

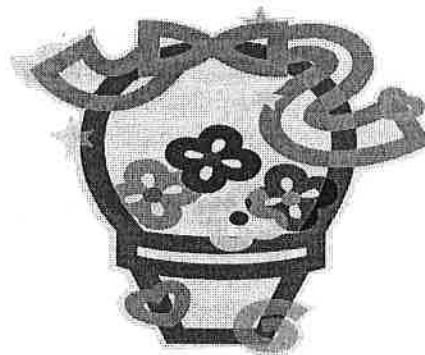
# Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter

## April Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Board and community members present
- Announcements
- Assembly Report
- Federation of Community Councils report
- Legislative Report
- Zoning Committee
- Traffic Committee
- Parks Committee
- Community Patrol
- PTA Report
- Old Business: AHCC Board Elections
- New Business: Gun Safety in Neighborhoods
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

**The Airport Heights Community Council has new board members, but still needs two members-at-large!**

Bring your new ideas and expertise to the council. Please consider volunteering your time as a member-at-large.



## **Airport Heights Community Council March 18, 2004 – Meeting Minutes Summary**

AHCC Members: Karl Reiche, Remas Reformando Jr., Willard Geddes, Dolly Moore, Earl Koryvta, Tim Murnane, Dorothy Arnold, Lori Townsend, Sister Noreen, Barbara Karl, Kate Taylor, Bob Randall, Darcy and Chet Harris, Greg Hartlieb, Cara O'Brien-Holen, Gretchen Pikul, Elaine Pratt, and Bill Boyd.

Guests: Jonathan Limb (USKH), Dave Lundeby (Merrill Field Airport Manager), Dick Traini (Assembly), and Mike Rabe (Anchorage Tomorrow).

Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Boyd at 7:00 pm

Introductions and announcements made.

Assembly report. Dick Traini. Tuesday meeting discussions included: carbon dioxide detector ordinance, School Administration relocation into the former K-Mart building; property transfer of Grandview Gardens to Out North; and special meeting called Wednesday to refinance municipal bonds of \$250 million to a lower interest rate of 3 to 4% with savings disposed directly into the property fund relief.

Carbon dioxide detectors are required when houses are sold, major remodeling that requires a permit is conducted, and for new construction. Hard wiring is not required; detectors can be battery operated. Consists of one detector on each level of the building and in apartments; hotels have separate regulations. Smoke detectors are already required. Assembly approved the Grandview Gardens property transfer to Out North for \$1; public hearing on April 13 at Assembly Chambers, public encouraged to participate in the hearing.

Federation of Community Councils report. No report. The FCC meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Hill Building for 2 hours. Assembly appropriated \$27,000 for continued FCC operation.

Legislative report. No report.

Zoning Committee. Bill Boyd. Jonathan Limb of USKH presented information on the FAA zoning changes for Merrill Field Municipal Airport. Most areas for rezoning are residential which have a height restriction of 35 feet. Correction from February AHCC meeting discussions – a 12 to 13 story building zoning change is proposed on the corner of Northern Lights and Bragaw, and not the northeast corner of Airport Heights and Debar. A public hearing is set for April 12 at Assembly Chambers. Dave Lundeby, Merrill Field Airport Manager spoke of noise reduction and educating pilots using operating measures. Helicopter patterns and low flight path were also discussed. For complaints/comments call 343-6305.

Traffic Committee. Bill Boyd. AHCC traffic claming study has funding of \$0.5 million in 2004, \$0.5 million in 2005 and \$2.1 million in 2006.

Parks Committee. No report.

Community Patrol. No report. Additional patrol members are needed and are encouraged to volunteer – Call Fred at 276-2278.

PTA report. No report.

## Old Business.

- Chair Bill Boyd read his resolution on solid waste collection in alleyways. Willard Geddes moved to approve. Chet Harris seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to support the resolution resulted.

*Whereas* Airport Heights and neighborhoods built about the same time were designed and built with sidewalks and alleys and,  
*Whereas* Alleys were designed for access and egress to ones property and,  
*Whereas* Alleys were designed to provide municipal services including but not limited to utility easements and refuse collection and,  
*Whereas* Neighborhoods built in interceding years have been designed and built differently and,  
*Whereas* not all services in Anchorage can be done in the same way and,  
*Whereas* the Municipality street maintenance department is in charge of maintaining the alleys and,  
*Whereas* our mandatory refuse collection agent is Solid Waste Services another Municipal department and,  
*Whereas* the Airport Heights Community Council area pays some of the highest mil rates in the city therefore, be it,

*Resolved* the Municipality of Anchorage should find a way to provide services in neighborhoods the way they were designed, therefore, be it further,

*Resolved* street maintenance should keep the alleys as open as possible in winter therefore, be it further,

*Resolved* as a municipal department our mandatory refuse agent Solid Waste Services do everything in its power to serve the people, and be it further,

*Resolved*, that Airport Heights Community Council opposes any change from alley refuse collection to street side collection.

- AHCC bylaws state that board member elections occur in October, or by a majority vote. Chet Harris nominated for President. Darcy Harris nominated for Secretary. Elaine Pratt nominated for Vice President. Gretchen Pikul nominated for Secretary – declined nomination. Unanimous vote of Chet Harris for President, Elaine Pratt for Vice President, and Darcy Harris for Secretary. The new board members official capacity begins at the April council meeting.
- Two members-at-large are still needed. Nominations are requested for the April council meeting.

#### New Business.

- Mike Rabe of Anchorage Tomorrow, non-profit organization. Anchorage Tomorrow supports Proposition 10, 13, 14, and 15. Parks and School Board meeting at Wilda Marston theatre on Tuesday March 30 at 5:30 p.m. A question was asked regarding the status of the AHCC traffic calming study; the question was redirected to Jim Lambson at Public Works.
- John Oday of Anchorage Road Coalition. The coalition began as a result of the Strawberry Road construction project. The project consists of 2 miles of roadway, and \$800,000 has been spent on the design alone. The coalition is concerned that the road improvements will not reach its intended goals of calming traffic, improving traffic mobility or connectivity, creating safe and pleasant pedestrian amenities, and providing safe routes to schools. A major complaint is that the public process should start at the project beginning, but that the project was almost complete when the first public meeting was held. The coalition has a petition against the proposal. A handout was provided to enable the council to review the project information; a resolution was attached as the last page of the handout. John Oday will give a PowerPoint presentation at the April council meeting and request AHCC to support the Anchorage Road Coalition resolution.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Questions? Please contact our Council President, Bill Boyd, at 276-8664 or [sloboys@gci.net](mailto:sloboys@gci.net).

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, **April 15, 2004** at 7:00 PM

Airport Heights Elementary School Library

