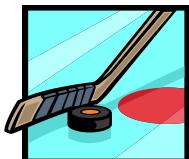




Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 7-9 PM, AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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7 p.m.	Call to Order, administration notes, establish quorum, introductions (Chair)
7:05	Approval of Minutes & Agenda (Chair/Secretary)
7:10 Presentations/Reports	AHCC Treasury Municipal Assembly State Legislature Airport Heights Elementary School PTA Parks Committee Traffic Committee (Penland Parkway Design Study Report) Federation of Community Councils
7:40	Neighbor Works Housing Proposal (Brian Shelton-Kelly)
7:55	Recess
8:00	Solid Waste Services Refuse and Recycling Pickup (Mark Madden, Director)
8:25	Nichols Park Improvement (final report) (Elaine Pratt)
8:40	18th Avenue Montessori School/Friendship Church purchase (Michael Baffrey)
8:50	Community Concerns (3 minutes for any council member to speak to neighborhood issues and concerns.)
9:00	Adjourn (by motion)

Resolution 2009-1 below passed unanimously at the October AHCC Meeting:

WHEREAS, we place a high value on the quality of life in our neighborhood, including Eastridge's peaceful, natural setting in a central midtown location.

WHEREAS, the 15th Avenue Alternate route would invade the 'quiet zone' of the Alaska Regional Hospital as well as adjacent neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, the 15th Avenue Alternate route would destroy Sitka Park and its natural habitat as a wildlife corridor including a known flyway for migratory waterfowl that is open all year round and anadromous streams, along with the bike trail which is enjoyed not by just the Airport Heights Community Council residents, but by the entire city all year long; and further, that most residents, including many retirees, have chosen to purchase a home in the Eastridge area in pursuit of these location amenities.

WHEREAS the 15th avenue alternative introduces safety concerns regarding Merrill Field air and pedestrian traffic.

WHEREAS, we are opposed to any alternatives that destroy the quality of life and integrity of any existing neighborhoods.

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O C T O B E R 1 5 , 2 0 0 9 M I N U T E S

Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Scott convened the meeting at 7:02 pm. The September 2009 minutes were approved unanimously. Michael Hulzman, Director of Out North Theater, made a brief presentation on the theater and its community based arts program.

A motion was made by Dick Snyder and seconded to amend the agenda, moving the H2H (Highway to Highway) discussion to the beginning of the meeting. Motion to further amend the agenda by eliminating the recess was made by Barbara Riley and seconded. Both motions carried.

Representative from the Airport Heights Fire Station reminded neighbors to check smoke detectors and batteries, especially in this season when furnaces and fireplaces are being restarted from the warmer months. Fire Station #3 will move into the training center for temporary housing while the current fire station is torn down and new one built.

State Senator Johnny Ellis and Anchorage Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson gave opening comments on the Highway to Highway system, indicating they did not support any alternative that would harm a neighborhood.

A resolution had been prepared to address the Highway-to-Highway alternatives, especially focusing on the 15th Avenue Alternative that would cross by the hospital, through the edge of Eastridge, and directly across Sitka Park and the trail and creek system. After extensive discussion and several amendments a resolution was passed. (Minutes with details of the changes are available on our web site at www.communitycouncils.org, Airport Heights CC, or request them from Dawn at 223-4001; Resolution 2009-1 that was passed is included in this newsletter.)

Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson said the covered stairway between Norene and Nichols will be torn down on Monday, per her discussion at the September meeting and information in the AHCC newsletter.

Chet Harris asked that we have a discussion regarding the area pickup for trash. Mark Madden of Solid Waste Services attended this meeting in hopes of speaking, but due to limited time on the agenda agreed to attend the November meeting for further discussion on trash pickup.

Don Burrell, Jr., of State Senator Bettye Davis' office spoke on a November 3 hearing on health and social issues. State Representative Sharon Cissna provided comments on current legislation and the U-Med District.

A presentation was made by John Peker of Kinny Engineering on the Penland Parkway Drainage and Service Rehabilitation project. The purpose of the project is to address and reduce the frequency of flooding on Penland Parkway.

Shirley Iverson moved to extend the meeting to 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dick Snyder provided a Nominating Committee Report, John and Carol Larson were other committee members. The current board has agreed to serve again. Rebecca Kurtz as President, Jon Spring as Vice President, Dawn Scott as Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Karl as member at large constituted the slate of officers. Additional position of member at large remains vacant. Call for nominations from the floor. Nomination of Sid Atwood for member at large. Dick Snyder made a motion to accept the slate as read. Seconded by Sharon Cissna. Motion carried.

Ray Ward identified a house on E. 19th which he believes is a drug house. He is asking for a community effort to help rid the neighborhood of this drug house. Dawn Scott said the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program is scheduled to be cut due to Municipal budget concerns and encouraged individuals to let their leaders know if they want to retain this program.

Chet Harris observed that alley pickup for trash is no longer being made. Mark Madden of Solid Waste Services will be on the November agenda to address refuse and recycling issues.

Sid Atwood said security cameras are hooked up at the ice rink and work continues on getting the video accessible from the Internet.

Chet Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dick Snyder. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Resolution 2009-1 (continued from page 1)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Airport Heights Community council requests of the H2H project that they eliminate proposed alternatives that destroy the quality of life and natural healthy settings in any of Anchorage's existing communities, and,

IT THEREFORE BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council requests of the H2H project that they support solutions to address land use patterns and various transportation alternatives that protect and enhance existing community stability, such as in the community of Eastridge; and,

IT THEREFORE BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council submit this Resolution to the H2H Project as its formal public comments on the Project, opposing the 15th Avenue Alternative in the strongest of possible terms.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council this 15th day of October