by Trans Northern, a ground service and equipment warehouse. The other is Guardian Flight, a medevac operation that is building a hangar and getting closer to completion.

5. Arctic Blvd Improvements – *Leslie Lepley and Alex Prosak, DOWL HKM*

- This project involves the corridor of Arctic Blvd between 36th Avenue and Tudor Road. The half-mile corridor will be, similar to stretches to the north and south, a three lane road with a turn lane.
- Project goals: improve the safety of this corridor (it has a relatively high crash rate compared to similar roads), reducing collisions by an estimated 30%; maintain good communication and transparency about the project, learning lessons from the previous Arctic Blvd project that upset many people; and maintaining good access for residents and businesses along this corridor during construction, minimizing negative impacts.
- Other improvements include ADA compliance for curb cuts and sidewalks, transit stops, etc.; increased lighting along the corridor; providing a dedicated turn lane and not blocking traffic; making a left turn “pocket” at 40th Ave.; and adding a right turn lane on Tudor Rd. to improve traffic flow (that intersection currently has an “F” rating). Other improvements to drainage and sewer infrastructure will be implemented at the same time. Where possible, landscaping will be installed to make the road more attractive particularly for pedestrians.
- Schedule: the design of the corridor will happen this winter, with construction slated for next summer (2014). The design should be completed by January, with a public meeting around that time to share the design. The final design will be completed by spring (April) 2014, with approximately 75 days of construction in summer 2014.
- *A member asked how and where it would be possible to access 41st Street?* Alex believed it would be “right in, right out” only, but will be working with the Muni traffic engineer to update this plan.
- *Phil Isley asked whether medians are actually making roads more dangerous in icy conditions?* Alex pointed out that medians generally hinder collisions and disagreed.
- *Another member asked whether the road will be widened?* Alex clarified that the overall width will remain the same, there will be two through lanes, a center turn lane, and shoulders/bike lanes. The member also asked about the proximity of sidewalks and potential pedestrian collisions, and about snow removal. Alex replied that there would likely not be separated sidewalks due to the width of the road, and that the snow would initially be pushed to the shoulders and picked up by the Muni as it happens on many other roads.

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- *A member asked if the Muni needed to purchase right of way from the mobile home park on Tudor? Alex affirmed that some ROW has been purchased, and they might need a bit more for the right turn lane at the corner.*
- *A member commented that for people who travel the corridor often, it is frustrating when people who don't drive there often can get confused. Please include adequate signage during construction, and make sure landscaping doesn't cover up signage when complete! Alex agreed and affirmed that this will be a priority.*
- *Another member asked whether, a few years after completion of the "hated" corridor of Arctic, the general opinion of it has gone up since then? Is there any data on whether it hurt business or other concerns? Alex was not sure about actual data on the businesses, but commented that businesses seem somewhat more accessible now when attempting to turn left across 1 lane rather than 2 of oncoming traffic. Actual traffic volumes are the same or higher than they were with the old design. But he does not know how the business owners feel about this issue. The member asked whether businesses now are concerned? Alex replied that they are concerned about the median limiting access, but in general are welcoming the project.*
- *A couple members commented that they now avoid Arctic Blvd. because they do not like the new design. A third member pointed out that when it was first opened, it was right before the snowfall and it was confusing to shift lanes to make it through the Northern Lights- Benson intersection. But now that people are used to it, it seems fine, you just have to know. Alex agreed, but pointed out that the road has to cross two major one-way roads. Signage is important.*
- *Another member pointed out that the placement of one of the bus stops is particularly bad on that portion between 27th and Northern Lights, it is not wheelchair accessible and the bus system seems to not be responsive to that issue. Alex agreed that this is an issue, and they are trying to coordinate with the bus system and align the stops properly. The member hopes they will do a better job this time.*
- *A member expressed frustration with the bus stopping in the road, backing up traffic with no option to go around. Alex agreed that this is a problem, but that the Muni's traffic department has oversight over that issue. There is not sufficient right of way to put in a bus pullout, but there is some room in the shoulder for a car to squeeze around in the turn lane.*
- *Lesley thanked the group again for their feedback, and pointed out that more information and opportunity to provide comment is on the project website, www.arcticblvd.com.*

