

# Heights Herald



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

## MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 November minutes

7:10 pm Treasurer's Report Presentations Assembly Reports

Legislative Reports

PTA

Parks Committee Traffic Committee Zoning Committee

FCC Report

7:40 pm UAA Master Plan - Wende Wilbur will give an update (including road/traffic issues)

8:00 pm Break - CHRISTMAS CHEER! Refreshments and snacks served.

8:15 pm Alley Recycling: Update on activities of work group

8:45 pm Community Announcements, Updates and Neighborhood Concerns

9:00 pm Adjourn

### 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

## VISIT AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

The elementary school also has a Facebook page. Find information on upcoming events, special activities, and ways we can support the Airport Heights PTA.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Airport-Heights-Elementary-Anchorage/467354470536

#### 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

#### **NOVEMBER 15, 2012 MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**: No quorum was present. Agenda was approved for use. A quorum was established upon the later arrival of several members.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$301.59 in the AHCC treasury.

**ASSEMBLY REPORT:** The 2013 budget was approved; public transit, library, and police will remain the same. Additionally, AYC funding was approved, future police and fire academies were approved, \$100,000 in additional library funding was approved for materials acquisitions. Assemblyman Traini and Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson successfully advocated for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 dollars to provide tasers for all sworn officers. The assembly approved a 54.8 million dollar school bond to be on the ballot.

Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson discussed the reapportionment map and discussed an amendment that was passed 6-5 by the assembly to keep all of Airport Heights in the same assembly district.

A resolution was submitted regarding the AHCC support of the approved assembly redistricting plan. A motion was made and seconded to support the resolution – the motion was approved unanimously. This resolution will be forwarded to Assemblywoman Jackson and Assemblyman Traini.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**: Zach Mannix, staffer for Johnny Ellis – there will be a new 15 member senate majority caucus; the minority will include Berta Gardner, Johnny Ellis, Hollis French, Bill Wielechowski, and possibly Lyman Hoffman. Mr. Mannix reported that Senator Ellis wants to focus on justice reform (more treatment based solutions for the prison population), paid sick leave legislation, and oil taxes.

**PTA REPORT**: no upcoming events

TRAFFIC: Tim Cassillas, committee chair, had a baby recently, no recent activity.

**ZONING**: An assembly report regarding the Title 21 rewrite should be released soon.

**FCC**: There was no meeting for the week of the 19th; Jeff Mittman resigned due to philosophical issues relating to community patrols and the patrols who are incorporated separately.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The Nominating Committee submitted the following report for consideration.

The following AHFF Officer slate was submitted:

President: Becky Kurtz, Vice President: Barbara Karl, Secretary/Treasurer: John Whitlock, At Large E-Board: Dawn Scott, At-Large E-Board: Timothy Kacillas. There was a motion made to approve the submitted slate, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**SITKA PARK SKATE PARK:** Josh Duran with Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department discussed ideas for a skate park addition to Sitka Park. A community VIP group (very important park group) developed the idea of a skate park addition. Mr. Duran presented two conceptual designs. For one of these designs to become a reality, the parks department would have to obtain the support of the community councils and the Municipal Parks and Recreation Commission. There was a motion made to approve a resolution supporting option one. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Fairview CC has passed a resolution in favor of conceptual design one as well.

**DEBARR ROAD RESURFACING:** A DOT representative gave an update on Debarr Road resurfacing – 10 million dollars to replace pavement, signs, striping, and curve ramps. The <u>current status of the project</u>: environmental document approved – have started to send letters and offers to adjacent property owners for temporary construction easements on their property.

**BLOOD BANK RESOLUTION**: The blood bank has asked for formal support from the AHCC – Ms. Kurtz will follow up on traffic concerns expressed by council members. TABLED.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** 1) Dawn Scott discussed alley trash pickup services – she discussed the history of the issue in our neighborhood and talked about the possibility of reinstatement of alley trash pickup service, contact President Kurtz if you are interested in this effort; 2) Code enforcement issues relating to alleys was discussed. The member was referred to the MOA Zoning Enforcement Department for assistance, they will be presenting to one of our future meetings as well.

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