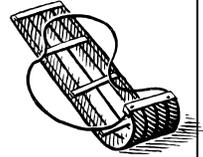




Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009 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
Federation of Community Councils |
| 8:00 | Recess |
| 8:05 | 16th Avenue Traffic Calming (Bob Kniefel, MOA Traffic Dept.) |
| 8:45 | Community concerns (3 minutes for any council member to speak on any community-related topic) |
| 9:00 | Adjourn (by motion) |

You can watch the Anchorage Assembly from the comforts of your home!

If you subscribe to GCI cable television, you can watch Channel 10 for live broadcasts of the assembly and other public meetings. Such "free" cable TV channels are made available as part of an agreement that GCI made with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) when fiber-optic cable lines were buried in the community's easements.

The broadcast and satellite (dish) TV industries do not use these buried cables, so they are not obligated to provide these community broadcast services; you will not be able to watch the assembly if you obtain television signal from those services. It would be very costly (a minimum of about \$45,000 per 1-hour of broadcast) for the Municipality to purchase such broadcast on these other non-GCI cable services.

However, there are two other opportunities for viewing assembly meetings:

- (1) you can watch it "live" or whenever you want on www.muni.org/assembly. (Click on "Live & Archived Video Feed"); or
- (2) You can view it at the Loussac Public Library's Media section on the 4th floor.

(Thanks to Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson for providing this information.)

DECEMBER 18, 2008 MINUTES

Chair Rebecca Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:00. Dick Snider moved to approve the October meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and passed. Dick Snider moved to approve the November meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and approved. Barbara Karl moved to approve the agenda, there being no changes, and the motion was seconded and passed.

State Representative Sharon Cissna reported on an "Innovations in Health Access: Prevention and Treatment" community discussion on December 30 at the Loussac Library. A U-Med Neighbor Meeting is schedule for 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 16, at UAA's Rasmuson Hall (the newer, green building housing the business programs). The meeting goal is to develop environmentally friend assets that ensure sustainable U-Med neighborhood lifestyles, focusing on ways to improve transportation, energy efficiency, weatherization, and recycling. For more information contact Sharon's office at 269-0190 or email rep.sharon.cissna@legis.state.ak.us. Sid Atwood also reported on an exciting investigation on using wasted steam from the Glenn Highway power plant to heat the UAA campus.

Richard Benevides from Senator Betty Davis' office discussed Denali Kid Care and a preference that folks with 250% of federal poverty level would be eligible, up from the currently recommended 200%. He said many would prefer that the temporary Health Commission would be permanent, to assure continuous study of changes as they happen, and that a nurse and dentist representative would be added to the commission. He encouraged individuals to phone the Senator's office at 269-1044 with concerns and comments, and invited year-round suggestions for capital improvement projects (CIP's).

David Theriault of State Representative Les Gara's office discussed the discussion on price gouging laws specifically related to gasoline, similar to those which already exist for other utilities. Their office number is 269-0106 and they would also be interested in your ideas for CIP's.

Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson reported two union contracts were recently approved, both with wage re-openers. She reported the assembly passed an ordinance that animal care fees do not have to be paid if a pet is adopted from a shelter. The Umed district received federal funds for improvements for passenger boarding pads and amenities and crosswalks.

Sid Atwood reported he had received a bid from Alcan for placing the security cameras at Tikishla Park. This will include making the video web accessible for anyone with an Internet connection to view. Treasurer Dawn Scott will check with the Anchorage Parks Foundation as to whether the Scotty Gomez Rink improvement dollars are available to pay for the expenses for this project or if the dollars should come from other grants that the community council has available.

Teri Peters from the Northeast Parks and Recreation district reported on the Parks Report Card project conducted earlier this year. She provided information on Tikishla and Sitka parks reports. The report is online at <http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/ReportCardParkProfiles.htm> She noted that Sitka park comments included concerns about unsafe activities. Dawn Scott said she was surprised that similar comments were not made for Tikishla Park, as the community council has heard several reports of visible drug dealing occurring in that park.

Barbara Karl discussed several proposed changes to the bylaws, many of them to bring our bylaws into conformance with municipal ordinances. A list of the changes had been sent via email the last two months, but the November newsletter was not mailed by the FCC to those without emails. Dick Snider moved to address the bylaws this evening, Mark Fish provided the second and the motion passed. A copy of the changes were provided to the meeting attendees and discussed. Dick Snider moved to approve the bylaw changes as submitted, Sid Atwood provided the second. The vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

Rebecca Kurtz reported during the community comment period that Russian Jack Community Council wishes to discuss the Russian Jack golf course changes at a future meeting. Sharon Cissna encouraged high-risk children who live near the park be included in the golfing program, currently participants are brought in from south Anchorage. Sharon Cissna suggested having post cards at meetings for attendees to address and send their comments on topics of interest. Chairperson Kurtz said she would research having a discussion on the golf course at a future meeting. The MOA's stop order on Snowzilla on Columbine Street was discussed but no motion was made.

Dick Snider moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.