

Airport Heights Community Council January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Ramsey. A quorum was present.

The agenda for the January meeting and minutes from the December meeting were accepted without objection.

Fire Station 3: Tim Potter is looking into buying properties along Bragaw to ensure that easements are acquired so that the light on the Bragaw/FS3 corridor can become a reality. It was stated that a recent letter from the fire chief lists a light as the #1 choice.

Assembly/Legislative: Representative Geran Tarr discussed the “Alaska Reads Act” and plugged a 2/8 constituent meeting at Airport Heights Elementary. Senator Tom Begich also discussed the “Alaska Reads Act”, and emphasized the Universal Pre-k provision of the legislation in his comments. Meg Zaletel and Felix Rivera gave a rundown of possible municipal/school bonds and propositions for this coming April’s ballot.

PTA: The skating rink is open; February 8, 2019 is the winter family fun night; airportheightspta@gmail.com is the email address for any questions about the PTA. Thank you to Meg Zaletel for the report.

Teresa Pond (Cyrano’s): Ms. Pond gave an update on activities at Cyrano’s. The parking situation is good; building improvements were completed with the assistance of a Rasmuson grant; the Alaska Theatre of Youth is a tenant in the building. More information can be found at <http://www.cyanos.org>.

President’s Report: A discussion ensued regarding trees in the community that are dead because of beetle kill. Tyler Boyes was introduced to discuss ideas for a community tree cleanup. Speakers for next month were discussed (Jim Renhert was discussed as a possibility).

Capital Improvement List (CIP): A discussion on the AHCC CIP list due to the Municipality of Anchorage in May ensued. A stop light on 17th and DeBarr and Sitka Park / Chester Creek Trail Connectivity was discussed specifically.

AHCC Resolution 2020-1:

AHCC Resolution 2020-1 was presented to the council. The resolution is entitled "A Resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council Regarding the Midtown Congestion Relief Study"

A motion was made by Ed Brewer, seconded by Chelsea Ward-Waller, to waive the reading of the resolution. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Then a motion was made by Mark Sabel and seconded by Geran Tarr to approve the resolution.

After much discussion, Chelsea Ward-Waller moved, as seconded by Genevieve Mina, to amend section 3 of the resolved clause to read 30 MPH instead of 35 MPH. The amendment passed with 10 in favor, 3 against, and 2 abstentions.

Then Ed Brewer moved, as seconded by Genevieve Mina, to insert an additional resolved clause after section 4 that "encourages the restoration of the natural stream corridor for Chester Creek." That amendment passed with 15 in favor with none against or abstaining.

The motion, as amended, then passed with 12 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

FCC Report: 1) A briefing was given on the "Alaska Read's Act"; 2) There will be public hearings in February relating to Downtown Zoning and the AMATS 2040 MTP.