

AHCC meeting minutes
September 18, 2025

Attendees:

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller
Larry Hayden
Dave Gardner
Zac
Carolyn Ramsey
Paige
Margo Bellamy (school board rep)
Eric
Karl Reiche
Kate Yenik
Sheri Whitethorn
Brita Mjos
Rayette Sterling
John Whitlock
Emily Becker
Amber Morris
Andy Erickson
Tamara and Eric McCoy

Guests:

Jon Isaacs - Turnagain CC
Brad Neugebauer - Sand Lake CC
Daniel McKenna-Foster - MOA Planning Dept
Felix Rivera - Assembly
Rachel Penney - Airport Heights Elementary School
Katy Giorgio - staff to Rep. Mina

Approval of agenda: motion Carolyn, second Margo.

Elected officials' reports:

- **Katy for Rep Mina:** Discussed the BSA increase and legislative override of the Governor's veto during the special session in August; an increment to the budget for behavioral health supports; veto override of Senate Bill 183 so that the Dunleavy Administration Department of Revenue will comply with the state auditor; working with Department of Health on SNAP and Medicaid issues related to federal bills and the Rural Health Transformation Fund. Question about broad-based categorical eligibility and the state website being up to date.
- **Assembly Member Rivera:** Homelessness abatement and clean up actions, greenbelt especially - use AncWorks to report; new contracts approved for shelters that will be smaller and not just in the winter; tax proposal on short-term rentals and a sales tax.

Questions about different types of homeless camps, services offered to people when abated, and locations of camps.

- **School Board Member Bellamy:** welcome new principal at Airport Heights Elementary; new cell phone policy for classrooms; funding and retirement for teachers as legislative priorities; Accelerator program and rightsizing/consolidating to give kids more services; bargaining with AEA; new ASD website; parent-teacher conferences in October; volunteer with ASD. Question about the cell phone policy implementation across schools.
- **PTA - Kate Yenik:** 70th Annual Halloween carnival October 25th (oldest carnival in Anchorage), major fundraiser to pay for field trips and ice rink; volunteer form for ASD; Friday Night Lights at the skating rink; donate to PTA.

Airport Heights Elementary School update - Principal Penney: In the district for 12 years as special education teacher, teacher expert, assistant principal prior; beginning of the year assessments and master schedule for holistic academic approach; Family night October 16th; attendance initiative; fundraising; Question about gardening activities and involving the students.

Transit Supportive Development Overlay (TSDO) - Daniel McKenna-Foster: Implementing adopted plans; allowing new types of focused development to increase density and missing middle housing in central parts of Anchorage where infrastructure and services are already available; based on 2040 Land Use Map; in addition to the multifamily tax incentive bonus area the Assembly approved earlier this year; more restrictive code in 2014 impacted development; Mat-Su has seen an increase in residents; examples of what TSDO could look like; Right-of-Way Management Study coming up to discuss parking; going to Planning and Zoning Commission October 6 and then to Assembly. Questions/discussion about height restriction (35-45 feet, down from 75 originally), setbacks (none in current proposal), parking (Right-of-Way study), emergency access in winter, transit access for the neighborhood, concern about speeding, changing zoning across the entire Anchorage Bowl, tax abatement for 8 units or more, more public involvement.

Move to extend meeting until 9:15 (made at 8:55pm): moved by John, seconded by Andy

Board Elections - Amber Morris: Community Council elections will be in October (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, 2 at-large members). Reach out to Amber Morris, Nominating committee (907-351-2762, akamber@ak.net)

FCC update: no update.

Community concerns:

- Tamara and Eric - concerns about speeding drivers on 17th and Logan; parking challenges with bakery customers; request for residential parking permits
- Zac - concerns about speeding drivers on Lake Otis Pkwy; request to turn it back into a 2-lane residential street
- Andy - concern about the trash cans at Tikishla not being ADA compliant
- Rayette - Mountain View Library events, including 15th year celebration

Adjourn: moved by Carolyn, seconded Andy, adjourned at 9:07pm