

## **Spenard Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday, December 3rd, 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 7:05 p.m.
- The December 2014 agenda was approved. [Nov 2014 SCC minutes distributed and approved at approx. 7:15]
- There were about 15 people in attendance.

### **2. Legislative Report – Aides to Sens. Costello and Gardner, Rep. Tuck**

- Legislative Aides available for feedback [Rep. Drummond arrived shortly after and provide details of Gov. Walker's Inauguration]

### **3. Assembly Report – Tim Steele, Ernie Hall**

Updated Federation of Community Councils' contract was approved; Conditional use permit application located at former *Platinum Jaxx* downtown establishment will have hearing in late December. SCC members voiced concern over potential negative externalities associated with proposed use of establishment on nearby residents and businesses. In addition, the Assembly also passed an update to the towing ordinance and \$472 million operating budget.

### **4. Airport Report – John Johansen (written newsletter distributed and available online)**

- See Airport newsletter or check for updates online, [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com)
- **Airport Master Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Lake Hood Master Plan:** Received feedback; open house tentatively scheduled for Jan. 2015
- **Part 150 Noise Study:** Nothing new to report.
- **Wildlife Control Officer (FYI from November meeting):** As part of the USDA Wildlife Services, Spencer Nelson ([spencer.r.nelsen@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:spencer.r.nelsen@aphis.usda.gov), 907-223-8132), spoke on activities at Lake Hood will focus on negative impacts of wildlife and people – esp. geese and aircraft.
- **Comments & Discussion**
  - Request was reiterated to SCC members for a volunteer to serve on the Lake Hood Master Plan Advisory Committee representing SCC, without success.

### **5. Northwood Park Beaver Problem**

SCC attendees were updated on the beaver lodge and dam at Northwood Park, where rising water levels (esp. at outlet of Northwood basin), are an increasing concern for nearby residents and businesses. Flooding during heavy rain (with the East viewing deck under water/ice) was discussed in the context of Fish & Game's apparent "Catch-22" policy of responding solely to concerns voiced by property owners under duress. Open question on what role a hypothetical community organization might play in the protection and stewardship of public spaces and assets given the current Fish & Game policy. Alaska Water & Wastewater personnel has informally committed to investigating and potential dismantling of beaver dams in area.

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### **6. Liquor License Applications**

- See Assembly Report

### **7. North Star Street Traffic Calming Request (see written attachment)**

*A concerned resident of Northstar Road distributed paper copies of current traffic patterns and perceived danger to those residing in the area. It's an area prone to speeding, potentially unsafe vehicle traffic and a resolution from the Spenard Community Council is requested.*

***Motion: By unanimous consent, the Spenard Community Council supports a request to initiate a traffic study on North Star Street.***

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

*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.*

Treasurer – the Pop Carr park improvement advisory committee has \$150,000 to refurbish equipment and general improvements; next meeting is scheduled for December 15 6-8:00 p.m.

Vice-President – Nomination committee will meet prior (1/7/14 est. 6:30) to gauge/garner interest in 2015 Spenard Community Council Officers.

### **9. Old + New Business**

#### **Security Camera**

A business within SCC boundaries, Favco, is interested in placing an additional camera to augment current surveillance in the Spenard & Northern Lights intersection. Additional discussion on other potential locations in the area, though no action taken.

#### **KTVA**

- Inquiry from KTVA staff regarding an ongoing project highlighting the history and current comings and goings of Spenard (contact information available at [spenardcc@gmail.com](mailto:spenardcc@gmail.com)).

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.