

**AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 19, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by President Barbara Karl

**Quorum:** Present.

A motion was made by Dick Snyder and seconded by Carolyn Ramsey to accept the October agenda and approve the September 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) Ms. Burkhead discussed the annual Halloween Carnival; 2) There is a presentation on ACES (the Adverse Childhood Experience Study) on 11-10-17 from 8:30-4:00 at the school; call 747-4550 to RSVP; 3) A poll was done on the hockey rink; the majority of the community is not using the rink, steps are being taken to get the word out on the rink and its functionality. There was a motion made to purchase fruit for the annual school Halloween carnival. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 12-0-0.

**School Board:** Dave Donley discussed an issue with school cost differentials (<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2017/10/31/anchorage-schools-stand-to-gain-with-updated-study-of-costs/>)

School Board member Kathleen Plunkett mentioned that the student count is down this year.

**Assembly Report:** Assemblyman Traini discussed the first work session on the budgets, the resolution to change the name from Port of Anchorage to Port of Alaska, and the proposed gasoline tax proposal (<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2017/11/07/anchorage-adopts-local-gasoline-tax-at-10-cents-a-gallon/>). Assemblyman Rivera discussed cuts to Lousacc Library funds, the recently implemented bus system, and a recent count in homelessness that helped in projecting the amount of beds needed for winter shelter.

**Legislative:** Representative Tarr discussed SB 54 – she specifically discussed reform ideas regarding C felonies and lack of jail time for 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders or “thieves.” Rep. Tarr also discussed taxation issues (Gov. Walker's promotion of a flat tax idea, and discussed progressive taxation). A staff member from Rep. Gara's office was present. Josh Spring with Senator Begich's office introduced himself; he will be doing a lot of constituent outreach – his number is 907-793-0087.

**Kristen Collins of the Alaska Center:** Ms. Collins presented a proposed ordinance that is coming before the PNZ Commission on January 8, 2017 relating to Stream Setbacks. After the presentation, Carolyn Ramsey made a motion to approve a conceptual resolution supporting the proposed ordinance; the motion was seconded by Geran Tarr and approved by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

**Update on Bear Resistant Trash Cans (Carolyn Ramsey):** An ordinance passed the assembly unanimously. Anyone can call to get a bear resistant trash can. There is talk of having door hangers distributed to educate the neighborhood.

**President's Report:** Discussed roof top greenhouses height issues before PNZ and R3A residential mixed-use zoning districts.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer Whitlock gave the finance report. We have a balance of \$1,006.61 in the bank. Expenses for the year: \$398.23. Revenues for the year: \$501.44.

**Nominations Committee Report:** President: Carolyn Ramsey; Vice President: Barbara Karl; Secretary/Treasurer: John Grover Whitlock; Members at Large: Teri Penn and Carla Burkhead. The slate of officers provided by the committee was approved by the council without objection.

**Community Concerns:** There was discussions about the gate at Tikishla park being closed. There is a gentleman named Mr. Jack who will be closing the gate at night; Mr. Jack is in the middle of recruiting a backup. The MOA opens the gate in the morning.