



# Heights Herald



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

## MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 , 2009 7-9 PM, AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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| 7 p.m.                     | Call to Order, administration notes, establish quorum, introductions (VP)   |
| 7:05                       | Approval of Minutes & Agenda (VP)   |
| 7:10 Presentations/Reports | AHCC Treasury<br>State Legislature<br>Municipal Assembly<br>Airport Heights Elementary School PTA<br>Parks Committee<br>Traffic Committee<br>Federation of Community Councils |
| 7:40                       | Anchorage Bicycle Plan  |
| 8:00                       | Recess  |
| 8:10                       | Nichols Park Improvements/Grant—Final Report (Elaine Pratt)   |
| 8:30                       | Community Concerns (3 minutes for any council member to speak to neighborhood issues and concerns.)   |
| 9:00                       | Adjourn (by motion)   |

### Stay Informed, Stay Safe

Visit <http://crimemap.muni.org/> for daily crime statistics . Type in your address & click the magnifying glass, a red arrow shows your location and you can observe the crimes in your area. Magnify a bit using the + gauge at left. A key to symbols on each crime are on the right, or single click on a symbol and a short description of the location and crime will pop up. Change date as desired to walk back in history.

Did the above info concern you? Please consider asking the Neighborhood Crime Watch folks to help you become safer in your homes and streets. They have recently made it much easier to participate in the program, and you define your watch area to make it even easier to get both street signs and house decals. Their program is truly effective at preventing crimes. Call 786-8585 or visit <http://www.muni.org/Departments/police/NCW/Pages/WhatIsNCW.aspx> for details. The community council hopes to hear about your efforts and concerns with this and other issues. Visit the web site below for executive board contact info, come to a meeting, or call Jon at 279-5813.

**M A Y 2 1 , 2 0 0 9 M I N U T E S**

The meeting was called to order by President Kurtz at 7:00 p.m. Dick Snyder moved to approve the minutes for the April meeting, the motion was second and passed. Treasurer Dawn Scott reported there was \$138 in the council treasury. Exact amounts for the two State grants being managed by the Federation of Community Councils were not available; there is approximately \$6,000 remaining from those grants that the council should focus on using in the upcoming council year.

State Representative Gara's office reported Governor Palin has rejected energy dollars from the federal stimulus dollars. Barbara Karl moved that the AHCC notify the governor that the council urges her to accept the energy stimulus funds for the state of Alaska because of high energy costs. The motion was seconded and passed.

A report from Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson provided a report. She encouraged the Alexander Condo owners to persevere, and said she was planning to set up a meeting with State Legislative Representatives and others to examine options for this problem. Discussion ensued on this issue. Jon Spring suggested a Community Development Block Grant might be available to help with the portion of a Road Improvement District that the owners would have to pay. Shelly Hennessy from the Alexander Condo Association asked that the project be retained on the Capital Improvement Projects list submitted by the AHCC, as it was last year. Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson said the CIP list is due June 16. Dick Snyder moved to recertify last year's CIP list. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elaine Pratt provided an update on the progress on the Nichols Park project and grant. She said the fence along 16th Avenue will remain for the time being. Discussion of possible improvements to the park in the second phase were discussed. A schedule for adding bollards and other improvements was provided. Jon Spring suggested the State grants held by the AHCC might be used to fund gates or cameras at Nichols Park.

Dawn Scott provided information on the upcoming AHCC picnic and solicited volunteers to help with handing out flyers and other picnic-related efforts.

Following a recess, Raeshaun Schmit of the Highway-to-Highway (H2H) program provided an update on the schedule for this project. Community concerns were taken. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**A U G U S T 2 8 , 2 0 0 9 E X E C U T I V E B O A R D M E E T I N G**

A special meeting was called during the summer session by Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson and neighbors living around the covered stairs at Nichols and 15th. Extensive testimony was taken on the difficulties with the stairs, including fights and confrontations, inebriates and gangs, fire bombing and assault of neighbors who try to quiet the noise and offenses on the stairs, and attempted assaults of stair users. The neighbors had collected a petition with signatures from 43 neighbors asking to remove the stairs. Just removing the roof was discussed but this would create a serious winter hazard and liability. The executive board considered this a health and safety issue that needed immediate action. A motion was made by Dawn Scott and seconded by Barbara Karl to ask the municipality to remove the stairs. The motion passed and was forwarded to Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson. The new Municipal maintenance director, Greg Jones, is reported to be "sensitive to the issue and is going to find the funds (estimated at \$20,000) and/or a cheaper way to make this happen." No further details were available at the time this newsletter was published.