

Airport Heights Community Council
March 20, 2014 Minutes

Quorum: A quorum was present. The minutes from February and the agenda were unanimously approved.

Assembly: 1) Mr. Birch, Mr. Starr, and Ms. Demboski introduced an ordinance to move the April election to November effective in 2017. The Public hearing was held on February 25th and approved by a vote of 6-4 with one absent. 2) Rules Committee met and determined which recommendations from the Citizens' Task Force on Public Hearings could be codified and which would be implemented through policy. The draft ordinance was introduced at the January 14th meeting and the public hearing was opened at the January 28th meeting and continued to the meeting of February 11th. There was a substitute version that addressed some concerns, and at the February 11th meeting, after continued public hearing and one amendment brought forward by Ms. Johnston, the ordinance was approved. A copy can be found on line at www.muni.org. 3) The Assembly and Mayor endorsed First Lady Michele Obama's "Let's Move!" Initiative dedicated to solving the problem of childhood obesity. Anchorage now joined 400+ cities across the country who have committed to reaching the five goals. This effort is a move to raise a healthier generation of kids. More information can be found at <http://www.letsmove.gov/> 4) Ms. Gray-Jackson and Mr. Traini brought forward a resolution encouraging the Governor and Legislature to increase the Base Student Allocation and inflation proof the funding. The resolution was approved 10-1. 5) Ms. Gray-Jackson and Mr. Traini were in Juneau on February 27th and 28th along with three constituents to encourage support for capital projects within three community councils. We also encouraged support for other projects throughout the District. We met with 12 legislators within 1 ½ days.

Legislative Report (Geran Tarr): Rep. Tarr discussed her recent legislative efforts including Erin's law (Erin Murry, the person who the legislation is named after will be visiting the legislature). Rep. Tarr also discussed her support of promoting AK grown products, children's mental health first aid, and felons being allowed to receive food stamps after a certain number of years post conviction.

NextDoor.com: Mr. Bruce Rowe discussed a community social networking site called www.nextdoor.com. He learned about this site through a 20/20 special and helped get our community set up on the site.

Fantasies on 5th: A motion instructing the president to write a letter opposing the liquor license renewal of Fantasies on 5th was rejected by a vote of 6-7.

H.B. 317: Jessica Ullrich, a parent who has children enrolled in the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, discussed H.B. 317 "An Act relating to official traffic-control devices at school and in school zones." Carolyn Ramsey moved to instruct the president to write a letter in support of H.B. 317 – the motion was seconded by Sharon Cissna – the motion passed unanimously.

FCC: The community council archiving project at the consortium library was discussed.