

**JANUARY 21, 2016 MINUTES
AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

President Barbara Karl called the meeting to order at 7pm

QUORUM: There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Dick Snyder to approve the agenda and approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Teri Penn – there were no objections to passage.

ASSEMBLY REPORT: Dick Traini reported on the following: 1) [Waldron Lake was recently acquired](#) with state funding; 2) Title 23 reforms will be discussed at the next assembly meeting; 3) The next set of school bonds that come before the voters will be for maintenance and will not have state assistance; 4) Meetings about marijuana are upcoming regarding the topics of land use and dual licensing.

FIRE STATION 3 UPDATE: It was reported that the project is on budget and on time. Construction should wrap up on April 1, 2016 and the move should occur on May 1, 2016. Regarding the opticom light, wires were run, but a decision has not been made on installation.

PTA: A winter fun night is being planned for February 26, 2016 – skating will take place at Tikishla Park from 5:30pm – 6:30pm and a bake sale and band/orchestra performance is set to take place at the school from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

AHCB SAFETY PATROL: 1) Interested participants are in the process of going through training; 2) Production of car magnets AHCB Safety Patrol decals is moving forward; 3) FCC grant funds for community patrols will expire on 6/30/16.

LAND USE PLAN MAP: On January 19, 2016 a meeting was held between MOA Planning Staff (Jody Seitz, Kristine Bunnell, Tom Davis, and Hal Hart) and the AHCC E-board regarding the land use plan map project. The land use plan map project is to create a map to accompany the Anchorage comprehensive plan to assist in future community planning and land use decisions. This meeting between the MOA and the AHCC E-board served as a way for MOA staff to hear our community's views on future development issues and prepare us to comment on future drafts of the land use plan map. Issues discussed during the session included: potential development of Mental Health Trust land; Parkland rezoning from R1 to PLI; the possibility of Penland Park neighborhood redevelopment was discussed – low income/subsidized housing possibilities and the potential for CITC expansion and/or involvement in the area's future development were discussed specifically; the idea of the Northway Mall as a town center was discussed.

TRAFFIC CALMING: Recent developments on MOA traffic calming studies were discussed – A 2016 list of qualifying streets and streets that did not qualify for future traffic calming projects were distributed.

PARK REZONE REQUEST: Sharron Harris received an email from Tom Korosei with the parks department stating that Margaret O'Brien with the planning department is leading the rezoning effort. Mr. Korosei should be meeting with Ms. O'Brien to review the status of the rezoning proposals relating to parks in general and how to approach the process incrementally as to opposed rezoning all park land at once.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The UMED District Plan will be brought before the assembly for a public hearing. It was suggested by the President that AHCC board member-at-large Carolyn Ramsey should testify for the council. A motion was made by Betty Dickinson and seconded by Dick Snyder for Carolyn Ramsey to testify before the assembly on behalf of the Airport Heights Community Council at the public hearing on the UMED District Plan; there was no objection, motion passed.

SITKA ST. PARK UPDATE: Being that there is not enough money to go forward with the formally presented Skate Park concept, a more affordable climbing rock all has been proposed and is in the early planning stages. There is about \$51,000 available for the project. Maeve Nevins with the MOA Parks

Department presented diagrams as to what a climbing rock would look like in the park. A survey was distributed for council feedback. Ms. Nevins will come back next month with a more refined proposal.

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PICNIC: John Whitlock mentioned that it is never too late to start putting volunteers together. He urged anyone interested to contact him. It was also mentioned that the picnic should be held on the same day as the AK Women's run on June 11, 2016 (to be consistent with past tradition).

FCC REPORT: A written report was handed out by Ms. Cissna at the conclusion of the meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: Dick Snyder and Betty Dickenson reported on their experiences with neighborhood crime issues dealing with car theft and trespassing respectively.