



Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17, 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 & approval of April minutes |
| 7:10 pm | Treasurer's Report |
| Presentations | Assembly Reports |
| | Legislative Reports |
| | PTA |
| | Parks Committee |
| | Traffic Committee |
| | Zoning Committee |
| | FCC Report |
| 7:45 pm | Merrill Field Airport Master Plan Update and Noise Study by HDR Alaska |
| 7:55 pm | Break (refreshments in the hall) |
| 8:00 pm | Anchorage Waterways Council: Cherie Norton on summer activities and ways to get involved |
| 8:30 pm | Disc golf at Russian Jack Springs Park: Project update |
| 8:45 pm | Community Announcements, Updates and Neighborhood Concerns |
| 9:00 pm | Adjourn |

SAVE THE DATE-JUNE 9TH FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic is coming up on Saturday, June 9th at Tikishla Park. We need your help!
Can you post flyers, make food, help with set up or clean up?
Please get in touch if you'd like to help out.

SAVE THE DATE-JUNE 30TH FOR SITKA PARK CLEAN UP

We'll be working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department to host a neighborhood park clean up day. This should be a lot of fun. They bring the supplies and you just show up to help out!

APRIL 2012 MEETING MINUTES

President Geran Tarr convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES: Thomas Wilson made a motion to approve the March minutes. John Nivens seconded it. It passed. John Whitlock made a motion to approve the January and February minutes. Geran Tarr seconded it. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$101.64

ASSEMBLY REPORT: Dick Traini discussed the past election. If it were to go to a new election all the bond propositions would also be up for re-election. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., people can come to the library Assembly Chambers and talk to the election committee about issues. Also on Monday, starting at 4:00, there will be another chance to discuss it with the election committee if people can't come on Saturday. The Assembly has agreed to spend \$30,000 to hire a private investigator to check into the legality of the election.

PTA REPORT: Although no one presented the school, President Geran Tarr announced that the bond for a design study for Airport Heights Elementary School passed. Ms. Dickey, the Administrative Assistant has been chosen as the Denali Award winner for classified staff of the entire Anchorage School District, and Ms. Leah Mullenbach has been selected from among over 1,300 teachers in Alaska as a 2012 BP Teacher of the Excellence.

PARKS COMMITTEE: June 30 will be a Work Day at Sitka Park. There will be upgrades for Sitka Park including a skateboard park. Sitka Park is a part of the Merrill Field land bank. There will be trail work from Tikishla to Nichols Park and brushing on the trail that starts at Tikishla and goes behind Assets (on E. 20).

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: AHCC Resident Oscar Avellaneda-Cruz talked about speeders who drive on E. 15 down the hill to Grandview Gardens. There was discussion concerning speeders on 20th from Lake Otis. People talked about getting a Speed Sentry which records speeds of car among other data.

ZONING COMMITTEE: The AHCC Executive Board met and passed a resolution for recommendations involving Title 21. Copies of the resolution were distributed and copies can be found on the AHCC website at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/3.html>.

PRESENTATIONS: **Blood Bank of Alaska** made a presentation concerning their new building on the NE corner of Airport Heights and DeBarr. They will be buying the land (4.25 acres) in the next 60 days. There will two entrances/exits: one across from the entrance to Alaska Regional off Airport Heights Drive and the other off DeBarr. Becky Kurtz discussed what she considered a bad idea of making a left hand turn onto DeBarr based on where the entry/exit in on DeBarr. The building might bring a lot of traffic. **Merrill Field Airport Master Plan Update and Noise Study** is required every ten years. There are two phases to this update. The Master plan is at www.merrillfieldplan.com They will be back at the May meeting to make another presentation. **Anchorage Community Land Trust** presented their plan to make a community garden at the Bragaw overpass. There are four communities they would like to have participants from: Mt. View, Russian Jack, NE, and Airport Heights. The sites will be divided up between communities. There was discussion that maybe APH doesn't need as many sites as a lot of homes have yards. Geran Tarr made a resolution to support the community garden and Thomas Wilson seconded it. There was discussion to add an amendment that the higher density neighborhoods would receive more allotments. Resolution passed.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: President Geran Tarr brought up that the AHCC public safety grant will lapse at the end of June (money left over from safety camera project). She suggested using the funds to host a Public Safety Forum. Other community members brought up spending the money on speed sentry. Secretary-Treasurer Becky Kurtz said she would check into the cost of the sentry. Maybe the funds could be split between the neighborhood safety event and speed sentry.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.