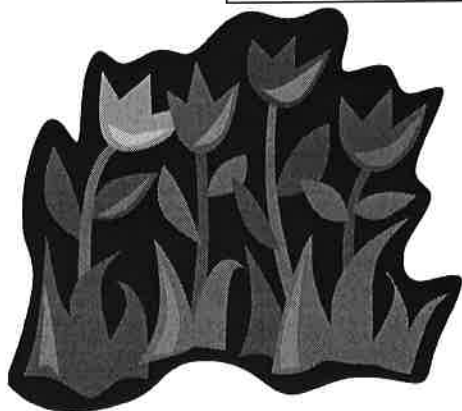


## Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter



### February 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: Bond issue presentations, solid waste alley pick-up
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

### Airport Heights Community Council January 15, 2004 – Meeting Minutes Summary

AHCC Members: Michael Galginaitis, Karlene Leeper, Jay Brause, Peggy Hicklin, Barbara Karl, Whitey Geddes, John O'Day, Claudia Cope, Chris Eshleman, Phil and Mary Girardin, Cindy Drinkwater, Gene Dugan, Henry Penney, Mike Huelsman, Bernita Hamilton, Davin Holen, Cara O'Brien-Holen, Chet Harris, Darcy Harris, Artemis BonaDea, Sister Noreen McPartland, Bill Boyd, and Gretchen Pikul.

Guests: Dick Traini (Assembly).

Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Boyd at 7:02 pm

Introductions made.

Announcements. Snow is being removed in our neighborhood and will continue for 3-5 days; please remove vehicles on the streets to allow unobstructed plowing.

Assembly report. Dick Traini. Assembly is not in session over the holidays but will soon have a work session to discuss issues to present to the legislature. Also discussed: exempt properties will be examined for potential taxation; coastal trail study to be completed using private funds; police department potential relocation to former K-Mart building to collocate fleet services and relocation of Health and Social Services to sell the prime property where it is now located; and selective service on the ballot to exempt Alaska citizens from selective service. Dick is currently on the board of National League of Cities.

Federation of Community Councils report. No report.

Legislative report. No report.

Zoning Committee. A vacant lot on Bragaw required a variance to be used as a parking lot. Alyeska leases offices on Bragaw and there were not sufficient parking spaces. An additional 50 parking spaces are designed to accommodate these offices. Fencing was requested along the alley side. The parking lot will be well light and patrolled.

Traffic Committee. No report.

### 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.



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. Jay Brause of Out North discussed the groups interested in purchasing Grandview Gardens Culture Center, and stated that the options look promising. Out North has been performing in the center since 1991. In 1994, Out North made \$475,000 worth of improvements to the facility, and plans to spend an additional \$500,000 to 750,000 worth of improvements if the purchase is realized. Other tenants include Alaska Moving Images, and the Alaska Dance Theatre (who grew too large for the building and moved to another location 6 years ago). The building was constructed in 1958, and further construction occurred in 1966. The Municipality is in charge of maintenance costs at \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, and receives \$10,000 in lease payments per year. If the building were sold, the Municipality would save money. Approximately 1,100 households patron Out North from East Anchorage, 3500 from the entire city, and 131 from the Airport Heights area alone. In the early 1990s, initial concerns from neighbors were noise and traffic levels, however, property owners from the house directly adjacent to Out North, and present at the meeting, expressed their positive relationship with the group. Much positive discussion followed from many of the council members present. Out North asked for the Airport Heights Community Council to support their purchase of the building. A resolution was made by Barbara Karl, and seconded by Sister Noreen.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Grandview Gardens Library served as a neighborhood library and community center for residents of the Airport Heights Community Council and surrounding areas for many years until the Municipality of Anchorage closed the library in 1989:

WHEREAS, the council and residents fought hard and worked closely with Out North, a non-profit arts, education, and community development organization, to develop a cultural center in the vacant library building in 1991, which in 1994 led to efforts to raise \$475,000 in non-municipal funds to renovate the property;

WHEREAS, the efforts resulted in a fully leased center that housed various organizations in an environment that incubated arts and cultural tenants to the benefit of thousands of residents in Anchorage and permitted several tenants to become independent and relocate to larger locations over time: and

WHEREAS, the incubator approach to benefiting neighborhood cultural activity has been successful and the current administration of the Municipality of Anchorage is demonstrating its commitment to owner development of neighborhood arts and cultural infrastructure in Mountain View:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council requests the Municipality of Anchorage to further the maintenance of the Grandview Gardens Cultural Center as an arts and cultural asset of this neighborhood by selling it to the Organization for Northern Development, d/b/a Out North, for a nominal amount befitting their work in developing this community asset.

No members opposed; the vote was unanimous.

Chair Bill Boyd suggested that the Airport Heights Community Council Board elections be postponed until March so that a nominating committee could be formed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Questions? Please contact our Council President, Bill Boyd, at 276-8664 or [SLOBOYDS@aol.com](mailto:SLOBOYDS@aol.com)

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, **February 19, 2004** at 7:00 PM  
Airport Heights Elementary School Library

