

SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting at 7pm, April 2, 2014, at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Minutes and Agenda Action
2. Legislative Teleconference
3. Assembly Report
4. Airport Report
5. Ure Park Update
6. Long House Update
7. Liquor Report
8. Bylaws Update
9. Officers Report
10. Old and New Business

AIRPORT REPORT

The airport's draft master plan calls for the abandonment of the preferential runway use program for 15 hours every day (i.e., between 7am and 10pm), should airport operations increase in the future. The Spenard Community Council opposes this proposed change, as it would lead to a significant increase in noisy takeoffs to the east. Comments on the draft plan can still be made at www.ancmasterplan.com/comment.

A West Anchorage Land Trade Task Force has recently been created by the Municipality, whose members include representatives from the Spenard, Turnagain and Sand Lake community councils. Its goal is to establish the long term needs, constraints, possibilities, scenarios and actions necessary to resolve historic land use conflicts around the airport perimeter. The next meeting of the Task Force is April 17 at 11am - 1pm at the Community Councils Center, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane.

URE PARK REZONE UPDATE

At its March 3, 2014 meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a rezone of Ure Park (2108 Roosevelt Drive) from R-2M (multi-family residential) to PLI-p (public lands and institutions - park). The Parks Department indicated at that meeting that they were considering removing the existing building on the property, once the Lions Club moves out.

SPENARD ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

One of the City's top capital budget requests to the Legislature (and a top transportation priority for the Council) is the reconstruction of Spenard Road from Hillcrest Drive to 30th Avenue, at a cost of \$12,500,000. As described in the City's request, the Road has been ignored for decades: "This arterial street currently operates as a 4-lane curbed street with non-compliant ADA pedestrian facilities. The lack of designated turns lanes and pedestrian facility separation combine to cause Spenard Road to have a higher than normal accident rate. Pavement is also

deteriorating to the point that maintenance is difficult."

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS NEEDED

The Assembly recently passed an ordinance establishing new standards for community councils, which will require all councils to amend their bylaws. A bylaws committee was established at the March meeting, and the committee will give an update on their progress to date.

LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SCC AREA WITHOUT CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

One issue that was brought up at the March meeting was the need to determine how many liquor licenses in the SCC area lack conditional use permits. Assuming that list is available, the Council will discuss at the April meeting what conditions it would like to place on those establishments.

LONG HOUSE UPDATE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider at their April 7 meeting a proposed ordinance that would repeal the uses of "Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing" and "Transitional Living Facility " and add a new section titled "Supportive Housing Facility", which presumably would apply to the Long House. The new ordinance would include the requirement for a conditional use permit for a Supportive Housing Facility with more than 26 residents. The matter will be discussed at the April meeting.

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