6. Spenard Road (Corridor) Strategic Plan – *Thede Tobish, Municipality of Anchorage*

- This project relates to the implementation of the West Anchorage District Plan, as well as the old Spenard Road plan from 1986.
- The Muni is looking to begin the Spenard Corridor Strategic Plan, as part of the implementation of the Westside District Plan which was recently completed.
- Spenard Road is a major center of activity (commercial, retail, etc.) in west Anchorage. This plan echoes the earlier intent of the corridor plan developed in the 1980s to reflect the evolution of this road over the last 30 years.
- The area in question begins at Hillcrest Blvd. to International Airport Rd. along Spenard Road, roughly to the adjacent zoning boundaries (B-3). Boundaries may change as the plan develops.
- There is a funding opportunity to bring in national experts working on long-range planning for commercial corridors, through federal funding with AMATS (Anchorage regional transportation entity). The project would be completed in two phases, first as planning, second as implementation through capital projects.

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- Pending receipt of the funds from the AMATS committee, this plan may move forward as early as the first quarter of 2014 through October.
- Thede asked the Community Council to pass a resolution supporting this project; the Spenard Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution of support.
- Thede also pointed out that many of the improvements along Spenard (e.g. the southern portion by International Airport Road) were completed as a result of the 1986 plan.
- *A member commented that there should be re-paving and better sidewalks along the corridor, but expressed concern that there is not enough room to have a center lane and adequate rooms for sidewalks.* Thede pointed out that particularly in the center section, there are narrow sidewalks and many curb cuts, making several hazards for pedestrians, improving pedestrian infrastructure is a priority.
- *Another member requested enough space for a drive-through coffee hut!*
- *A member asked what the funding will be used for?* Thede clarified that the funding is not just for planning, but for improvements to the entire corridor over two phases.
- *A member asked where the “national experts” might come from—somewhere not familiar with northern climate?* Thede did not know who they would be engaging, but so far the best candidates were from the Pacific Northwest. There is certainly concern about bringing in outside firms not familiar with Alaska, but this corridor planning requires some experts not available in Alaska. The best approach would be to put together a team of local and out-of-state firms to do some of the analysis (e.g. parking requirements) not available here, but have local firms particularly involved with engineering concerns. Thede also clarified that there are certainly people (including professionals) who are qualified to work on the project, but some technical aspects, such as modeling programs to project demand based on certain designs, might be best performed by specialist firms.
- *Some members expressed satisfaction with the 1986 plan, that it seems to have worked in getting a variety of improvements.*
- *Bob Auth asked for clarification for a proposed resolution of support: for the plan itself?* Thede clarified that the support would be for receiving TIP (transportation improvement plan) funding to complete this project. The plan would be similar to the 1986 plan, but more comprehensive in scope.
- *Another member asked for more background on the need for this plan for Spenard Road?* Bob Auth pointed out that the 1986 plan gives guidance on how to develop the road corridor and the adjacent properties, and that the plan is still relevant and being used. The plan has been very useful to the Council, particularly when re-zone issues or other items come up. It gives overall guidance for how the area should develop. The member asked if this would actually be an update? Bob clarified that it would likely be an update to the plan for southern Spenard Rd. but would cover the entire corridor.
- **Proposed resolution:** The Spenard Community Council supports the efforts to seek TIP funding for a Spenard Road Corridor Project.
 - **Motion and Second Discussion**
 - A member commented that he would like to make sure there is transparency and public involvement in this process, he felt frustrated by the Midtown plan process and that it didn't involve enough dialogue about what would work in Anchorage. Would love to see more discussion from the community, and suggested that the vote be postponed until next month to give people more time to consider what they would like to see.
 - Thede agreed that this is important: the 1986 plan was one element of the comprehensive planning process, which goes through the Planning and Zoning department, the Assembly and public comment and involvement.

