

Airport Heights Community Council March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Fire Station 3 Update: President Ramsey discussed her appearance request before the assembly regarding the opticom light at fire station 3. The station is working on logs of “near misses.” No one from the Muni Traffic Department attended the meeting.

Assembly/Legislative: Assemblyman Traini discussed the ordinance deregulating the taxi cab industry (<https://www.ktva.com/story/40167997/anchorage-assembly-considers-ordinance-ending-taxi-regulations>). Mr. Traini also discussed the state budget as it relates to revenue sharing, the taxation of oil companies, and the state budget’s impact on city taxes. Felix Rivera discussed recent discussions on assembly district reapportionment. Rep. Tarr’s and Senator Begich’s remarks were primarily related to the budget and the feedback they have been getting from the community. Alicia Hilde with the Anchorage School Board gave a report where she discussed the long term plan for the closed schools in Eagle River.

PTA: 1) The kindergarten roundup (early registration) will be happening on April 18, 2019; 2) Airport Heights Elementary is a pilot school for a sustainable food program (a NASA scientist will be a collaborator on this effort).

People Mover Update (Christine and Burt): Chistine and Burt with the Municipality came to give an update on the transit schedule reforms that went live this past October. They talked about public outreach efforts, and shared a recent transit report card (see link below):

[http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Documents/Transit%20on%20the%20M ove/System%20Report%20Card\(v2\).pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Documents/Transit%20on%20the%20M ove/System%20Report%20Card(v2).pdf)

Anchorage Midtown Market (Arthur Keyes): Arthur Keyes wanted to let the community know that the Anchorage Midtown Farmer’s Market will start on June 22, 2019 from 9am to 2pm at the BP building west parking lot. www.anchoragemidtownfarmersmarket.com. Mr. Keyes also engaged in a brief discussion about sustainable, local agriculture.

Alcohol Tax Presentation (AFACT): Members of Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together (AFACT) came before the board to lead a brief discussion on the alcohol tax on this April’s Ballot. www.anchoragefact.org.

Anchorage Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS): A representative from ACMHS addressed the council about services provided by ACMHS. The representative also talked about how there have been members of law enforcement who have been trained on how to work/deal with those they encounter with mental health issues. www.acmhs.com.

FCC Report: 1) CIP requests are due at the end of May; 2) www.muni.org/climateactionplan is a place you can go to read about climate action plan efforts.

Community Concerns and Announcements: John Whitlock gave an update on early picnic planning efforts. Parks Chair, Hope Meryn, discussed recent efforts regarding obtaining MOA approval of utility box artwork; Hope is taking photos of utility boxes around the neighborhood so she can obtain authorization for artwork on certain kinds of boxes.