

Airport Heights Community Council Newsletter



October 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: Nominating Committee for this year's elections
- New Business:
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

Airport Heights Community Council September 18, 2002 – Meeting Minutes Summary

Members present: Michael Galginaitis, Elaine Pratt, Alycia Wendt, Jay Brause, Peggy Hicklin, Janet and Fred Schurman, Dick Snyder, Barbara Karl, Carol Gray, Dorothy Arnold, Bill Boyd, and Gretchen Pikul.

Guests: Heather Beaty (Representative Sharon Cissna aide), Dee Blake (Senator Bettye Davis aide), and Ryan Peterson (Representative Les Gara aide).

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Bill Boyd. Introductions were made.

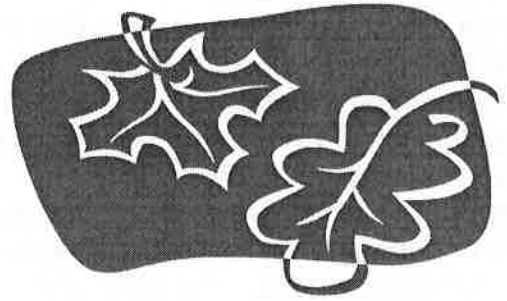
Assembly Report: No report.

Federation of Community Councils report. Fred Schurman. The extended FCC boundaries were effective July 22nd. FCC is waiting for an updated mailing list to send out boundary information and request input from the new areas. The Community Council has not had a survey in the past three years. A two-page survey costs between \$1,700 and \$2,400, however FCC does not have funding for surveys and the money would need to be raised by the community council.

Legislative report. Representative Sharon Cissna's aide, Heather Beaty, passed out flyers on the Greater U-Med Neighborhood Meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 4th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The last meeting was held in January. She also noted that a newsletter will be mailed out soon. Senator Bettye Davis' aide, Dee Blake, relayed the Senator's latest work on hosting 35 African American representatives from the Lower 48. She also mentioned recent dog park calls. Call Sharon at 800-922-3875 or Bettye at 800-770-3822 with any questions or issues. Representative Les Gara's aide, Ryan Peterson introduced himself and explained that there are three community council meetings on the same night within Les's district, therefore Les will be rotating through the meetings.

The Airport Heights Community Council needs new board members!

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



Zoning Committee. Barbara Karl. Barbara has received calls on the Lake Otis and Debarr development project. The height restriction is 138 feet above mean sea level (approximately 35 feet) with the buildings consisting of two stories and a garage; this height restriction is being adhered to. There are similar structures at Hanson Square off Denali and at Foxwood off of C Street. These are rental units not condos; the owners' focus is on short term rentals to accommodate the hospital. There is only one access road, which is Charter Circle off of Debarr. Call Barbara for more details at 279-5229. Barbara also discussed the Long Range Transportation Plan, and the Transportation Study Roundtable Committee comprising a diverse group of community members to address transportation priorities for the next 20 years. There will be six sessions, and Barbara is on the committee. On Monday September 29th from 5 – 9 pm the Transportation Vision Forum will be held at the Center for the Performing Arts, Discovery Theatre; a presentation will be given at 7 pm and will be followed by a community discussion.

Traffic Committee. Bill Boyd. The repair of Lake Otis did not occur this field season; it may be combined with the upgrade of Lake Otis to Tudor project next year. There is a new four-way stop at 16th and Valerian, and new curbing at the end of Debarr.

Parks Committee. No report.

Community Patrol. Fred Schurman. Additional patrol members are needed and are encouraged to volunteer – Call Fred at 276-2278.

PTA report. Bill Boyd. New playground equipment was installed for the younger children. The rubber mat surrounding the equipment cost considerably less since excess material was shipped to the area for another project. The installation and matting was supplied by volunteers; there was no cost to the school district.

Old Business. The old montessori school is now the Waldorf School and Friends Church. Michael Martin will be the representative and plans to attend the council meetings.

New Business.

- Dowl Engineers representative Susan Pane discussed the vacant site west of Debar, near the Sylvan Learning Center and the Murray Building. The area will be cleared of junk cars and beautified.
- Jay Brause of Out North discussed the new curbing on Debarr near the theatre and expressed that it may result in more vehicles passing through the residential neighborhood. Jay also stated that Out North is interested in purchasing Grandview Gardens Culture Center and is talking with a neighboring duplex regarding residential housing for artists. Also discussed: possible replatting to residential/office; troubles with parking, zoning, and traffic; potential high standard daycare facility; and possibly introducing young adult cultural activities, not nightclub, and only extending the hours from 10 pm to midnight. Jay will conduct a survey of the potential impacts within surrounding the area and present the information to the council at a future meeting. Jay encourages comments and suggestions, and can be reached at 279-8099.
- Further discussion on the Lake Otis and Debar rental unit development – consists of 10 buildings with 9 units each building – Charter Circle is the only access road – how the public was notified – it is a normal subdivision with coded streets – meets the 20/20 comp plan for higher density housing.
- The need for a nominating committee for the Airport Heights Community Council Board was discussed; there were no volunteers for the committee, however members stated they would research possible candidates before the next meeting.
- There is a new business in the neighborhood, a candy store called How Sweet It Is – located near Quality Services on 16th Avenue – open 3-8 pm – closed on Sundays.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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