

**Meeting of the Airport Heights Community Council
October 15, 2020**

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

There was a motion to accept/approve the September minutes. There was no objection to this motion. Motion passed.

Barbara Karl moves to adopt the agenda plus the change of adding “Adding Bettye Davis name to a school” to the agenda. This motion passed without objection.

Attendance: Carolyn Ramsey; John Whitlock; Kristine Bunnell; Sen. Tom Begich; Barbara Karl; Karen Walker; Rep. Geran Tarr; Mari Jamieson; Chelsea Ward-Waller; Joan Fisher; Margo Bellamy; Barbara P.; Amber Morris; Russ Porter (AWWU); Jennifer Saderfield (AWWU); Ed Brewer; Hope Meyn; Greg Takis of 1428 Noreen; Felix Rivera; Meg Zaletel; Genevieve Mina; Brita Mjos; Mark Sabel.

Margo Bellamy/School Board: 1) There is a reopening plan in place (this just got announced today).¹ Currently ASD has a reading program in 6 schools. This program has been going very well with no issues. ASD has learned a lot about mitigation factors from this program; this is one of many reasons why the superintendent feels we can safely bring kids back to school. 2) Free Student meals will continue; free food will continue until the end of the year (unless the money runs out); 3) Free Flu Shot Clinic². 4) It was mentioned that the recommendations regarding honoring the late State Senator Bettye Davis was to name Fairview Elementary and the East High School auditorium after her. The board has had one round of discussions; this discussion will continue at the meeting on the 20th. Senator Tom Begich said that he planned to testify on the 20th and asked Ms. Bellamy if that is something that the school board is looking for. Ms. Bellamy said that yes to Senator Begich’s question and added that the public process that was used to make the recommendation were not reflective of ASD policy, so we need to figure out how we deal with that. Ms. Bellamy added that some of Airport Heights got the survey, but others never received surveys. The more people we hear from the better. President Ramsey asked Ms. Bellamy if there is a link to a survey for the naming that we could post. Ms. Bellamy said that the survey was posted between September 12 and September 28 and that it was posted on East High School’s facebook page, the survey went to the principals, so if you did not get it from the principals, you did not get it. John Whitlock asked what was not reflective of the policy. Ms. Bellamy said that the district has a policy for naming and administrative regulations as to how naming will be determined; Ms. Bellamy said that citizens were not involved in the process, only school administrators.

Senator Tom Begich: 1) Tonight at midnight at 1am AKST, the census ends. 2) Senator Begich’s caucus will be putting on a FAQ about voting that includes a lot of information from the division of elections over the past couple weeks. 3) Rep. Gray-Jackson and Rep. Tarr were

¹ <https://www.alaskasnewsresource.com/2020/10/16/asd-students-to-return-to-in-person-learning-in-november/>

² <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16034>

instrumental in getting a voting drop box in Mountain View. 4) Senator Begich discussed questions about absentee and in person voting – there will be a joint meeting of the house and senate judiciary committees where questions will be posed to the division of elections about absentee and in person voting; 5) Senator Begich discussed his joint constituent meeting with Rep. Tarr and discussed Dr. Anne Zink’s presentation about future COVID-19 projections. Senator Begich also mentioned that he saw President Trump on an NBC town hall tell the public that wearing a mask can cause COVID-19; Senator Begich assured us that nothing can be further from the truth and that this is an arrogant and horrific statement that we should not pay attention to. Senator Begich mentioned that the data shows that by wearing a mask, we limit our exposure to the virus. Senator Begich also discussed how the President said that there is a cure for COVID-19; Senator Begich assured us that this is also false. Out chief medical officer, Dr. Anne Zink, said that she would not take a vaccine that is not scientifically proven and to be sure that we are doing the right, smart, and safe thing when it comes to COVID-19. Senator Begich reported that Dr. Zink believes that we should have a safe vaccine by the end of the first quarter.

Rep. Geran Tarr: 1) Find free testing sites open each day: www.Anchoragecovidtest.org; 2) Mentioned MOA traffic calming list of qualified streets are Airport Heights Dr., Alder Drive, and Sunrise (bean project already completed). 3) Mentioned restorative justice summit that would be held in December that she would be participating in.

Assembly Member Felix Rivera: 1) Discussed Assembly reorganization that will be happening at the next meeting and the legal options for filling a mayoral vacancy. 2) 2021 Budget is out for review.³ What is the impact going to be for your wallet? The proposed budget has a proposed tax increase of \$100 for a \$350,000 home. The budget will be voted on by the assembly on November 17⁴; 2) A body camera bond proposition is being discussed for the voters to consider in April of 2021.

Assembly Member Meg Zaletel: 1) Committee on homelessness will be discussing winter housing; 2) Meg will be having virtual coffees about the budget⁵; 3) Discussed the CARES Act and plugged the Assembly Cares Act web page.⁶

AWWU: The contractor is finishing up work in the next two weeks and will be finishing up the remainder of the project in 2021.

Bettye Davis Resolution: Barbara Karl moved to pass a resolution requesting that the Anchorage School Board rename East High School to Bettye Davis East High School, seconded by Geran Tarr. After much discussion, Barbara Karl recommended that we vote down this motion and she will propose a motion that the Airport Heights Community Council request that the school board follow the proper naming policies for naming the school for Bettye Davis. This motion failed with 0 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstentions.

³ <http://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/Pages/default.aspx>. Alcohol Tax Proposal by the Administration is in the 2021 Proposed Budget in Appendix R.

⁴ Assembly Work Session Webpage: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Meetings-Worksessions.aspx>.

⁵ https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcemorzsvHnJ_f1BuLCO3fPtWwla1FcT-

⁶ <https://assembly-cares-act-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/>

Carolyn Ramsey moved to put forth a resolution asking the school board to follow their required public process for naming. Geran Tarr seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. This would be Resolution 2020-3.

Kristine Bunnell – Airport Heights Resolution 2020-4 A resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council in Support of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance:

The Historic Preservation Commission was charged with creating a local landmark register, similar to the National Register of Historic Places, that would allow us to recognize different historic and cultural resources that are important locally that may not be important on a national basis. We are a very young community, so it is being proposed anything 30 years or older would be eligible for this registry. The ordinance to complete this register is currently in public review draft. <https://anchoragehistoricpreservationplan.com/>

Barbara Karl moves that the AHCC adopt resolution 2020-4 that has been proposed with the addition of the words “former” to City View Market. Seconded by Genevieve Mina.

Geran Tarr moved to amend the existing motion to include the names of all three forks named in resolution. Motion was seconded by Genevieve Mina. The motion passed 12 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions.

The motion to adoption resolution 2020-4 as amended passed 12 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions.

Geran Tarr was instructed by President Ramsey to provide Barbara Karl with the names of the forks.

President’s Report: 1) The bean on Sunrise is complete; 2) Northern lights was repaired to fix the sink hole issue from the past Fall; 3) Tikishla park is on hold until next year due to there being no bids on the contract; 4) COVID-19 hit. We did not have our annual picnic because of COVID concerns.

Finance Report: We have had \$0 in revenue and \$0 in expenses. Current balance is \$1,683.88.

Nominating Committee:

Amber Morris presents the report. Mark Sabel moved and asked for unanimous consent of the slate of officers – hearing and seeing no opposition, the slate is approved.

President – Carolyn Ramsey
Vice President – Barbara Karl
Secretary/Treasurer – John Grover Whitlock
At large – Chelsea Ward-Waller
At large – Genevieve Mina

FCC Report: They are still trying to get masks out to the community councils for distribution.

Community concerns: A suggestion for safe trick or treating:

http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/PlayEveryDay/blog/_layouts/listform.aspx?PageType=4&ListId={8BB3B836-F360-46FA-A9F5-407DC7217D58}&ID=477

Barbara moves to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Chelsea Ward-Waller. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Special Meeting of the Airport Heights Community Council Executive Board
November 7, 2020**

A meeting of the Airport Heights Community Council Executive Board was convened on November 7, 2021 at 3pm.

President Carolyn Ramsey, Vice President Barbara Karl, Secretary/Treasurer John Grover Whitlock, and At Large Member Genevieve Mina were present.

The Executive board passed the following resolutions by unanimous consent:

Resolution 2020-5 A Resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council that Requests the Municipal Assembly to Extend the Existing COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Beyond November 30, 2020

Resolution 2020-6 A Resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council in Support of the Continuation of School Closures and the Municipality of Anchorage Providing an Independent Transparent Public Health Review of School District Plans to Reconvene Students, Teachers, and Staff in Close Contact within Anchorage Schools While Anchorage is Experiencing a Pandemic