

**Airport Heights Community Council
November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Ramsey. A quorum was present.

A motion was made by Dick Snyder and seconded by Amber Morris to accept the agenda and approve the minutes for the October Meeting. There was no objection to this motion.

Assembly/Legislative: Assemblyperson Felix Rivera gave an assembly report. He mentioned the budget and that two issues in particular: 1) keeping public safety whole, especially fire service and; 2) an increase in funds for homeless camp abatement. Mr. Rivera mentioned that the assembly sub-committee on homelessness was discussing 1.3 million to fund an overflow shelter to ease abatement efforts (more robust camp cleanup requires additional staffing resources). Assemblyperson Rivera also mentioned that the 2nd public hearing on the ML&P sale is on December 4, 2018.

Magdelana Ontiveros with Rep. Geran Tarr's office stated that Rep. Tarr was in Homer for a conference on invasive species and is working on legislation on the topic. Ms. Ontiveros also mentioned that Rep. Tarr is going to be focusing on gun violence prevention legislation for the upcoming term. John Spring with Senator Tom Begich's office discussed the senator's focus on pre-k education funding for the next session. Mr. Spring also mentioned the issue of the Black Angus Inn's liquor license and KABATA's rumored comeback.

PTA: 2K was raised for the hockey rink during the Halloween carnival.

Climate Action Plan: Catherine Kemp, member of the Anchorage Climate Action Plan Steering Committee, visited the council to inform them of the MOA climate action plan. This process is being funded through an 80K grant from the UAA faculty initiative fund. The Climate Action Plan Steering Committee is working on community recommendations and draft plan. The next meeting is at the Anchorage museum on December 7, 2018.

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/AWARE/resilientanchorage/pages/climateactionplan.aspx>

AUUF Master Plan: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF) gave a presentation on their master planning efforts. They are working to develop a plan to create, foster, or Allow AUUF grounds to maximize: aesthetics; multiple functions; future flexibility; safety and accessibility; security; living UU values; and being good neighbors and benefiting the neighborhood. Members of the fellowship are open to input from the community.

DOWL Midtown congestion relief: Steve Noble with DOWL, Shawn Hollands (DOT Project Manager), and Galen Jones with DOT came by to give a midtown congestion relief project update. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility for all uses on the Seward Highway while enhancing east-west multi-modal safety, connectivity, and access for midtown Anchorage. The major question being dealt with here is: "How are we going to improve transportation in midtown?" There are advisory groups in place made up of stakeholders, businesses, and citizens. There will be more open houses. By this fall, it is hoped that the various groups arrive at a consensus of viable concepts needed to go forward.

www.midtowncongestionrelief.com

Resolution for AMATS TIP: A resolution was not drafted due to a lack on information on the AMATS website; there was not enough data to do a correct resolution. The UMED road project has been removed from the TIP. Discussion ensued regarding a Transportation Demand Management Study (TDMS). A TDMS is a method to examine transportation patterns for University/Medical districts that are joined with residential areas; this would be an idea worth implementing in the UMED area. A motion was made and passed with unanimous consent to instruct President Ramsey to write a letter to AMATS urging the pursuit of a Transportation Demand Management Study.

Airport Heights Community Council Facebook page Rules and Regulations: A resolution was presented setting the following guidelines: 1) Political campaigning and/or candidate endorsements are

strictly prohibited; 2) Solicitations for services or products are prohibited; 3) This page is intended for community notices, local happenings, requests for information or assistance, garage sales, free items, or one time sales that are not for commercial profit (such as housewares, a used vehicle, extra powder pass for Alyeska, etc.). A motion was made and seconded to pass the resolution. The motion passed with a vote of 16 for 0 against 0 abstentions.

FCC Report: There was no report given being that there was not a November meeting.