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- Phil Isley expressed frustration with outside consultants coming to Alaska and bringing ideas that won't necessarily work here.
- Bob Auth reiterated that the 1986 plan has been working very well and that this seems to be an update to that plan, expanding it to the entire corridor. He personally does not see a lot of controversy in this particular resolution.
- Peggy Auth shared that when she worked on the West Anchorage District Plan as part of the community council, she felt that her views were heard and the council's concerns were incorporated into the process. She recommends having representation and involvement in the planning process, and possibly having a lead agency that could present the area's interests well. She would like to see it move forward, and that if done right, can be very good for the Spenard community.
- **Vote:** 8 in favor, 1 opposed. **The motion for resolution passed.**

7. Ure Park Re-Plat and Re-Zone –*Bob Auth, John Rodda (Muni Parks&Recreation), Lions Club*

- Bob gave some background: Ure Park is a small park near Fish Creek in the "Presidents" neighborhood south of Spenard Rd. and west of Minnesota. The property was originally the Ure family residence and donated to the Muni; the property was never formally re-zoned as a park, but has been used by the Lions Club for many years as a clubhouse in the original residence.
- The proposal is to re-plat three parcels (plots 5,6,7 of the Roosevelt subdivision) into one, and re-zone that new parcel from R2-M to PLI (residential, medium density to public lands & institutions) to reflect the current use. Part of the petition to the Muni also includes the Lions' Club plans to demolish the current building and build a new community facility for their club.
- Spenard C.C. has supported the Lions Club in the past, and passed a resolution of support a few years ago.
- However, residents in that area are concerned about the re-zone, as it relates to a proposed new Lions Club building.
- John Rodda (from the Muni Parks and Recreation Department) introduced himself and some members of the Lions Club, and suggested that the Lions Club present their proposal directly.
- John Regan, a member of the Spenard Lions Club since 1976 and previously a Spenard resident, explained that the L.C. had approached Spenard C.C. a few years ago (1996) and asked for support to re-zone the properties to PLI, with the idea that the Lions would also build a new building at some point. The Lions are now asking the Council to re-word a portion of the resolution to reflect the current proposal.
- *Bob Auth asked for more information about the proposal to tear down and build a new clubhouse?* John replied that an organization benefits from having a base of operations, as they have in the Muni's building, but would like to improve their services if/when they are able to build the new building. He gave examples of Lions activities: supporting a program to improve access to vision care (exams, glasses) for children, collecting hearing aids for donation (that are currently sent elsewhere) and a variety of meetings.
- *Bob Auth asked John Rodda whether there new designations according to the proposed zoning updates through the Anchorage 2020 comprehensive plan?* John clarified that PLI still exists, and there is a PLI-P. He also explained the process of acquisitions by the Muni: properties are donated, purchased, acquired through various means, and the Muni currently has a large inventory. When properties are acquired, many are not zoned as public lands at the time, because many had other previous uses. Priorities in the real estate office tend to be: value, any outstanding title issues or followup needed, potential for redevelopment, etc. This property's zoning designation was brought up by the Lions themselves. This particular

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process requires both a re-zone and a re-plat, making multiple properties one park. If the zoning is changed, having a clubhouse would be an allowable use under this designation. The property was donated and dedicated to be a park, so this has just been a long process. The Muni does not always have time to proactively re-zone acquired properties, and tends to deal with them on a case by case basis. Additionally, the Muni has had a cooperative use agreement with the Lions since 1985. *Bob also asked clarification whether the future plans by the Lions are related to the current re-zoning process.* John said no, this is more of a housekeeping matter, one of many Muni-owned parcels in that position, and is not meant to specifically benefit the Lions, as the re-zoning needs to happen regardless in order to maintain its intended use as a park.

