

**AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2015 MINUTES**

President Barbara Karl called the meeting to order at 7pm

QUORUM: There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Carolyn Ramsey and seconded by Sharron Harris to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Carolyn Ramsey and seconded by Thomas Wilson to approve the January minutes. Both motions were passed with no objections.

ASSEMBLY REPORT: 1) At the 1/27/15 meeting, the assembly approved an ordinance prohibiting the use of marijuana in public places in the same manner as alcohol is prohibited with a \$100 fine. 2) Chairman Traini and members Demboski and Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to provide a real property tax exemption for privately owned real property rented or leased for use as a charter school. Two hearings were held and the ordinance was approved at the 2/3/15 meeting with revisions to ensure that the charter school reaps the benefits of the exemption. 3) A public hearing was held on 2/17/15 to prohibit the extraction of THC or any cannabinoid by use of materials or methods deemed dangerous to public health or safety and was continued to a special meeting on 2/23/15. 4) The assembly held two work sessions on 2/13/15 to receive a report on two SAP audits (the financial and human resource enterprise plan for the muni), one contracted by the administration and the other by the assembly. The assembly's contractor made recommendations on how to resolve the issues and stated that the project is salvageable but at a cost. A work session was scheduled for 2/27/15 to discuss additional funding requirements and the administration's plans for moving forward.

PTA: The winter fun night had a good turnout despite the weather and \$600 was raised. A swap meet is being planned for May 9, 2015, which will also celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the school. The PTA is asking for historical knowledge from neighbors and former students about the school. The PTA meets from 5:30 to 6:30 (right before our council meeting) – all community members are welcome.

FIRE STATION 3: Plans for the new station are 100% complete. Bids requested March 24, opened 30 days later, groundbreaking expected two weeks later. Completion is expected within a year. AHCC will be working on traffic issues on Bragaw with the station and the charter school.

FCC MEETING REPORT: Sharon Cissna reported that concerns were expressed regarding safety surrounding the recent marijuana legalization, the funding of our schools, and park land issues where lots are being used for other than intended purposes, which the municipality is not monitoring.

AIRPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REMODEL: President Karl submitted comments online on the final site and landscape plan that were approved by the executive committee as they were due before our meeting. Garret Burkner, with the architects and Calvin Mundt with ASD gave an update on the school remodel. Construction will occur in three phases: summer 2015, school year 2015-16, summer 2016. There will be a "relo village" so all students can stay on site, and a temporary kitchen in a classroom. A pre-proposal site walk-through will occur next Tuesday for contractors interested in bidding.

BLOOD BANK UPDATE: Mark Fineman and Tim Benintendi reported that the building is on schedule to be completed by the end of October with a grand opening probably early in 2016. The building is 57,000 square feet consisting of five parts: donor area, lab, warehouse, two garage bay for Bloodmobiles, and administrative offices. There is room for expansion. There will be 95-105 employees and with the lab, testing samples will be done on site instead of being sent outside. Public parking is off Airport Heights Drive.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 1) A coordinator is needed for the annual picnic. 2) Phase 2 of the Chester Creek Trail upgrade will happen this summer. 3) Next year the council will meet at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 18th Avenue due to the school remodel construction. 4) There will be channelization improvements done on Bragaw at 16th this summer.

ZONING ISSUES: Valley of the Moon Park Master Plan will include a dog park and increase the size of the community gardens. Council comments are due by March 16. No formal action was taken but no concerns were expressed.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Julie Harvey, Office of Emergency Management gave a presentation and provided informational handouts. She stated that we should all be prepared for a disaster (wind, earthquake, fire, etc.) as there will be one at some point in our lives.