# Airport Heights Community Council Meeting – 11/17/2022

# Attendees

Emily Weiser – resident
Jena Ferrarese – resident
Yaso Thiru – guest
Genevieve Mina – resident and House District 19 candidate
Sheri Whitethorn - resident
Barbara Karl - resident
Amanda Moser - resident
Brianna Beswick – resident
Nate - resident
Mikhail Siskoff – resident
Forrest Dunbar – Assembly Rep
Mercedes Colbert – Sen Begich office
Carolyn Ramsey – resident
Ed Brewer – resident
Joy Boston – JBER
Geran Tarr – resident and House Rep
Larry Hayden – resident
Daniel McKenna-Foster – Muni P&Z
Brita Mjos – resident
Tyler – resident
David Washburn – resident
John Whitlock – resident
Stephanie Warnock – resident
Emily Becker – resident

# Approval of October Minutes and November Agenda

Emily Weiser moves to approve Agenda; seconded by Carolyn

October Minutes not approved this month due to late notice

#### AFD

n/a

# Assembly

Forrest Dunbar – juggling Community Council meetings; budget process – may pass at Tues Nov 22 Assembly meeting, including amendments to Mayor's budget; email is best way to reach Assembly regarding budget issues at this time as there will not be public comment at the Nov 22 meeting; bringing forward an ordinance to reduce/eliminate parking minimums and increase bike parking (Emily Weiser can also speak to this)

Felix Rivera – Body Cams: negotiations failed; budget; funding for emergency shelter; housing projects coming on line

# Legislative

Geran Tarr (State House) – social work intern doing practicum in office, going very well; Restorative Justice summit coming up; Poverty and Opportunity Task Force developing recommendations for legislature and may continue; Wonder Park Elementary meeting is Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is the last opportunity for public comment regarding school closure/consolidation

Mercedes Colbert (Sen Begich, State Senate) – still the Senator for the next 2 months, so please contact his office with any needs; she will be continuing to work in the legislature in some capacity, as-yet-undetermined

#### School Board

n/a

# JBER

Joy Boston – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 8 am star on mountain will be lit; Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation report is out; big boom this afternoon was from exercise on base; JBER had nothing to do with the earthquake

# Destination UMED TDM Update

Carolyn – would like the CC to generate a letter re-focusing on using accurate numbers

# ADU Discussion and Resolution

Jena moved, Geran seconded

Discussion about various components of the resolution

Withdrawn - Amanda moves to amend in a manner that deletes the clause with the word "concurrently", seconded by Jena. Intent was to reflect the range of views in the neighborhood, which includes disagreement.

Amanda moves to amend in a manner that deletes the Therefore #2 regarding the height amendment; Emily Weiser seconded. Discussion ensued. With opposition noted, vote was taken.

9 in support of removal. 8 in support of retainment. 2 abstentions.

Mikhail urged to vote No on the resolution. Carolyn "seconds".

Geran suggests including an advocacy for housing equity, even if the ADU-specific language isn't used.

Genevieve "called the question" to vote on the resolution as amended (with the removal of #2).

1 in favor, 14 opposed, 2 abstentions

Chelsea will work with the EB to develop path forward, probably including a public work session.

#### FCC Report

#### **Community Concerns**

Emily Weiser – re: parking code revisions and snow removal issues; can we coordinate as a neighborhood to do some version of alternate-side parking?; would be most effective with advance warning for plowing schedule

John Whitlock – re: Assembly vacancy (East Anchorage) may be occurring; he encourages folks to apply