

Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter

June Agenda~



**THERE WILL BE NO
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS DURING THE
SUMMER MONTHS.**



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THE THIRD THURSDAY OF
SEPTEMBER.(September 16th)
HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!**

**Airport Heights Community Council
May 20, 2004 – Meeting Minutes Summary**

AHCC Members: Darcy and Chet Harris, Cara O'Brien-Holen and, Davin Holen, Whitey Geddes, Richard Snyder, Elaine Pratt, Bill Boyd, Alycia Wendt, Bernita Hamilton, Romie Clark, Greg Hartleib, Barbara Karl, Gretchen Pikul, Karl Reiche, Sister Noreen, The Shurmans.

Guests: Dick Traini Anchorage Municipal Assembly Chair, Sgt. D. Redick APD, Ann Flister and Stan Gallagher from the Anchorage Roads Coalition, Bob Kniefel from DOWL Engineering, Lee Coop from MOA Traffic

Meeting called to order by Chair Chet Harris at 7:00 pm.

Board members in attendance: Chet Harris -Chair, Elaine Pratt -Vice Chair, Darcy Harris -Secretary, Greg Hartleib - Member at Large, Fred Shurman-APH Community Patrol

Introductions and announcements made.

Assembly report.

- Discussion of site condos and affordable housing in Anchorage.
 - ✓ Aesthetics
 - ✓ Safety, lack of space for emergency vehicles, fire hydrants
 - ✓ "Buyer beware", added costs, poor quality materials

**The Airport Heights Community Council
needs your input and support.
Please encourage your friends and
neighbors to attend meetings.**

**It's your community and your council,
Together we make it a better
neighborhood.**



Traffic Committee. Discussion of high speed traffic down 16th and 20th. Concerns regarding children near the school and speeding drivers. Discussion of traffic calming ideas. It is likely there is no funding for more speed humps this year.

Parks Committee. Greg Hartleib and Dick Snyder called MOA regarding missing playground equipment. Playground equipment is now BACK! Yay!! Concerns were expressed about dense trees near equipment contributing to potential safety hazards for children.

Community Patrol. Discussion of homeless camps and inebriates in the Tikishla Park area. Additional patrol members are needed and are encouraged to volunteer – Call Fred Shurman at 276-2278.

PTA report. No report.

Old Business.

- Lake Otis Parkway road improvement activities planned for May; the lanes will remain the same.
- Mr. Traini still looking into changing the name of Goose Lake to "Jim Parsons Lake". He will keep us posted.
- Mr. Traini still looking into getting donations to pay for "Scotty Gomez Skating Rink" sign at Tikishla Park.
- Broken Guard Rail on corner of Sunrise and 16th has been fixed.

New Business.

- Sgt. D. Redick from APD is a supervisor assigned to APH. He acts as a liaison between APH and APD to address issues in our community. APD is currently understaffed but will try to address some of our concerns. He is currently addressing noise and safety issues previously raised by concerned citizens, as well as issues of homeless camps and speeding in the neighborhood.
- Bob Kniefel from DOWL Engineering is working on adding turn lanes and eliminating various traffic problems at the Northern Lights and Bragaw intersection. Issues were discussed regarding student and other pedestrian safety, traffic back-up and safe connections to Chester Creek bike trail and Goose lake.
- Lee Coop from MOA Traffic. Discussion of Airport Heights Transportation Study. The final draft of the plan is in process. Discussion of various traffic calming techniques, and pedestrian safety at Debar and APH Drive.
- Stan Gallagher and Ann Flister from the Anchorage Roads Coalition. Further discussion of their organization. Efforts to get "contact sensitive solutions" built into a city and state road design process. Efforts to identify traffic problems and have meaningful community discussion. APHCC would like to adopt its own resolution and not sign a pre-formulated one from the Anchorage Roads Coalition. This issue tabled until Fall.

Other Concerns

- ✓ Discussion of the Anchorage Parks Plan. Public Comment period ending May 28th.
- ✓ Changes in People Mover bus routes affecting APH. See MOA web site or call 343-6543 for new schedules and route information.
- ✓ "Community Park" lot on NW corner of Bragaw and Northern Lights. What will become of it? Great place to connect Chester Creek trail sections. Concerns to protect this green space in our neighborhood. Neighbors take action before it is developed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Questions? Please contact our Council Chair, Chet Harris, at 277-0945 or chetharris@hotmail.com

Next Meeting
Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 PM
Airport Heights Elementary School Library