



Heights Herald



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

MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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	Firefighters Picnic Report, door prize winners AHCC Treasury Municipal Assembly State Legislature Airport Heights Elementary School PTA Parks Committee (Tikishla cameras, Nichols Park Update) Traffic Committee (Lake Otis & 20th, Sitka St, Debarr/15th Ave) Federation of Community Councils
7:30	Elections: Nominating Committee
7:45	Alexander Street Drainage Issue Update
8:00	5-minute Break
8:05	Alexander Street Drainage Issue Update (continued)
8:20	Cybercrimes, presented by Anchorage Police Department
8:50	Community Concerns
9:00	Adjourn (by motion)

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MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY OPENING!

The library (120 Bragaw Street, on the side of the new elementary school) opens at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, but the grand opening is scheduled for September 25 from 10 to 2. Ribbon cutting from 10:30-11:30, story times on the hour, music and dance performances, kids activities, free food. The library offers movies, books, music, computers and more! Hope to see you at the grand opening. Maybe print a flyer from <http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/MVFlyer.pdf> to remind you and share with others?

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

Chair Becky Kurtz convened the meeting at 7:00, a quorum was established. Barbara Karl moved to approve the April minutes, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There were no changes to the agenda.

The treasury has \$40, plus \$5,500 in a State grant available for public safety.

Picnic plans were discussed. Vendors contributing either cash or door prizes included Northway Sams, Northway Safeway, Debarr Costco, Northway Mall, Home Depot, Office Max, Out North Theater, Triple A Chevron, Fred Meyers, Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson, and Red Robin.

Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson provided a report of Assembly actions and planned actions. State Representative Sharon Cissna provided a state legislature report.

Rebecca Kurtz reported underground of utilities would occur on Oak Street and 20th this summer. Tom Spray encouraged concrete along the street be done better than along Sunrise. The 20th and Lake Otis intersection will probably be delayed until next year due to this project. The final solution for that intersection can be discussed at a meeting next Fall. It was suggested that reflectors be put on power poles near the roundabout on 16th.

There was no Federation of Community Councils Report.

Allan Shayer of Land Use Enforcement reported that he works on land use/zoning regulations and nuisance sections of the municipal code, including junk cars. Whitey Geddes said he had been told the department was complaint-oriented only, rather than proactively finding violations. Allan Shayer said they do proactive work as well. It was suggested that the community council can gather information and file complaints representing the community council. Allan said after they receive a junk car complaint they inspect within 10 days and give a 30-day time period to repair junk cars, but try to work with parties before they tow as they don't want to take away a vehicle that would cripple a family's livelihood.

Natasha Welch of the Anchorage Crime Watch discussed the crime watch program. She can give presentations that include crime prevention, crime maps, safety and security gadgets and methods. As few as 2 houses can participate. Etching of valuables is no longer required, people are encouraged to take digital photos of serial numbers. There is significantly less crime in neighborhoods that participate in this program. She can be contacted at 786-8585.

Discussion ensued on the Capital Improvements Project list. Helen Howarth encouraged building a trail through north of Goose Lake, between Northern Lights and the bike trail, in part to disperse homeless camps in this area. Karen Walker said Sitka Park also has homeless people that cause residents not to use that area. She encouraged a bridge over Chester Creek at Sitka Park, Jon said this is in the bike plan. Karen also suggested improving the bridge from Sitka Park west. Barbara Karl moved to delete CIP item #8 referencing Highway-to-Highway from the CIP list, the motion was seconded and passed. Barbara Karl moved to remove Alexander Avenue from the CIP list subject to the governor not vetoing this line item in the budget. The motion was seconded and passed with 14 in favor, 1 no, and 2 abstentions. Shirley Iverson moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes, the motion was seconded and passed with no objections.

The source of the list was discussed. Jon Spring said we do not have a planning group but gather information from existing plans: roads are from the long-range transportation plan, pedestrian items are from the pedestrian plan. Whitey Geddes moved to move #11, the walkway at 16th to Nichols Park, to #1 under projects for street/drainage/sidewalks. ADA and legal liability for stairs was discussed, as well as right of way. The motion was seconded and passed with 12 in favor, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions. Shirley Iverson moved to extend the meeting for another 15 minutes, the motion was seconded and passed. It was decided following discussion that we would request an extension of the deadline to submit the CIP list and prepare a full list for consideration at our picnic and then submit a final, prioritized list from picnic input. Jon Spring suggested we need to start looking at the CIP list as early as January or February to ensure adequate input opportunities.

Dick Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., the motion was seconded and passed.