

Airport Heights Community Council  
Minutes – April 16, 2020

Call to Order.

**Assembly and Legislative Reports:**

*Zaletel:* Hunker down extended to May – emergency declaration changed to June. Hunker down is still the same. Landscaping, fabric stores, and food trucks have been deemed essential. Outdoor recreation is okay. Provided a written update to committee on homelessness (a home is not defined as a residence or temporary shelter; MOA has been working very hard to ensure that there is activity at shelters to ensure that people stay).

*Rivera:* City has extended tax deadlines to May 20<sup>th</sup> – extension of property tax payments by one month. Mr. Rivera wants to see other property tax relief measures; discussed the idea of discounts on title 21 and title 23 fees.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget revisions: Work session will be occurring tomorrow on this. It looks like between the change from 2019 to 2020 taxes there is an increase in mills (\$9 for \$100,000 of assessed value).

*Rep. Tarr* – Alaska will receive money through the CARES' act. Rep. Tarr asked the body: How should these funds be distributed? Rep. Tarr encouraged us to share any ideas with the delegation regarding our thoughts on how CARES money should be distributed.

*Sen. Begich:* Senate passed a budget, governor vetoed education funding saying that he could replace it with federal relief funds. Sen. Begich mentioned the <https://aksenatedems.com/> web page as a great resource for those wanting information about COVID-19 relief.

**PTA:** PTA is looking at ways to do teacher appreciation and ways to cap the school year so it actually looks like the end of the school year.

**AWWU (Russ Porter, James, and Jennifer Satterfield):** Working with an industrial hygienist (re: training for employees, PPE, social distancing protocols, minimizing on site work). Should be sending out another flier 3 weeks from now to the affected area(s). Installing water valves should be happening in early June.

Would be without water for two weeks for a water shutoff to allow them to work inside the main if you do not want someone to come into the home.

President Ramsey suggested the possibility of sending out a questionnaire to see where the high risk homes are.

Here is a link to the project website:

<https://gis-awwu.hub.arcgis.com/app/a1753c8d11ab487aacb63314331212c1>

This URL is long and may also be reached by visiting the AWWU Capital Construction Projects Gallery here: <https://gis-awwu.hub.arcgis.com/> and scrolling to the project.

**CIP list:** Chelsea said OMB was in the process of retooling survey mechanism. Survey will be ready by the end of this month with retooled survey mechanism. The plan is to have continued brain storming with a vote at the May meeting.

**President's report:** 1) Spruce bark beetles. Homeowners insurance does not cover dead trees that fall on your house. Tyler is still getting a list together for interested people and is working with a contractor. 10 percent bulk discount. Want to get these down by March and April before it hits 60 degrees; 2) Community Picnic has been pushed to the Fall. Tikilshla park work will start this summer, how much is debatable, COVID depending; 3) Issue of naming school in honor of Betty Davis has been postponed for the moment; 4) The sunrise kidney bean traffic calming project is moving forward. The community council will be notified if there is more information; 5) The MOA has an economic resiliency task force in place with a useful web page: <https://aedcweb.com/ertf/>

**Community Concerns:**

Discussion ensued regarding a home on 15<sup>th</sup> and Wintergreen being used as a storage lot that is covered with vehicles.