Airport Heights Community Council October 20, 2005 – Meeting Minutes Summary

AHCC Members present: Darcy and Chet Harris, Peggy Hicklin, Mark Fish, Shirley Iverson, , Greg Hartlieb, Dick Snyder, Jay Johnson, Sandy and Ron Frazie, Cara and Rauri O'Brien-Holen, Angie Hansen, Lisa Schober, Fred and Janet Schurman, Bernie Hoffman

Guests: Kathleen Plunket, President of Russian Jack Community Council, Teri Peters, Northeast Park District Manager, Representatives Sharon Cissna and Les Gara

Board members in attendance: Chet Harris-President, Elaine Pratt- Vice President, Bill Boyd- Past President, Darcy Harris-Secretary, Greg Hartlieb-Member at large

Meeting called to order by President Chet Harris at 7:04 pm. Introductions made

New Business and Speakers

Teri Peters, Northeast Park District Manager, office at Russian Jack Park open 7 days a week. Working on "Clean and Green, Safe and Secure" Working on cleaning up deadfall, clearing line of sight for play areas, redesign golf course, education, and community stewardship. Let's get Tikishla Park on their list.

Kathleen Plunket, President of Russian Jack Community Council. Discussion about Bragaw extension. The council voted unanimously that the Bragaw extension, as proposed, should not go into the LRTP until there is further study of how it will effect local neighborhoods. There was discussion about the vehicular and pedestrian traffic problems around East High School. There was discussion about the need for better, more efficient access to the hospitals and universities. There was talk about how the extension would effect local neighborhoods. Bill Boyd brought up that the long term plan should include more public input.

Assembly Report: Unfortunately Mr. Traini was not able to be here to discuss his views with the community before he votes(d) on the LRTP. Apparently Mr. Traini supports the extension because of the need for efficient traffic through the U/Med district. We are looking forward to discussing this and the Parks Plan with him at the next meeting.

Dick Snyder makes a motion to oppose the Bragaw Extension for 5 years, Peggy Hicklin 2nds the motion. Motion passes.

Federation of Community Councils: **Mark Fish.** There is a new Federation web site. They discussed the Title 21 rewrite, mandating smaller parking lots, changing calendar year to fiscal year.

Legislative report:

Representative Les Gara, He reminds the council that if there is an issue that is important to us, to pass a resolution regarding that issue and give it to Sharon (Cissna) or himself, it will carry more weight than without a resolution. The legislature is looking very closely at the proposed gas line issue. Ethics may be in question. It is very important that there are spurs that go through population centers.

Representative Sharon Cissna. She asserted that she felt the Bragaw extension needed more study. She also discussed the need for a state-wide health care program. Too many rural residents are without any health care.

Community Patrol: Fred and Janet Schurman, Bernie Hoffman. Several community members attended the meeting to discuss the drug-related problems on Birchwood Street and in Tikishla Park. There was suggestion of starting a phone tree. Mark Fish will initiate this. It was discussed that the community should have a show of force; maybe form a "Take Back Tikishla Park" group, or Neighborhood Watch Program.

Motion made to adjourn, second Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm