



Heights Herald



The Monthly Newsletter of the Airport Heights Community Council of Anchorage, Alaska

MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 7-9 PM, AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

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| 7:00 pm | Call to Order, administration notes, establish quorum, introductions |
| 7:05 pm | Approval of Agenda & October minutes |
| 7:10 pm | Treasurer's Report |
| Presentations | Assembly Reports |
| | Legislative Reports |
| | PTA |
| | Parks Committee |
| | Traffic Committee |
| | FCC Report |
| 7:40 pm | Lake Otis safety upgrades: Heather Ireland of Rogers Park Community Council |
| 8:00 pm | Break |
| 8:10 pm | Title 21: Community discussion and resolution |
| 8:45 pm | Community Announcements, Updates and Neighborhood Concerns |
| 9:00 pm | Adjourn |

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Airport Heights Community Council is planning some fun events for 2012, including winter and summer events. We hope you'll get involved. If you can't make a monthly meeting, please contact AHCC President Geran Tarr at ahccpresident@hotmail.com or 360-4047 to find out how what is happening and how you can be involved.

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Facebook is a great tool for quick communications, announcements about upcoming deadlines regarding development projects in our area, upcoming events and news from our neighborhood. It is easy to join Facebook (www.facebook.com) at no cost. Our council page is Airport Heights Community Council.

Not on Facebook? You can see the public page at -

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=101546559886095>

DO YOU HAVE COMMUNITY CONCERNS?

We need your help in determining our priorities! What do you want the community council to put on the priority list? This is your community council; we need your input.

Visit our web page at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/3.html>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND OCTOBER MINUTES: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Geran Tarr. There was no quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$101.59 in bank account.

ASSEMBLY REPORT: Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson reported that the Assembly approved the 2012 Budgets at the meeting of December 6th. Status of Assembly proposed amendments: Restore funding to run MOA operated ice-free sidewalks on E & F Streets - \$150,000 (**FAILED**). Reverse deletion of 3 full-time Recreation Specialist II Positions (and creation of 4 seasonal part-time Recreational Specialist II positions) - \$144,607 (**PASSED**) **Vetoed and Overridden**. Increase library materials budget - \$50,000 (**PASSED**). Add new Records Clerk position - \$79,597 (**PASSED**). Contract Update on Planning Demographic Data - \$50,000. Provide funding for an hourly shuttle through a contract between the MOA and the AnchorRIDES service provider for the new Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) \$40,000 (**PASSED**). Restore funding for two Parks Caretaker/Operator positions to full-time - \$43,680 (**FAILED**). Restore funding for vacant Associate Librarian position created in 2011 and never filled, and vacant Library Assistant II position - \$126,128 (**FAILED**). The Assembly approved the Legislative Program which reflects the 2012 Capital Budget – which was approved along with the 2012-2017 Capital Budget at the December 6th meeting. Sidewalk ordinance – Rescinding action submitted by **Assemblyman Dick Traini**. Failed – 8-3. Proposed revisions to Fireworks ordinance – Prohibits fireworks in Mobile Home Parks; provides for a 200 feet distance from a home; and requires clean up and disposal of debris within 12 hours after use. Ordinance will be revisited next year prior to sunset.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Representative Sharon Cissna reported that a goal for the legislative year is to make sure people are aware that she is very concerned about the TSA and is working on reforming TSA. Rep. Cissna brought up the point of who is watching the TSA agent when dealing with unaccompanied children. Richard Benevides from Senator Bettye Davis's office reported that **Senator Bettye Davis** is interested in raising the base student allocation and getting more monies for Denali Kid Care. Matt Moser of **Senator Johnny Ellis's** office reminded people to sign up for his electronic newsletters.

PTA REPORT: Airport Heights Elementary School principal, Mike Webb, announced there will be the **Family Fun Night, Feb. 10**. He is trying to organize a spring swap meet. Mr. Webb is also devising a plan change the model of the school.

PARKS COMMITTEE: Have some funding for more trail work next summer. Sitka Park (through Fairview CC) improvements proposed and cosmetic upgrades and signage, interest in a skate park. See President Geran Tarr if interested in Sitka Park/park projects.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: Chair Tim Kacillis reported that work continues to complete our public safety grant.

FCC REPORT: Secretary Becky Kurtz reported that Carol Comeau had spoken at the last meeting. She talked about the South High parent groups who asked their legislators for money for a new football field. She explained that when this is done, the ASD will get less funds from the legislators. All those requests should go through the ASD.

TIKISHLA SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE: Secretary Becky Kurtz reported that she is still trying to get info on the cameras so she can hopefully figure out why the cameras don't work. The cables are working, just not the cameras..

TITLE 21: This is a comprehensive land use planning document. The Planning and Zoning Commission has now put off the public hearing until mid-February. There is a lot of controversy over this as some people feel that this plan has been rewritten in favor of groups/people who would like to develop the land in Anchorage into retail/business zoning.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Knik Arm Bridge/Crossing and Metropolitan Transportation Plan. John Weddleton gave the Government Hill's argument against the plan.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Dick Snyder motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm.