

**AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2016 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 Dick Snyder and seconded by Teri Penn to approve the February minutes – the motion passed without objection. Another motion was made by Dick Snyder and seconded by Sharron Harris to approve the March agenda – this motion also passed without objection.

ASSEMBLY REPORT: The ASD budget will be brought before the assembly at the next meeting; Mr. Traini mentioned the MOA's purchase of another 1/3 share of the BRU gas field (this gives the utilities of Anchorage a larger share of the field and will result in cheaper gas since less gas will have to be purchased from third parties); this acquisition is still subject to RCA approval. Mr. Traini also discussed the recently proposed title 21 changes (<http://www.adn.com/article/20160321/mayor-neighborhoods-say-changes-are-happening-too-swiftly-development-law>)

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Sang Her (with Rep. Tarr's office) gave a report to the council. It was mentioned the Rep. Tarr is working on restoring some of the budget items that have been cut from the budget (Sr. benefits, education funding, university funding) through the committee process. Mr. Her also mentioned Rep. Tarr's emphasis on the reduction of food waste.

MAYOR'S OFFICE: Carla Burkhead (intern at the Mayor's office) gave a report: 1) She plugged the Berkowitz Bulletin (<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/BerkowitzBulletin/Pages/default.aspx>); 2) Mentioned study on JBER Drawdowns (<http://www.alaskapublic.org/2016/03/08/anchorage-studying-potential-impacts-of-jber-troop-reduction/>); 3) Discussed Vision Zero (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vision_Zero); 4) Youth art display in city hall; 5) Welcoming Anchorage (<http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/welcominganchorage/pages/default.aspx>).

AHCB SAFETY PATROL: Betty Dickenson, Kalen Saxton, and Chris K. have attended safety patrol meetings to discuss safety patrol matters. It was mentioned to have updated AHCB Safety Patrol information posted on the AHCC web page.

OFFICER NAVE w/ APD: Discussed police visibility in problem areas and discussed a crime survey that highlighted the following community concerns: 1) speeding and cutting through 20th and Airport Heights; 2) turns onto Eastridge; 3) Dog care concerns.

FIRE STATION 3 UPDATE: The new station is set to open on 1 June 2016; AHCC Board Member Carolyn Ramsey is on the naming committee.

ANCHORAGE TOMORROW: Eric with Anchorage Tomorrow stopped by to give a presentation of the Bonds on April's ballot. <https://www.facebook.com/anchoragetomorrow/>

AK REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Heather Plucinski (director of business development) discussed some recent developments with AK Regional Hospital: 1) They have purchased the Medicare clinic; 2) Added emergency room beds in Eagle River and South Anchorage will not happen due to a recent ruling made by DHSS Commissioner Davidson; 3) There will be a clinic added in Mt. View; 4) Hospital has undergone an \$85,000,000 remodel.

WAYFINDING PLAN UPDATE: Anna Shaw with the Anchorage Park's Foundation was not able to make it to provide an update on the neighborhood wayfinding icons. Our updated icons were unveiled – it was recommended that the mountains on the icons have jagged edges.

MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Radhika Krishna with the Mt. View Community Council discussed the Mountain View Neighborhood plan (<http://anchorageandtrust.org/mountain-view-neighborhood-plan/>). A motion was made and passed with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 against, and 4 abstentions to support the Mt. View Neighborhood Plan (Resolution 2016-01).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 1) The Sitka St. Park boulder design passed the Parks and Rec. Commission; 2) There will be a land use plan map open house on March 29, 2016.

ZONING: 1) Zoning Case #2016-0039 involving merging the Hillside and Mid-Hillside Community Councils was brought before the body; a motion was made by Carolyn Ramsey and seconded by John Whitlock to support this merger. The motion passed with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions; 2) The council chose not to take action on Zoning Case #2016-0034

DENNY'S LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: The local Denny's applied for a beer and wine license. After discussion among the body, a motion was made by Kalen Saxton and seconded by Sharon Cissna to not support the liquor license application. The motion passed by a vote of 8 in favor of opposition, 5 opposed to opposition, and 4 abstentions.

FCC REPORT: FCC Delegate Teri Penn gave a brief report on the 2/17 FCC meeting. One item that was discussed was the counsel Capital Improvement Project (CIP) lists and that each counsel needs to narrow their list down to two top projects.

COMMUNITY PICNIC: John Whitlock should be starting the fund raising process at the end of the month.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carolyn Ramsey mentioned that Starr Marsett is a good choice for school board. It was also mentioned that there have been reports made about people stealing boxes off of porches.