

## **Airport Heights Community Council February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Fire Station 3 Update:** Mr. Cameron from fire station 3 did not have an update on the Opticom light. President Ramsey asked for #s related to call activity and planned on signing up for an appearance before the Anchorage Assembly on the issue. A motion was made for President Ramsey to appear before the assembly to represent the council's position on the Opticom light at Max Gruenberg Fire Station #3 – there was no objection.

**Assembly/Legislative:** Assemblyman Rivera Discussed an ordinance regarding banning certain flame retardants; the bus barn moving to a location across the street from current location at MLK drive; discussed rezone for lower hillside to allow for higher density building; Mr. Rivera discussed the budget and finance committee meeting where reductions in Municipal Assistance, oil and gas property taxes, and Medicaid were discussed. Assemblyman Traini discussed the Anchorage Caucus holding meetings in Anchorage and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Traini also discussed the Alcohol tax proposal on the April ballot. Representative Tarr discussed her committee assignments and her work on rape kit reform. Senator Begich's office discussed upcoming constituent meetings and listening sessions. School Board Member Alicia Hilde discussed the upcoming school bond with the council.

**PTA:** PTA President Burkhead discussed the winter carnival (they raised \$1,500 of the \$1,700 goal). Ms. Burkhead discussed the importance of supporting out local school.

**Principal Mike Webb:** Airport Heights Elementary School Principal Mike Webb. Principal Webb discussed gains in student proficiency since 2015 and shared stats and charts with the council.

**Anchorage Tomorrow (John Pekar):** John Pekar with Anchorage Tomorrow gave a brief overview of the bond propositions on April's ballot.

**United Way (Arianne):** Arianne, a representative from the United Way, discussed community volunteer opportunities in local schools. If you are interested in these opportunities, you can go to [www.bethechange907.org](http://www.bethechange907.org)

**President's Report:** Announced that the alcohol license for Yes! Bistro us up for renewal. An update regarding art on utility boxes around the neighborhood was given – out understanding is that everything minus electrical boxes are okay for use in art/painting projects.

**Congestion Relief Plan Resolution:** Resolution 2019-02 entitled "A Resolution of the Airport Heights Community Council in Support of the Undergrounding of the New Seward Highway as an Option for the Midtown Congestion Relief Plan" was approved by the council with a vote of 15 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

**FCC Report:** No report for this month.

**Alcohol Tax Presentation (George Martinez, Mayor's office):** George Martinez with the Mayor's office gave a brief presentation on the proposed Alcohol tax on April's ballot and answered question from the audience.

**Community Concerns and Announcements:** Margo Bellamy, candidate for school board, and Meg Zaletal, candidate for assembly, addressed the council and fielded questions. Rosa, a long time community member discussed her time in the community and the local school.