- *Members asked where the property is, and the clubhouse on the property.* The group described the location (the south side of Roosevelt Drive, across from Roosevelt Park).
- A neighbor and adjacent property owner was concerned about the re-zoning of the property, given the variety of uses allowed with PLI designation. He reviewed the proposed new clubhouse plan which includes a walk-in clinic and 2600 sf building. He has no problem with the Lions Club members or the current use, but is worried about possible future uses for this property in a residential area, and that if put to a popular vote, the affected adjacent property owners could be outvoted about the future use of the property.
 - John Regan replied that the “plans” referred to are only preliminary sketches, and that nothing is concretely planned thus far.
- *A member asked if the future intent by the Muni is to transfer the property to the Lions Club?* John Rodda explained that this is a misconception, and that “un-dedicating” park land requires a public vote once set aside. The Muni can grant a ground lease to an organization, similar to Hilltop and other areas, but not transfer ownership. The lease has many requirements, including uses other than those identified in the lease, and are site-specific to that property and that tenant. The intent is to make the tenant responsible for working with the community to negotiate what uses or conditions would be desirable as part of the lease, within the Muni’s restrictions as well.
 - The member pointed out that the existing use is also non-conforming with the current R2-M zoning, a clubhouse is not permitted except with a conditional use, and this use has been grandfathered in. He felt the other examples cited were for much larger properties, not located in residential areas.
 - John Regan clarified that the proposed new building, and how the existing building is being used, is as a community building, not a private clubhouse.
 - Rodda and the member debated the benefits and disadvantages of being located next to a public facility, or an equivalent (like a church) that has associated traffic, noise, etc.
 - Rodda also outlined the overall level of control the Muni retains over the property and the processes involved with proposed new uses or buildings—the Lions would need to return to the council to get approval, as well as passing through Planning&Zoning and other levels of review, before anything would get build. The Muni would hold any proposed buildings to certain standards and ensure they fit the character of the area.
- *Another member asked the purpose of the re-platting three lots into one, and does that signify an intent to build a larger building?* John Rodda pointed out that this is a standard “housekeeping” process for lands acquired for public ownership, multiple parcels should now be combined into one.
- *Jim Bowers asked what the original intent of the donation was, the previous owner’s intentions for the Muni.* John Rodda noted that it was donated with the intention of becoming a park. Bob Auth quoted from the Muni’s website about Ure Park, “acquisition of the park was with the stipulation that the Ure property be preserved for future generations.”

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- *Stan Jones asked whether the current use is allowed under current zoning.* Rodda answered that the use has been grandfathered in and would not otherwise be allowed, but to recognize that the property is public park land, the proposed re-zone would address it.
- The adjacent neighbor is worried about the possible effect on his property value and the character of the neighborhood, and that he and his other neighbors will bear the brunt of negative impacts.
- John Rodda pointed out that the Lions' previous proposal was not acceptable due to the location, etc., and the Muni worked with the Lions over a year and a half to craft an acceptable alternative.
- *Peggy Auth commented that she lives near Ure Park and has always been curious whether any member of the public can access the property (at least the grounds)? And, if this use as a community facility or clubhouse is allowed, it seems that it would be difficult to avoid negative impacts on the neighbors, for example overflow traffic would have to park in front of neighbors' properties as there aren't alternatives.* John Rodda agreed that these are important issues, and that the Lions would need to consider how to solve them when going through any kind of application process for a new building.
- *A member asked whether a land swap would be possible, maintaining the residential properties but allowing park land elsewhere including a possible space for a clubhouse?* John Rodda indicated that this would not be an option, due to the nature of acquiring properties through donation.
- Another member commented that the proposals being discussed are hazy and hypothetical, and that the council would do better to consider the issue down the road when more details are available.
- **Proposal: table the discussion about Ure Park (the proposed Lions Club project) until a future Community Council meeting in which a specific proposal is brought for consideration.**
 - **Motion and Seconded Discussion**
 - Bob Auth pointed out that the proposed re-zone will come before the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 18. The Council does not need to take any formal position on this, but if it does want to, it should be done before that meeting. Also, the issue at hand is the re-zoning and re-platting, not the Lions' Club proposal itself.
 - **Proposed motion:** Bill Marsh suggested a motion asking for transparency throughout the process.
 - Tom McGrath commented that the Lions Club has been operating in that building for a long time, and Spenard supported them in the past. There have been several discussions like this in Anchorage about land use, and often when the organization and the neighbors can come to agreement, it works out better for everyone. Also, the property would be two acres, which is a great deal of land to build things like parking as well as the building itself, and it's part of the requirements.
 - Ken Krassett expressed support for John Rodda's proposal, a long-time resident on Nottingham and a member of the Lions' Club. He wanted to remind the council that the Lions have been there a long time, and that there have been plenty of other "characters," particularly the woman who used to live there, who had 49 dogs and managed a tri-plex! He was influential in convincing her to donate the property to the city. The property was proposed for tear-down but the Lions volunteered to manage it. He would like to see the re-zoning happen, and hopes that in future the Lions can come up with a plan for a compatible use that benefits the community as well.
 - The adjacent property owner had no specific concern with the re-zone itself, but has concerns about this being the first step in a process with no clear end product, and

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giving up control over the property for possible future uses. He felt there are issues with the property's use now (snow removal, noise, traffic, etc.) and that this seems to be only the first step in a bigger change process.

