

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Carolyn Ramsey

Quorum: Present

A motion was made by Dick Snyder and seconded by Mark Sabel to accept the September agenda and approve the May minutes. There was no objection.

Fire Station 3: No Report.

PTA: Carla Burkhead, the PTA's liaison to the council reported on the following: 1) A goal this year for the school is to help students change the narrative about behavior with approaches informed by neuroscience; 2) A STEM emphasis is being adopted for the coming year; 3) The PTA maintains the ice rink to the tune of about \$4,500 a year. The PTA is in the process of polling the community to gauge the level of community use; 4) A new girl scout troop leader is being sought – please contact Molly if you are interested or go to www.girlscouts.org.

School Board: Kathleen Plunkett gave a report to the council. She discussed a [bus barn transfer](#) that should be of no cost to the MOA tax payers.

Assembly Report: *Assemblyman Traini* discussed: 1) A [mold ordinance](#) put forth by Assemblyman Croft (there are questions of how this will be enforced); 2) He discussed an ordinance permitting the executive to notify the assembly of any [suspensions of executive branch employees](#); 3) An ambulance ordinance will be introduced in October; 4) This upcoming April Election will be the first time the MOA will use the [vote by mail](#) method. *Assemblyman Rivera* discussed: 1) an ordinance to rename the Port of Anchorage to the Port of Alaska; 2) He has introduced an ordinance relating to bear proof trash cans and waiver of fees associated with bear proof carts; 3) A handout was distributed regarding draft regulations for onsite marijuana consumption.

Legislative Report: Rep. Geran Tarr discussed ideas for SB 91 reform and provided the council with a handout highlighting reform efforts. Rep. Tarr also discussed [rape kit reform](#) meant to address the backlog of close to 3,000 untested kits.

FCC Report: FCC Delegate Penn discussed a program called "[give real change, not spare change](#)" related to panhandling. Ms. Penn also provided an update on marijuana facility licensing in Anchorage. There are 105 facilities in various stages of the licensing process there are none of these facilities in our community council area.

Resolution 2017-3 and Presentation by Alaska Fish and Game (re Bear Safety): Elizabeth and Corey with AK Fish and Game gave a presentation on bear safety. Here are some of the highlights: 1) Relocating bears does not work – it is expensive and simply moves problems to another area; 2) If we can secure the trash, we can stop the bears – do not leave unsecured trash laying around; 3) If you own chickens – get an electric fence – you can get electric fences from the fence emporium or from AK Mill and Feed; 4) Anytime you see a brown bear – please notify fish and game; 5) If you see a black bear in the trash – notify fish and game. If black bears are not digging in trash and simply walking through the neighborhood, enjoy them 😊

Earlier in the summer, the Airport Heights Community Council E-board passes a resolution endorsing the installation of bear proof cans in the area.

Historic Preservation Plan: Kristine Bunnell, Sr. Planner with the MOA, discussed the draft portion of the Airport Heights section of the Historic Preservation Plan. There will be an opportunity to comment on the draft plan in December. A copy of the draft Airport Heights section can be provided upon request.

Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan – Assembly Hearing on 9/26/17: Ms. Bunnell talked about the public hearing relating to this plan. She also discussed other land use issues coming up including accessory dwelling units and R3A zoning districts (which would help achieve the goal of mixed use developments).

Appointment of Nominations Committee: Amber Morris, Dick Snyder, and Mark Sabel were appointed as the nominations committee; it was announced that anyone seeking to be on the AHCC executive board should contact one of these folks.

Community Concerns: 1) Juliana Bickerton discussed concerns relating to adverse possession at the end of 16th; 2) Larry Haden announced that on October 6, 2017 APU would be designated as a United Methodist Historic Site; 3) It was announced that Cyrano's is starting the process of allowing the community to select the color of their recently acquired facility in the neighborhood (they recently purchased the old Out North building); 4) There was mention of a neighbor's fence falling – avenues were discussed allowing for an affordable fix.