

## Spenard Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W 48th Ave.

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### 1. Minutes and Agenda Approval – *Bob Auth*

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- The agenda and September 2014 meeting minutes were approved.
- There were about 25 people in attendance.

### 2. Legislative Report – *Representatives from Sen. Gardner, Rep. Drummond, Rep. Tuck's Office*

- No substantive updates to provide with candidates from SCC districts scheduled/invited to speak later on that evening.

### 3. Assembly Report – *Tim Steele*

- **FY 2015 Budget.** Tim reported that work on the FY 2015 budget would begin in October, with the first work session beginning next week.
- **McRae Road.** A ribbon cutting (McRae/Fish Creek/ 35<sup>th</sup>) is scheduled for 10/3/14 12:30 p.m. to celebrate the conclusion of the construction and road improvements.
- **Art Dedication.** Park foundation is dedicating some pieces of artwork at the Chester Creek and Coastal Trail intersection on 10/2 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Palisade Fence Posts.** The fence tips are impaling moose around Anchorage, and a proposed change to the relevant ordinance is under Assembly consideration. [Post-SCC meeting, the Assembly voted to ban/restrict/retrofit the style of fencing going forward, but Mayor Sullivan vetoed the Assembly citing unnecessary "government overreach."]
- **Comments & Discussion**
  - *In light of current improvements and remediation efforts at Earthquake Park to address surface and subsurface water issues, SCC member discussion on addressing challenges and post-remediation issues (e.g. beaver habitat) in SCC area.*
  - *SCC member discussion on the lack of uniform enforcement regarding parking lots, specifically vehicle fluid run-off and other potential environmental violations.*
  - *The introduction of Uber in Anchorage, a ride-sharing service popular in many urban areas of the Lower 48, has underscored the current lack of for-hire transportation options for those living in Anchorage. Concerned with potential disruption to the status quo and those benefiting from it, the Assembly plans to take action effectively prohibiting the Uber business-model in Anchorage.*

### 4. Airport Report – *John Johansen*

- See Airport newsletter or check for updates online, [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com)
- **Airport Master Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Concessions:** New restaurant "Sushi on the Fly" scheduled to open in Spring 2015.
- **Lake Hood Master Plan:** Forecast work is underway with public opportunities for input anticipated this winter along with establishing an advisory committee.
- **Part 150 Noise Study:** Meeting the previous day (9/30) to present recommendations with a public hearing scheduled for 11/12/14 5:30.
- **Point Woronzof.** The Army Corp of Engineers is initiating a reconnaissance study to address the bluff erosion and costs associated with mitigating it.
- **Comments & Discussion**
  - *Request was made to SCC members for a volunteer to serve on the Lake Hood Master Plan Advisory Committee representing SCC, without success.*

### 5. Liquor License Applications

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- **Three Liquor License Applications:**

### **Transfer of W. Benson *In & Out* liquor license (pending)**

- **Motion in support of the liquor license transfer contingent on conditions of conditional use permit being met.**
  - **Discussion:** None.
  - **The resolution passed by voice vote with none opposed.**

### **Application for liquor license at Anna's Diner on 3311 Spenard Rd at W. 34<sup>th</sup>**

- **Motion in support of the liquor license application.**
  - **Discussion:** None.
  - **The resolution passed by voice vote with none opposed.**

### **Application for Beer & Wine license at Coffee Land at Wisconsin Street**

- **Motion to oppose Beer & Wine license application.**
  - **Discussion:** None.
  - **The resolution in opposition to the application passed with none opposed.**

## **6. Candidates' Forum**

*Those running for state House and Senate seats within SCC boundaries were invited to participate. For House District 16, incumbent Harriet Drummond and challenger Phil Isley; House District 21 Anand Dubey and Matt Claman; and Senate District K Clare Ross (Mia Costello did not participate and House District 22 Chris Tuck is running unopposed).*

## **7. Officers' Report – Bob Auth, Jason Bergerson, Allen Thornhill, Brandon Biddle**

*As always, check the Spenard CC website for updated copies of the minutes, an archive of past agendas and minutes, and other documents like the bylaws or the map of Spenard's boundaries! Feel free to send in photos of Spenard to feature on the website.*

- **VP/FCC and Treasurer were absent. No updates from the attending officers.**

## **8. Old + New Business**

### **AO-37**

- Representatives from the Anchorage Police and Fire Departments briefly spoke on the potential impact AO-37 would have on their respective unions.

### **Alaska Policy Forum**

- David Boyle of the Alaska Policy Forum provided information regarding salaries and benefits of public-sector employees within the Municipality of Anchorage.

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.