- **Suggestion:** Bob asked the group whether they would support a resolution in favor of the re-zone itself, but opposing any other future use unless approved by the council?
 - Some members were in favor of this, but the group pointed out that there was already a motion on the table.
- **Resolution: to oppose a re-zone proposal until a comprehensive plan for the park is in place and transparent to the community.**
 - **Motion and second**
 - **Vote: 3 to 5, the motion does not pass.**
- **Resolution: to support the proposed re-zone.**
 - **Motion and second**
 - **Vote: 4 to 3, the motion passes.**
- John Rodda concluded by thanking the Community Council for considering this issue and encouraged the group to meet with the Lions to learn more about their proposal. He also asked the group to contact him, "If I don't hear from you, I don't know that there is a problem." Some neighbors commented that they had contacted him in the past.

8. Roosevelt Park Improvements – *Kelly Peterson*

- Kelly is working on a project at Roosevelt Park, which is across the street from Roosevelt Park, to restore the swing set which was removed in 2003.
- Kelly lives near the park and noticed that in 2003, the Muni updated Roosevelt Park and removed the swing set. She has contacted the Muni about restoring the swing sets but had no success so far.
- She worked with the Park Foundation to apply for a Challenge Grant and was successful—she found that the cost of installing a new swing set would be about \$25,000! The grant is for \$12,500 and requires fundraising for the rest of the money.
- She has been working on fundraising and has materials (a letter, ways to donate online, etc.) She needs about \$10,000 by the end of January in order to meet the challenge. She has been filling out applications for grant money as well, and so far has raised about \$1300. She asks the council members to consider giving. She has also been giving presentations to a number of organizations, including the Spenard Chamber, and Taproot offered to hold a benefit concert to raise money as well. Her Facebook page is "Roosevelt Challenge Grant," and will set up a Kickstarter site.
- Phil Isley indicated that a few local civic organizations would be willing to give \$250 or so if requested, and shared this information with Kelly.
- Kelly also asked the Community Council to give some funds!
- Jim Bowers offered that if the Council were willing to give funds, he would match up to \$250. Allen Thornhill and another person would also match up to \$100.
- **Proposal: That the Spenard Community Council should donate \$250 to the Roosevelt Challenge Grant.**
 - **Motion and Second**
 - **Vote: passed with no opposition.**

9. West 26th Ave. Traffic Calming – *Michelle McGuire*

- (The meeting ran late, and Michelle McGuire was not present when the item came up. This may appear on the next month's agenda.)

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10. Railroad Right-of-Way Policy – *Tim Sullivan, Alaska Railroad*

- This issue relates to the Alaska Railroad's proposal to charge adjacent property owners who have structures or other items in the ARR right of way.
- Tim Sullivan from ARR was present, and asked members to talk to him after the meeting if they have questions. Comments can be submitted on the ARR website as well.

11. Westside Community Patrol Grant – *Bob Auth*

- There are two sets of cameras now operational, one set at Tommy's Burger Stop and another at Blaine's Art. The council has been told that all of the grant money must be spent in order to get reimbursed for any of the funds, so the executive committee determined that they should purchase a third set of cameras, location to be determined depending on where other problem areas might be identified. This would use all of the money, and possibly a minimal portion of the council's other funds to cover the third set.
- **Proposal: Approve the purchase of the third set of cameras to be installed at another public intersection, similar to those on Tommy's and Blaine's, to monitor "problem" areas and provide documentation for police should they require it.**
 - **Motion and Second**
 - **Vote: passes with no opposition.**

12. Officers Report – *Bob Auth, Jason Bergerson, Allen Thornhill, Anna Brawley*

- **President's Report:** None.
- **VP / FCC Report:** None.
- **Treasurer's Report:** None.
- **Secretary's Report:** None.

12. Old + New Business

- Tom McGrath made an announcement about a fundraiser for the Alaska Police & Fire Chaplains' Ministries at the Law Enforcement Museum on Thursday, November 7.
- Stan Jones asked about plans for a property at 4619 Spenard Road. Bob will find out, and has requested that someone come to the December meeting to discuss this issue.

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.