



# Heights Herald



The Monthly Newsletter of the Airport Heights Community Council of Anchorage, Alaska

## MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 7-9 PM, AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,

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7 p.m.	Call to Order, administration notes, introductions (Chair)
7:05	Approval of minutes/agenda (Chair/Secretary)
7:10	Legislature
Presentations/ Reports	PTA
	Parks Committee
	Traffic Committee
7:20	Assembly Candidate Presentations Dick Traini, Elvi Grey-Jackson
7:40	Community concerns (3 minutes for any council member to speak on any community-related topic)
8:00	Recess
8:10	Municipal road, park, and facility bond proposals (Anchorage Tomorrow)
8:30	Nichols Park Improvements (Tamar Clarke, Elaine Pratt)
9:00	Adjourn

### **Mark Your Calendars—Annual Airport Heights Community Council Picnic is Saturday, June 14**

From 1:00 to 4:00, at Tikishla Park, 20th and Sunrise. Contact Jon at 279-5813 or Dawn at [ak.dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:ak.dawn@hotmail.com) if you wish to help with this effort. Spring is in the air, it is time to think about picnics!

### **Park Improvement Opportunities**

There are two efforts this spring to improve two of our council area parks!

The AHCC has received a challenge to raise match funds to provide badly needed upgrades for the Scotty Gomez Ice Rink at Tikishla Park (20th and Sunrise). You can contact Mark Houston at [houston.mark@gmail.com](mailto:houston.mark@gmail.com) or Jon at 279-5813 if you have an interest in contributing to this effort.

There is also an effort to enhance Nichols Park (16th and Rosemary, at the bottom of the Airport Heights bluff). You can contact Elaine Pratt at [qualsvc@alaska.net](mailto:qualsvc@alaska.net) or 274-1056. See the bottom of page 2 for some pictures of the clean-and-green at Nichols Park last summer.

There are many volunteer opportunities with both improvement efforts, including volunteer labor, fund raising, and more.

**F E B R U A R Y 2 1 , 2 0 0 8 M I N U T E S**

Substitute Chair Mark Fish convened the meeting at 7:05. Dick Snyder moved to postpone approving the January minutes until next month, the motion was seconded and passed. There were no additions to the agenda.

Representative Sharon Cissna's representative provided a handout regarding finance hearings in February. Sharon will be accepting constituent phone calls any Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. during the session at 1-800-922-3875.

There were no reports from the PTA or Traffic. A representative from Assemblyman Traini's office said he wishes to encourage our support for the upcoming school bond vote.

Elaine Pratt reported she and Tamar Clarke will attend a seminar on funding by the Anchorage Parks Foundation with an interest in Nichols Park updates.

Ray Amondson from Anchorage School District Facilities; Macon Roberts from the Anchorage School District Board; and Pat Rochina, a citizen and architect, each spoke to support for the April 1 school bond vote and answered questions.

Mark Houston discussed the Tikisha Park Scotty Gomez hockey rink grant opportunity. He has a cost estimate for items discussed at the last meeting from Corvus Design. He has donation envelopes from the Anchorage Parks Foundation that will direct donated dollars to the ice rink project. The grant application is due on March 21. The Parks Foundation is very interested in the proposed improvements to the rink so we are optimistic that with adequate support we can obtain the funds. Ideas for obtaining volunteers and dollars were brainstormed. If you are interested in becoming involved in helping with volunteer time, in-kind contributions of materials or labor, or direct donations to help the Airport Heights Community Council obtain required matching funds for this grant, please contact Mark Houston at [houston.mark@gmail.com](mailto:houston.mark@gmail.com) or Jon Spring at 279-5813.

Following a break, Daune Wyatt of Municipal Zoning Enforcement gave a presentation. She asked us to bring her concerns either individually or a by a complaint through the community council as a whole. Privacy of such submissions is guaranteed by Title 3. She said there were 17 cases opened in our council area last year, this year there have been 5 so far. Some of these are in properties in foreclosure, which makes zoning enforcement very difficult. She provided information on common code violations and a handout on the junk vehicle ordinance currently in existence. She said the newly proposed ordinances will not allow individuals to park vehicles on their front lawns (but they of course can still park in their driveways). She reported the cleanup at 1550 Columbine (the home of Snowzilla) was effected last summer, but her department remains vigilant at zoning enforcement and cleanup on this property.

She was asked by the council to look at the fence on the southeast corner of 20th and Lake Otis to evaluate if it is in the setback, as several felt it obstructed vision on this dangerous intersection. She was also asked to help cure the big snow berms on the alley between Sunrise and Columbine that block vision until the driver is nearly fully pulled out onto Debarr.

Daune said if you aren't sure where a complaint should go you should call her and she will help direct it to the appropriate destination. You can contact her at 343-8337 or [wyattde@muni.org](mailto:wyattde@muni.org).

During community concerns Mark Fish handed out a press release regarding HB282 in the Alaska Legislature which bans candidates for public office from serving on boards and commissions.

Dick Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Photo's from Nichols Park Clean-and-Green summer 2007—special thanks to Tamar Clarke for organizing this event!

