



Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 Presentations/Reports	Legislature Assembly PTA Parks Committee (including Tikishla Park security cameras) Traffic Committee
7:40	Parks and Recreation Parks Report Card (Teri Peters)
8:00	Recess
8:05	Bylaws Revisions (Barbara Karl)
8:40	Community concerns (3 minutes for any council member to speak on any community-related topic)
9:00	Adjourn (by motion)

Happy Holidays from the Airport Heights Community Council!

Bylaws Scheduled for Review and Revision at December 18 meeting

In accordance with AHCC bylaws requirements, you are being notified that bylaws changes will be considered at our December 18 meeting. You can see the current bylaws at our web site listed below. Changes being proposed are outlined below:

Article I Name: a technical change.

Article II: Update boundary description to conform to current boundaries of the council.

Article III Purpose: Expand to refer to the Anchorage Municipal Code provision regarding community councils, to state what the council is not, and to state it is non-partisan. Also to provide a list of actions that will maintain credibility of the council members and officers.

Article IV Membership: Changes to conform with Assembly Ordinance 2005-1 (S-1) requirement, last sentence added.

Article V Meetings; Quorum provision added.

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NOVEMBER 20, 2008 MINUTES

Chair Rebecca Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:00. It was decided to postpone approval of the October minutes until the December meeting.

Richard Benavides reported for Senator Betty Davis. You can contact her office at 269-1044. He said there is an ongoing investigation on gas prices in the state, initial findings are there is no price gouging. There are no laws in Alaska to cap such price increases such as exist in other states.

Representative Sharon Cissna reported there will be a meeting of the U-Med neighbors on Friday, January 16 at 3:00-5:30 at the UAA Rasmuson Hall (former the BEB building, parking is free on campus on Fridays). This forum will focus on how U-Med neighbors can use municipal resources to build a community crafted by its residents and will center around being the first "Green District" in the municipality. For details visit www.akhealthcaucus.org or call Representative Cissna's office at 269-0190.

David Theriault, the new staffer at Representative Les Gara's office, introduced himself and discussed the recent foster care studies and hearings. You can reach Representative Gara's office at 269-0106.

Elvi Gray-Jackson from the municipal assembly talked about the budget and amendments. She said the Alexander Avenue residents did a fine job of talking to the assembly members recently about their extensive problems with water drainage. She said it is in the capital budget and was expected to be approved on the following Tuesday. Elvi said the Administration and Assembly plan to seek State funding for the project, rather than financing it through bonds. Elvi said the advocates for this project should remain diligent and aggressive in talking to their legislators.

Allan Shayer of MOA Land Use Enforcement discussed using the municipal web site (www.muni.org/contents1/codeviol.cfm) to report code problems 24-hours-a-day. You can also check on progress of cases at this site. You can also call 343-4141, the code hotline; even if the issue is not one they can deal with they will help you find the right municipal staff to help you. He said all complaints are confidential by municipal law, up to and if there is discovery in court. He said the large amount of non-life or public health hazard issues are resolved within 10 days of sending out of the initial notice of violation.

Arnold Harder, PE, and John Pekar, PE, from Kinney Engineering, LLC, discussed the flooding problems along Penland Parkway around the Burger King on Northway Drive and Penland Parkway. The current goal is to identify the cause of flooding and ways to solve the problems, then they will design a solution. This will include pavement rehab between Northway Drive and Airport Heights. Following discussion, Jon Spring moved to send a letter to the Project Manager for the Penland Parkway project requesting a change to the scope as presented to the AHCC meeting to include examining landscaping, pedestrian improvements, sidewalks, bike lanes, cross walks, buses, and lighting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jon Spring reported that 2 months ago the council was asked to look at a possible traffic light at Sitka and 15th Avenue. A Traffic Signal Study was conducted by the Municipality and it was found this intersection did not meet any of the criteria for a traffic light. It was found that the bulk of accidents were westbound rear-ends when waiting to make a left turn from 15th onto Sitka. A possible solution is to install a west-bound left turn lane with 2 lanes of ongoing traffic, concerns are the this might encourage cut-through traffic and the expansion would require filling wetland area.

Whitey Geddes moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

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Article VI Voting: No change.

Article VII Officers: Clarify some duties of officers, provide for secretary-treasurer or president to monitor grants received by the council. Provide for filling officer vacancies.

Article VIII Executive Board: Technical changes and quorum provision added.

Article IX Committees: Technical changes. Term of appointment and provide that appointments expire at the October Annual Meeting.

Article X: Entirely new. Provides for the organization of the Airport Heights Community Builders once Rules of Operation are adopted.

Article XI Finances. Change to conform with Assembly Ordinance 2005-1(S-1) requirement regarding voluntary gifts, grants, etc. Provide a mechanism for requiring council review and approval of fundraising and grant seeking activities of a committee of the council. Provide for the council to contract with another legal entity to administer grants received by the council.

Article XII Amendments: Clarify and update how bylaws can be changed and to allow for electronic notification of any such changes.