



# Heights Herald



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

## MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 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 and February minutes   |
| 7:10 pm       | Treasurer's Report  |
| Presentations | Assembly Reports  |
|               | Legislative Reports   |
|               | PTA   |
|               | Parks Committee   |
|               | Traffic Committee   |
|               | FCC Report  |
| 7:40 pm       | Anchorage Tomorrow: Presentation on municipal ballot propositions by Pam Creamean |
| 8:00 pm       | Break   |
| 8:10 pm       | Anchorage School Bonds: Presentation from ASD Staff Heather Roach                 |
| 8:30 pm       | Title 21: Discussion and adoption of resolution                                   |
| 8:50 pm       | Community Announcements, Updates and Neighborhood Concerns                        |
| 9:00 pm       | Adjourn   |

### **NEW - AHCC ZONING COMMITTEE CHAIR!**

At the January meeting John Whitlock was appointed the Chair of the Zoning Committee. This is great news for the Council because John will be monitoring important issues like Title 21. At our March meeting we'll be discussing a resolution John prepared regarding Title 21. To get involved or to reach John about a zoning question, please email [ahcczoning@gmail.com](mailto:ahcczoning@gmail.com).

### **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](http://www.facebook.com)) at no cost. Our council page is Airport Heights Community Council.

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### **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>**

## February 17, 2012 MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY MINUTES:** Meeting was called to order by President Geran Tarr at 7:03. A quorum was present. Dick made a motion to accept the minutes of the December and January meetings. John Whitlock seconded it. Motion passed.

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

**ASSEMBLY REPORT:** Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson reported on several pieces of legislation, including a ballot proposition on the use of fireworks. The public hearing was 2.16.12. The ordinance failed 7-4. The ordinance on the Mayor's I/M Program changes deleting the six-month grace period was considered. The ordinance passed 6-5. Assemblywoman Harriet Drummond and Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to postpone the increase in the Vehicle Registration Tax until the I/M program ends in March. The increase is \$70 for vehicles older than eight years old and up to \$150 for newer vehicles. If the ordinance had passed, it would have been retroactive so those who paid the I/M fee as of January 1, 2012 would have been reimbursed. The public hearing was held 2/14 and it failed 7-4. A ballot proposition to grant a property tax exemption to eligible widow or widower of a person killed during military service was considered at a public hearing held January 31<sup>st</sup>. The ordinance passed and the measure will be on the April ballot. A ballot proposition to change the Charter to allow for Electronic Publication of notices was considered at a public hearing held January 31<sup>st</sup>. The ordinance passed and will also be on the April ballot. Other April ballot propositions include for an ARDSA Bond Proposition for \$27,472,000 (public hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup> and passed). Park Bond Proposition - \$2,750,000 - Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed. EMS and Public Transportation - \$1,588,000 - Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed. Assemblyman Paul Honeman introduced new fireworks ordinance. Public hearing is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>. Public hearing was continued to meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Will be heard at the Public Safety Committee meeting in April with much input from the public. Ordinance to increase the temperature threshold for cold weather plan from 32 degrees to 45. Public Hearing was held February 14<sup>th</sup>. Passed unanimously. City was awarded a \$13.2M Federal grant – Small Business Credit Initiative - to invest in Anchorage businesses. Additional information is on line at muni.org. Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson said the 2011 General Government Operating Budget surplus is \$9.9 million so far. Dawn Scott made a motion to ask Mayor Sullivan to spend some of the budget surplus on emergency snow removal for health and safety. There was discussion about how to communicate this. AHCC President Geran Tarr was directed to send a message to the MOA about snow removal. Motion

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Geran announced two constituents meetings: February 19 from 4-6 at Fairview Recreation Center (Ellis, Gara, Begich) and February 25, 1-3 p.m. Hiland Tech. Also a caucus meeting will be March 18 at 10 a.m. at Loussac Library.

**PTA REPORT:** No report

**PARKS COMMITTEE:** The April ballot it will have one park bond. The funding would go to work on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, indoor rinks and a few other projects. Sitka Park has a potential skateboard park project.

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:** There was discussion of the KABATA Resolution. Discussion will continue at a future meeting and a resolution may be considered.

**FCC REPORT:** None

**ONE ANCHORAGE CAMPAIGN:** Laura Herman, representing One Anchorage Campaign, explained that their purpose is to simply provide gay and transgender Alaskans the same legal protections that we already provide to other persons in Anchorage in employment, financial practices, housing, and restaurants, department stores and other businesses. This will be presented before the voters on the April ballot. Thomas Wilson made a motion to support the initiative, with Linda McLaren seconding it. Motion passed.

**TITLE 21:** AHCC Zoning Chair John Whitlock presented an update on the changes. Members present conducted a work session to review several of the key changes and provided comments to John for incorporation into a resolution. John will prepare a resolution for consideration in March.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next month's meeting agenda will include a presentation on the school bond.

**ADJOURN:** Adjournment 9:05