

**Airport Heights Community Council
Minutes – November 19, 2020 Meeting**

Attendance: Carolyn Ramsey & Page; John Whitlock; Barbara Karl; Larry Haden; Brix Hahn, Staff to Senator Begich; Mark Sabel; Margo Bellamy; Rep. Geran Tarr; Ed Brewer; Chelsea Ward-Waller; Emily Becker; Rayette Sterling; Genevieve Mina; Andy Erickson and Jen Erickson on Sunrise; Brianna Beswick from Demure St.; Michelle McNulty, Planning director; Elizabeth Appleby, Muni Planning; Karen Walker; Meg Zaletel; Felix Rivera; Drew Cason; Brita Mjos

Agenda and Minutes – Barbara Karl moved to accept the agenda. Genevieve Mina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Karl also moved to accept the minutes from October and the minutes of the special e-board meeting. Ed Brewer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Margo Bellamy (School Board) – ASD suspended returning to school and will continue to monitor the situation. Ms. Bellamy talked about strategic planning and gave us some links to facilitate community feedback.¹

Felix Rivera – Had a recent meeting on a 6th extension of the emergency declaration to January 16th. The assembly is working on a way to transition away from emergency powers; there will be a first look at this ordinance at the rules committee meeting. The assembly approved the General Government Operating Budget and the 2021 capital improvement budget. January is when the bond packages will be approved for the April budget. 1st quarter budget revisions will occur in April.

Meg Zaletel – Discussed funding for prevention from the alcohol tax budget. She also discussed funding mental health first responders² and winter homeless housing. Ms. Zaletel sits on the AMATS committee and discussed the Seward to Glenn Planning Environmental Linkages study.

Rep. Tarr – Advised members of the council to be engaged when it comes to communicating their views to the legislature. Discussed State public health emergency declarations. CARES act money is supposed to expire on December 31, the State has 10s of millions of dollars that has not been spent, but because of the way the spending was passed as a law, another law would need to be passed for the unused funds to be appropriated.

Brix Hahn w/ Senator Begich's Office – Mentioned future legislative priorities for Senator Tom Begich. A list of profiled legislation can be found by following this link: [2021-Prefiles-First-Release.pdf \(akleg.gov\)](https://legis.alaska.gov/legis/legislation/legislation.cfm?_id=2021-Prefiles-First-Release.pdf)

PTA – The school will not be filling the ice rink this year because they will not be sure when school is coming back.

Summary of recent Airport Height Community Council e-board actions: It was reported by President Ramsey that the e-board got together and passed resolutions dealing with the following: 1) A resolution urging the Anchorage School District continue the school closures until such time that the community transmission rate and test positivity rate have dropped down to at least the Harvard Global Health Institute risk threshold for schools (Resolution 2020-6); 2) A resolution urging the assembly to extend the existing COVID-19 emergency declaration beyond November 30, 2021 (Resolution 2020-5).

MOA planning discussion on Homeless zoning (Michelle McNulty, Planning Director): Ms. McNulty discussed recent proposed changes to Title 21 regarding Homeless and Transient Shelters. A great recap of this presentation can be found by following this link: [Title 21-Homeless and Transient Shelters \(muni.org\)](https://www.muni.org/Title-21-Homeless-and-Transient-Shelters)

President's report: President Ramsey talked with Steve Raffuse at Parks and Recreation; an effort will be made to move snow into the “drug corner” of the parking lot at Tikishla Park.

FCC (Chelsea Ward-Waller): 1) There was a presentation given to the Federation of Community Councils similar to the one given during our meeting by Ms. McNulty. 2) The FCC has a huge batch of cloth masks for distribution.

¹Draft Goals and Guardrails Community Feedback Form: <https://www.asdk12.org/feedback>
Draft Goals and Guardrails Community Flyer:
https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/5462/Draft-Goals-Guardrails_Accessible.pdf

² <https://www.alaskanewssource.com/2020/11/22/mental-health-first-responders-coming-to-anchorage-in-2021/>