

Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter



March 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:
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

Airport Heights Community Council February 19, 2004 – Meeting Minutes Summary

AHCC Members: Darcy and Chet Harris, Cara O'Brien-Holen, Robert Diccay, Whitey Geddes, Shirley Iverson, Dorothy Arnold, Ray Amsden, Richard Snyder, Michael Galginaitis, Karlene Leeper, Kevin Leddy, Marlene Prince, Elaine Pratt, and Bill Boyd.

Guests: Jake Metcalf (President of School Board), and Robert Hall and Brian Vanderwood (Solid Waste Services).

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

Introductions and announcements made.

Assembly report. No report.

Federation of Community Councils report. No report.

Legislative report. No report.

Zoning Committee. Utility companies to expend 2% of revenue into burying lines; public hearing set for April 2 at Assembly Chambers. New height restrictions for Merrill Field area; northeast corner of Airport Heights and Debarr could be as high as 10 stories – public hearing set for April 12 at Assembly Chambers. Proposed National Archives and Records Administration Building planned to be built in Anchorage behind the library across from East High; proposed to include classrooms for education and storage.

Traffic Committee. Bill Boyd. Reminder - Traffic claming study to begin in 2005 and be complete in 2006. AMATS and Lake Otis houses to be removed, and a potential drug house on 20th and Lake Otis were discussed.

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. Winter Fun Night will be held on February 20th.

The Airport Heights Community Council needs new board members!

The election is scheduled for March, and we need interested folks to volunteer their time. Please consider becoming a board member and bringing your new ideas to the council.



Old Business.

- Snow removal. Recent removal activities have left snow berms on the sidewalks; also alleys were emptied and stored on the sidewalks. Call your Assembly representatives with complaints / comments.
- Lake Otis Parkway resurface project. Resurface activities are planned for May; the lanes will remain the same.
- Airport Heights Community Council board member elections are slated for the March meeting.

New Business.

- Jake Metcalf, President of School Board discussed the school propositions. Proposition 1 - \$96 million in renovations, additions, and acquisitions of sites around town. Proposition 2 - \$30 million in administration and training facilities at the former K-Mart building. Approximately 600 people would be housed in the facility with a savings of \$9 million per year from the operating budget. Proposition 3 - \$36 million for major maintenance and equipment. There are 50,000 students in the municipality and 90 facilities. Discussions followed regarding the Goldenview School, a letter on the 20/20 plan and Northway Town Center, class size, school art and landscaping, future plans for the Airport Heights Elementary School, value of teachers and teachers being released prior to tenure to save money, recruiting Alaskans for teaching positions to create staff diversity, curriculum diversity, teacher retention and new tiers in benefits, and teacher salaries. School Bond Yes is sponsored by Ernie Hall and Bob Bell.
- Robert Hall and Brian Vanderwood of Solid Waste Services. Safety issues with alleyway services were discussed. Tree growth, deteriorating surface conditions of the alleyway roads, damage to SWS vehicles, poor condition of the trash can racks, lack of snow removal, and air quality from dusty road in the summer. SWS are not tax supported and relies on customer fees for budget. SWS asked for assistance from homeowners to remove tree overgrowth; some alleys are 10 feet wide and with the trucks being 8 feet wide vegetation overgrowth makes maneuvering difficult. Worker injuries have resulted. Some solutions may be to educate the customers on these safety issues, and 'pay as you throw'. Questions followed regarding the Solid Waste Commission, educational pamphlets, curbside recycling, problem tags, discarded building materials program where handymen could be employed to build trash can racks (possibly apprentices from the Carpenter's Union), and front end loading equipment. Solid waste municipal codes can be found in Title 27. Beginning April 1st there will be an increase in residential and commercial fees; residential fees will increase from \$15 to \$16.60 per month. The current rate of \$15/month has not changed since 1990. SWS have been running in deficit for the past year.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Questions? Please contact our Council President, Bill Boyd, at 276-8664 or SLOBOYDS@aol.com

Next Meeting

Thursday, **March 18, 2004** at 7:00 PM
Airport Heights Elementary School Library

