

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
- New Business: March bond issues & candidates
- Non-agenda Items / Community Concerns
- Adjournment

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM
Airport Heights Elementary School Library



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Airport Heights Community Council January 16, 2002 – Meeting Minutes Summary

Members present: Karlene Leeper, Michael Galginaitis, Dick Snyder, Elaine Pratt, Whitey Geddes, Phil McGuire, Fred Schurman, Janet Schurman, Sister Noreen, Sharon Cissna, Bill Boyd, and Gretchen Pikul.

Guests: Assemblyman Dick Traini, and Heather Handyside (MOA, Municipal Manger's Office).
Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Bill Boyd – introductions were made.

Federation of Community Councils Report. Fred Schurman. Election of officers; AWARE program (included visible address numbers on house fronts for 911 calls); plowed-in sidewalks an issue? – call Zoning Dept; Anchorage Chronicle looking for authors for new articles; and Community Council boundaries to Assembly in February.

Traffic Committee. No report.

Zoning Committee. No report.

Parks Committee. No report.

Legislative report. Representative Sharon Cissna. Getting ready for move to Juneau, appreciate calls 1-800-922-3875; took 2 week trip down coast of Washington visiting various officials and citizens regarding health insurance non-profit to for-profit corporations, found State of Washington critical of conversion, Blue Cross / Blue Shield has developed help for participants during conversions, proof that consumers will not be harmed but helped with conversion or conversion is necessary, Sharon expressed she was more comfortable after her WA discussions and overall visit. A conversion package is with Allan Teschi at the Assembly which is a more universal type (sliding scale) intended to be better for all Alaskans (including Medicare patients). Sharon is planning trips to other states that have already made the conversion. Last Saturday U-Med neighborhood meeting had approx. 50 attendants; had breakout groups on developmental issues; planning biannual meetings.

Community Patrol. Fred Schurman. Patrol was out on New Years Eve, calm evening; only one situation occurred consisting of a firearm at Northway Mall. Phil McGuire added that cars driving at twilight need to have their headlights on for safety.

PTA Report. Bill Boyd. The annual Winter Fun Night is scheduled for late February; Bill will let us know the exact date at our next AHCC meeting.

Assembly Report. Dick Traini. Quiet, no meeting this week. Resolution (AR2003-26) requires there be 2 public meetings prior to the site plan going to Parks and Rec. Commission for their approval; public meeting scheduled for January 21, 5:30 pm at Public Works Building near Tudor and Bragaw. In discussion are Title 5, Sand Lake gravel pit, Williams Express liquor license at Debarr/Boniface

and Abbott Loop locations, and Title 23 (building codes) on January 28; last adoption date of the building codes was in 1997.

Motion made by Dick Snyder for Airport Heights Community Council to support the Abbott Loop Community Council's request for the Assembly not to approve the conditional use permit at the Williams Express Debarr/Boniface and Abbott Loop locations. Motion seconded by Fred Schurman. Motion carried.

Old Business. Ad hoc planning committee to develop a neighborhood plan. Chair Mary Elizabeth Rider not present; no report.

New Business. Dick Snyder backs the coastal trail southern extension, and asked how AHCC views the plans. Bill Boyd noted that he has a copy of the Environmental Impact Study. Agreed to discuss again at AHCC's next meeting.

Sister Noreen remarked that the Brother Francis Shelter is up for its architectural permit approval and a public meeting is scheduled for February 3 at Assembly chambers. The proposed structure will include space for groups such as the Veterans Administration, offices for other groups that already provide services, and medical facilities.

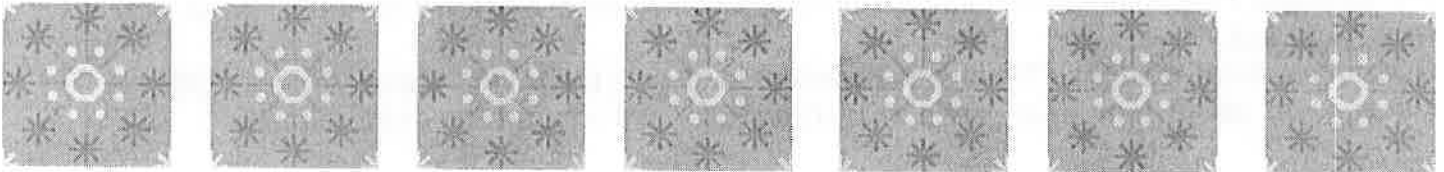
Heather Handyside, MOA Municipal Manager's Office. Muni's AWARE (Anchorage Watchful Alert, Ready for Emergencies) Academy was developed to teach citizens the basic principals of emergency response. Graduates of the AWARE Academy are trained to be prepared for disasters and to be self-sufficient until help arrives. Over 1,100 Anchorage residents have attended the AWARE to date. The next free class is January 22 6-9 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall; other classes will be scheduled. Call 343-6114 for more information. Heather passed out starter kits for Neighborhood Leader plans. Heather also discussed the Muniversity Program which works with the Community Councils and the Assembly; these classes were developed to teach citizens about local government; the first class included Muni Government 101. Classes are scheduled every Tuesday until March 11 from 12- 1 pm at the Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, and will be broadcast on Channel 10; videos are also being prepared for checkout at the library. Visit www.muni.org or call 343-6114 for a complete list of classes and general information. Next Tuesday's class is 'Homeland Security and Changing Local Government'

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2003.

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