

Airport Heights Community Council Minutes
October 17, 2019

President Carolyn Ramsey called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. A motion was made by Dick Snyder, seconded by Ed Brewer to accept the agenda for October and the minutes from September; there was no objection.

Report from APD: Officers Ostoloaza and Burns addressed our body to discuss public safety. They gave us a number to report junk and abandoned cars – 786-8830.

Assembly/Legislative Reports: Assembly member Zaletel made the following announcements: 1) Members Zaletel and Rivera will be doing a Monthly Update newsletter that will go out with the FCC agenda starting next month; 2) MOA Planning is redoing their website and is looking for public input; 3) The enterprise committee is discussing phase 2 of the planning phase for a storm water utility. The last work session on this topic discussed public engagement and obtaining a consultant¹; 4) Ideas relating to fire station shutdowns was discussed²; 5) Discussion of the operationalization of 1.2 million dollars for mobile action teams for the homeless was discussed. Member Rivera discussed the following: 1) There are two items that will be on the April ballot – on-site consumption of marijuana and the restructuring of the assembly; 2) SWS rate increases were discussed³; 3) Public testimony on the budget will occur on 10/22 and 11/5. November 19th is the state where budget amendments can be presented and a vote on the budget should occur. Senator Tom Begich discussed 1) The possibility of a special session on the dividend; 2) Mentioned that the governors’ budget should be out on December 15, 2019; 3) Sen. Begich’s pre-k legislation should be getting some traction in the senate this year and should see some significant movement. He is working with the executive branch on this legislation on issues relating to the inclusion of a reading component and intervention component. Jackie Boyer with Rep. Tarr’s office plugged a town hall on UA restructuring on the 28th from 2-7 at the Anchorage LIO.

PTA Report: It was mentioned that the Halloween Carnival should be happening on November 2, 2019. A motion was made by Barbara Karl and seconded by Dick Snyder to authorize the donation of \$50 for fruit. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Midtown Congestion Relief: Katie Conway with DOWL addressed the body to provide an update on the Midtown Congestion Relief project. Upcoming dates: October 28th will be a phase 2 screening workshop – October 30th a draft report is set to come out after the screening workshop – November 12th a final open house will be at the Lousacc Library from 3-7pm. More information can be found at <http://www.midtowncongestionrelief.com/>

¹ <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2019/10/16/berkowitz-administration-pursues-new-stormwater-utility-to-fix-citys-aging-pipes/>

² <https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Anchorage-2019-budget-4-million-short-fire-department-562561691.html>

³ <http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Pages/RateIncreases.aspx>

Presentation on Homelessness in Anchorage: Melissa Hernandez, community liaison with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness provided a power point presentation that discussed the causes of homelessness, affordable housing shortages, homelessness data, and the Anchored Home concept.

President's Report: President Ramsey provided a preview of the next meeting: 1) Steve Rafuse will provide an update on the Tikishla Park Master Plan; 2) Stephanie Mormilo, MOA traffic engineer, will provide an update on Fire Station 3 safety measures; 3) Another MOA employee will provide an update on traffic safety measures on Garden St. and Sunrise Dr. President Ramsey also mentioned a zoning issue before PNZ that would have to do with front porches and a proposed requirement that would require that they not be enclosed.

Treasurer's Report: John Whitlock reported a current balance of \$1,732.90. Expenses for the year included picnic costs that have yet to be reimbursed and \$100 that was approved for neighborhood art. Income included \$500 from the Blood Bank. John Whitlock will look into obtaining \$75 from the FCC to cover community counsel costs associated with community outreach.

CIP List Discussion: It was discussed at the meeting that a committee to look at the Airport Heights Community Council CIP list would be appointed. Chelsea Ward-Waller was mentioned as a possible member/chair of the committee.

Nominations Committee Report and Elections: Barbara Karl moved to postpone elections until next month. The motion was seconded by Kalen Saxton. The motion passed without objections.

FCC Report. The reopening of the Fish Creek Trail was mentioned. Walking trail maps and park maps published by the park foundation were also discussed and shared with the body by FCC Delegate Penn.

Community Concerns: Free flu shots are available at Airport Heights Elementary school on November 1st from 3-6.