

Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter



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Mayoral Debates

March 3, 7:00 pm at O'Malley's on the Green
March 10, 7:30 pm at Sand Lake Elementary School

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: Lake Otis roadway improvements, Steve Noble of Dowl Engineers will present summary and provide update on project status.
- New Business: Election for AHCC Vice President.
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

Airport Heights Community Council February 20, 2002 – Meeting Minutes Summary

Members present: Willard Geddes, Amy Maitland, Todd Jacobson, Michael Galginaitis, Fred Schurman, Jan Schurman, Elaine Pratt, M. Elise Huggins, Todd Sneesby, Liska Snyder, Sister Noreen, Karlene Leeper, Dave Wolfe, John Nevin, Dick Snyder, Joan Moyland, George Laurito, Bill Boyd, and Gretchen Pikul.

Guests: Dick Traini (Assembly Chair), Robert Palmer (Municipality of Anchorage Project Administrator), Barbara Carlson (Sand Lake Community Council), Arlene Garrity

Meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. by Chair Bill Boyd – introductions were made. Announcements. AHCC vice president, Mary Elizabeth Rider, has resigned.

Federation of Community Councils report. Fred Schurman. FCC reviewed school bonds, road construction issues on Debarr and Lake Otis planned for this summer which may impact neighborhood travel routes, and Strategy Session for Community Councils scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 8:30 am -12:30 pm at BP Energy Center south of main BP building. Purpose of this session is to: better understand the collective concerns of entire Anchorage-area community; determine if there are priority issues that collectively community councils can work on together to effectively and successfully address; create procedural structures in order to address issues efficiently; and determine if FCC wants to sponsor a mayoral forum to provide candidates with the opportunity to address the community council's priority issues.

Zoning Committee. Chair remains vacant.

Traffic Committee. Bill Boyd - no report due to length of evening agenda.

Parks Committee. No report.

Legislative report. Representative Sharon Cissna and Senator Bettye Davis aide participated via telephone. Constituent meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 8 from noon – 3:00 pm at Baxter Elementary School cafeteria; bring the family, refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Waiting for Governor's budget which is expecting in next few weeks, then administrative proposals can be better defined. Other work included press conference on breast cancer, Delta Missile Defense site, and a few bills in various committee meetings. Call Sharon at 800-922-3875 or Bettye at 800-770-3822 with any questions or issues. Representative Les Gara joined later in the meeting via telephone to discuss the Lake Otis road improvement project.

Community Patrol. Fred Schurman. Last week police chased outsiders through neighborhood, but no trouble in neighborhood. Additional patrol members are needed and are encouraged to volunteer – See Fred or call 276-2278.

PTA report. Winter Fun Night this Friday 6-8 pm; no winter activities (including the usual bon fire) due to the weather, except for skating; a spaghetti feed and auction is planned.

Assembly report. Dick Traini. Assembly passed all bonds measures (A-EE); School has 3 bond packages (maintenance, educational building, and Eagle River high school) state funds are backing all 3 bonds and legislature will have to back each year; other bonds included roads and parks; had hearing on allowing age 16 – 18 individuals to vote, 4 voted against, will have an advisory vote on the ballot. A question was asked on amount of tax dollar increase for the bonds; response was that those numbers are not yet available.

Old Business. Representative Les Gara via telephone – Lake Otis Parkway road improvement project. The AHCC resolution to support widening of Lake Otis to a 5 lane roadway reached the AMATs team and may come up as a priority project and occur in approximately 6 years. The 2003 project schedule has Lake Otis being paved and painted. There has been no long-term review on the area traffic or how the Bragaw Street extension would affect the AHCC area. Les sent out informational letters to Lake Otis property owners and encouraged them to attend AHCC meetings to discuss issues and concerns. Some property owners were either not told of the project or told it would not occur in the near future when purchasing their property. Discussion continued on improvements to existing road such as right turn land painted on pavement and rumble strips. Bill Boyd suggested standing by previous motion and discussing at the next AHCC meeting.

New Business. Bragaw Road Rehabilitation project. Todd Jacobson of R&M Engineering (552-1707) explained that the integrity of pavement on Bragaw from Glen Highway to Debarr would be restored, with other minor modifications to curbs and sidewalks; 2004 is proposed schedule; this is a federally funded project which will include traffic accident anomalies and modifications to follow the disability act. Robert Palmer of MOA can also be contacted for questions at 343-8111.

Coastal Trail. A lengthy and spirited discussion regarding the proposed Coastal Trail took place; folks from other community councils and who live in the affected area participated in discussion; pro and con positions, stories, and project summaries were offered; community member at 345-3981 planned to provide a walk within the area to show access and routes on Saturday from 1-3 pm; comments on the proposed Coastal Trail are due March 7.

Motion: To approve the concept of a continuous coastal route consistent with private property and habitat concerns. Moved by Dick Snyder, seconded by Fred Schurman. Motion by Joan Moyland to table until next community council meeting. Seconded by Elaine Pratt. Motion approved by majority.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Meeting minutes & newsletter prepared by secretary Gretchen Pikul.

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

Next Meeting
Thursday, **March 20, 2003** at 7:00 PM
Airport Heights Elementary School Library

