



Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010 7-9 PM, AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

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7 p.m.	Call to Order, administration notes, establish quorum, introductions (Chair) Approval of Minutes & Agenda (Chair/Secretary)
7:05 Presentations/Reports	AHCC Treasury Municipal Assembly State Legislature Airport Heights Elementary School PTA Parks Committee Traffic Committee Federation of Community Councils
7:30	Montessori Report—see links at http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/3.html for both final advisory council report and final report with Montessori comments. Copies of reports will also be available at the meeting.
8:00	Break
8:10	Montessori Report
8:50	Community Concerns (up to 3 minutes for any AHCC member)
9:00	Adjourn (by motion)

A G G R E S S I V E M O O S E H A Z A R D S

There are reports that moose in our neighborhood this year are particularly aggressive, even approaching individuals in a threatening manner. ADF&G is concerned that people may be feeding moose in our area. This is illegal and can result in penalties and jail because it is known to cause moose to become more aggressive in seeking continued handouts and even charging individuals. While people may think they are helping moose by feeding them, they are actually jeopardizing them, as aggressive moose can be shot to protect citizens. Moose can feed themselves, even in the winter, and thrive best on natural, wild foods. Please be careful when in the vicinity of moose, and do not feed them.

S I T K A & 1 5 T H A V E N U E L A N E A D D I T I O N

The State of Alaska is studying adding a turn lane onto Sitka from 15th Avenue. This would provide safer access for the Eastridge condo's and others using 15th/Debarr, and probably reduce some of the Eastridge traffic going through 20th and Lake Otis as well. This project is going to be discussed at a public meeting on April 12 from 4-6 pm at the DOT building (the upside down building), 4111 Aviation Avenue. Discussion will include where the land take to widen the road for this turn lane should come from. More info on the Airport Heights HSIP projects can be found at <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/dcstraffic/crhsip/airportHts.shtml>, then click the link to: "08CR7: 15th Avenue @ Sitka Street Channelization Improvements". Project Manager Kevin Jackson is very open to questions and comments. Comments should be submitted to Kevin and Environmental Manager Brian Elliott at kevin.jackson@alaska.gov, brian.elliott@alaska.gov. You can also contact Kevin at 269-0641.

MARCH 2010 MINUTES

Chair Becky Kurtz convened the meeting at 7:01. Dick Snyder moved to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There were no additions to the agenda.

The treasury has about \$24. The major use for these dollars is to fund food and supplies for the June picnic. We need for donations for the picnic. We solicit annual donations for the picnic from Costco, Sams, and Safeway, and welcome other donations. Businesses and elected officials are thanked on the flyer that goes to about 1,500 households for their donations if secured by late May. Contact Dawn Scott if you wish to help with donations or other aspects of the picnic, such as handing out flyers (223-4001).

There is about \$5,500 remaining in the State safety grants. These dollars are to be spent on efforts to increase public safety in our neighborhood. If you have ideas for such a project please contact a board member.

Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson reported Assembly activities. Shelly Hennessey, representing the East Thunderbird Condo Association and the Alexander Street neighbors, reported she and Elvi had visited Juneau to solicit support for funding for the Alexander Street sewer improvements in the capital improvements budget. She thanked Elvi and her neighbors, including Linda McLarin and Jack Fitzpatrick who were also at the meeting, for their help with this project. This project is included in Proposition #1 on the April 6 election. It was discussed that there should be a motion at our April meeting to ask the governor to leave the capital improvement budget item in for this item, as a motion at this meeting would be premature as the governor hasn't received the budget for approval yet.

Sid Atwood read a report from Representative Sharon Cissna.

There was no PTA report.

There was discussion that Representative Cissna may be seeking some State dollars for the Nichols Park project, but that was not confirmed. Chris Doucette reported on the Tikishla/Gomez video camera project. He indicated the cameras are not working now, but they were at one point. GCI repaired some cable that was ripped off the outer wall, but the Internet connection remains non-responsive. He suggested there should be a firewall router of a higher quality than is currently installed on the system and a battery backup and power cleaner which does not exist at all on the system. Walter Harmon of Cisco has offered to obtain a Cisco router for the project at his employee cost. Tom Bunger and Chris Doucette will install these devices. Jon Spring moved to authorize up to \$500 for capital purchases for a UPS and router for the Tikishla cameras. The motion was seconded and passed. Tom and Chris will work on scheduling a technical review of the communications systems with the vendors involved in the install.

Jacques Boutet from Anchorage tomorrow reviewed the various bond issues on the April 6 ballot and answered questions.

Under Community Concerns agenda item, Suzann Speckman expressed concern about moose behavior in our neighborhood. She and another were working on a car in their driveway on 20th recently and were approached aggressively by a moose. Moose are approaching houses and drooling, an indicator they are expecting food. Suzann talked with ADF&G about this. They say this may indicate people are feeding the moose, an illegal and dangerous activity, and if such aggressive moose activity continues they were have to have State Troopers shoot the offending moose. She asked that neighbors spread the word that feeding moose is dangerous to both our moose and human neighbors. Karen Walker suggested the municipality had been talking about appointing a "wildlife czar" position, and that Elizabeth Manning, a bear educator, might help with moose education as well.

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