

**Airport Heights Community Council  
January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Ramsey. A quorum was present.

The agenda for the January meeting and minutes from the November meeting were accepted without objection.

**Fire Station 3 Update:** Barbara Karl gave an update on the Opticom light installation – she does not have any new information.

**Assembly/Legislative:** Assemblyman Felix Rivera discussed the alcohol tax approved by the assembly to go to voters in April. It will be a %5 tax with funds being used for public safety and homelessness. Assemblyman Rivera also mentioned the Anchored Home Plan - <https://anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/>. Assemblyman Traini also discussed the proposed alcohol tax and discussed the school bond (which will also include items relating to earthquake damage). Representative Tarr discussed some of her legislative priorities (minimum wage increase, food freedom, food security, and agriculture). Senator Begich discussed some of his legislative priorities (introduction of a companion minimum wage bill in the Senate – Rep. Tarr introduced the same bill in the house; Senator Begich also discussed an expungement bill and pre-k funding). Anchorage School board member Alicia Hilde discussed recent school board happenings (she discussed the establishment of an international baccalaureate program; February is “visit your schools month”; Ms. Hilde also discussed the budget – there are plans to cut positions, but not make any layoffs and the bond on the April ballot.

**PTA:** Carla Burkhead provided a PTA Report. The Winter Fun Night will be on February 8, 2018. The goal of the event is to raise \$1,500. There will be a skate-a-thon, a chili cookoff, and a cake auction. If you are interested in sponsoring a student for the skate-a-thon, you can stop by the office at the school.

**Climate Action Plan Update:** Chelsea provided a follow-up presentation on the presentation from November’s meeting. The steering committee is working on public involvement and is still working on a draft that should be done by the end of the month or early February. This plan is being created to adapt and mitigate effects of climate change in Anchorage.  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/AWARE/resilientanchorage/pages/climateactionplan.aspx>

**President’s Report:** 1) Earthquake claims are due on January 29, 2019 ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)); 2) SWS has come out with 32 gallon bear cans – a switch out is free of charge; 3) As a follow on our past discussion on the AMATS TIP and funding for a UMED Transportation Demand Management Study (TDMS), President Ramsey mentioned that the MOA will submit a request for information (RFI) to look into how much a TDMS will cost and that the AK Regional Hospital will be included in the study area.

**Solar Easements and Infill Housing Update – Tom Davis:** The R2 amendment was discussed – this would switch the 2.5 story construction limit to the overall bulk of the building. Ordinance would not change the amount of housing on a lot or height. A link to the literature regarding R-2 zones is enclosed. During this presentation, discussion ensued regarding development in the Eastridge/Sitka park area.

[https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Documents/Anch2040%20Implementation/Anch2040-Compatible-scale Infill Housing%20Community Discussion Draft.pdf](https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Documents/Anch2040%20Implementation/Anch2040-Compatible-scale%20Infill%20Housing%20Community%20Discussion%20Draft.pdf)

**FCC Report:** FCC Delegate Penn mentioned that the Anchorage Transportation Fair will be at the Alaska Airlines Center on February 6, 2018. FCC delegate Penn also mentioned that Jackie Patterson will be doing a community presentation at the Mountain View Public Library on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Alaska Community Action on Toxics:** Su Chon with the Alaska Community Action on Toxics made a presentation regarding an ordinance relating to organohalogen flame retardants – resolution 2019-01 entitled “A Resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council in Support of an Ordinance to Protect the Health of Children, Firefighters, and Families.” The final resolved clause of the resolved clause reads as follows: “NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council supports an ordinance to protect the health of our children, firefighters, and families by prohibiting the sale and distribution of children’s products and furniture that contain unsafe levels of organohalogen flame retardants.” Resolution 2019-01 was passed with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Geran Tarr also has submitted legislation relating to this issue (HB 27 – Children’s Fire Free Act).

**Community Concerns and Announcements:** 1) James Smallwood, Star Marsett, and Meg Zaltel addressed the body briefly regarding their candidacy public office (School Board and Assembly). 2) A representative from DOWL announced that a Midtown Congestion Relief open house on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February – more information can be found a [midtowncongestionrelief.com](http://midtowncongestionrelief.com). 3) Fire Island Bakery mentioned that the municipality is contesting their beer and wine license and that they are continuing to work with the MOA and the community on the issue. 4) Boy Scout Troop 214 was in attendance to observe a community meeting.