

Huffman O'Malley Community Council  
October 18, 2018  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 12310 Lorraine Rd.  
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1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m. by President Shirley Coté
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board Members Present:

- Shirley Coté –President
- Matt Burkholder
- Dave Hemstreet –Vice President
- Roger Mechon
- Christine Monette
- Susan Richards – Treasurer
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary
- Gretchen Stoddard

Absent-excused: Brad Coy, Katie Nolan, Brian Partch

4. Agenda – Approved as updated
5. Minutes
  1. Minutes for September, 2018 – APPROVED
  2. Minutes for September 2018 Executive Board meeting
6. Presentations
  1. Wendy Pondolfino – Principal, South Anchorage High School, present to hear and address noise concerns at South sporting events.
    - Discussion included concerns by neighbors of numbers and extents of events, some are all day. Especially in all day events neighbors strongly desired PA system use to be dramatically reduced. Neighbor expectations were:
      1. 4-6 events per year
      2. An event being 2-3 hours
      3. PA speakers to be aimed at field area to minimize noise in neighborhoods, and only during games.
    - Current usage:
      1. P+Z allows 10 events per year.
      2. Event is usually three games, and in a few cases is all day.
      3. PA loud, extends far into neighborhoods, and goes on all day in some events.
    - Principal Pondolfino listened to concerns and will look into whether speakers can be re-adjusted, and whether the school is conforming to all

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noise permits, including what defines an 'event'. She will attend the HOCC November meeting to continue the discussion.

2. Nancy Burke, Homeless and Housing Coordinator, MOA
  - Provided update on current situation in MOA, and muni plans. Mental health treatment is at a crisis situation in the muni, our adult behavioral health system is completely broken. Goal is to balance need vs supply for homeless and mental health services, we currently have a far greater need than supply. Trying to address supply, new housing will be coming soon, partially sponsored by the United Way. Those wishing to can provide input on the muni website on the muni homeless plan. There will be a meeting Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at the Loussac Library for community updates and input. Questions and Discussion followed.
3. Catherine Kemp, Special Assistant, MOA, Climate Action Plan
  - Worked with UAA to develop plan, can be found on muni website. Addresses both mitigation and reduction of greenhouse gases. Muni is seeing more ice vs snow in the winter, leading to higher road maintenance costs. Interested parties can sign up for newsletter to stay aware of meetings and provide feedback. Volunteers welcome. Goal to send plan to assembly in early 2019.

7. Political Representatives' Reports

a) Legislators

- Kari Nore for Senator Cathy Giessel
  - Priorities this session health care costs, including addressing the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile rule.
- Adam Lees for Assembly Member Suzanne LaFrance
  1. Stream setback passed unanimously with one amendment.
  2. Budget issues – spending all within budget but now need to deal with \$2 Million additional cost caused by problems switching to SAP. REQUEST CONSTITUENT FEEDBACK on priorities.
  3. Ordinance to sell MLP to Chugach Electric coming out – public comment open, two meetings planned Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Upcoming elections – not on-line or mail in this time.
  5. Health Policy committee –Concern with infectious diseases and increasing lack of vaccinations. 351 cases of mumps this year vs 1 last year, losing 'herd immunity'.

8. Continuing Business

- a) Treasurer's Report – Richards
- Bank balance –\$318.14

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• **Audit ready for review**

- b) Traffic Calming Report – no report
- c) Fundraising – No report
- d) Crime Statistics – No report
- e) Castle Group, Inc. development update – see new business.

9. Outside Organization Reports

- a) FCC – No report
- b) HALO (Home And Landowners Organization)– Monette reported
  - Candidate Forum Oct 4<sup>th</sup> went well
  - Monthly meetings held at Holy Spirit Center on O'Malley, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 7-9 pm, all welcome and encouraged to attend.

10. President's Report

- 1. Incoming Correspondence
  - DOT progress on Seward Highway work between O'Malley and Dimond.
  - Report that airport runway usage back to normal until next summer, when NS runway will be completely closed.
- 2. Outgoing Correspondence - None

11. New Business

- 1. Castle Group, Dennis Prendeville and Brenna Hughes of PND.
  - Presented replat of D1-A and D1-B that they will be sending to P+Z for approval. **S12396**. Changes include:
    - 1. New O'Malley construction
    - 2. Remove setback around a streambed that is no longer flowing
  - In the case of future development, an additional replat request will be submitted, this one with detailed development plan– likely 5 yrs or more in the future.
  - They intend to continue maintaining contact with concerned neighbors to best understand and attempt to mitigate potential problems.
  - Neighbors wish to stay engaged, Dennis committed to continue meeting with them.
  - Anyone wishing to comment can comment on line once the replat request is submitted, or send to PND now to be included in the replat request package.
- 2. David Jensen – P+Z replat case S12436.
  - Request for removal of Plat note #2 from Plat No. 92-44 which states, “Lots 1 and 2 are limited to 3 bedroom structures”

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- A 4 bedroom home has been on the site since 1992, and note on plat causes problems when additional permits needed. Requesting support or no objection from HOCC.
  - **MOTION** – Burkholder, Hemstreet 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Make comment of no objection to replat request. – Approved Unanimously.**
    - Action - Dave will submit comments
3. Resolution specifying concrete actions the Municipality should take now to stop illegal camping.
- Stoddard motion, Burkholder 2<sup>nd</sup>, to pass resolution as written. During discussion it was recognized that many of the recommendations are already being implemented, but that there was still value in passing as written, with the one change recommended to remove the words ‘particularly invasive species’ under #12
  - **Motion passed, 10 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions**
4. Resolution regarding need for improved communications from Municipal offices.
- After review of proposed resolution and discussion, concern that use of subjective terms such as ‘in a timely manner’, and ‘a reasonable amount of time’ unduly weakens resolution. **Burkholder motion to refer to committee, Stoddard 2<sup>nd</sup>, to wait to see final draft FCC currently working on to address the same issue. Approved unanimously.**
5. Solarize Anchorage
- Hemstreet summarized – Solarize Anchorage finished Phase I and looking at Phase II now. Company is soliciting interest in area neighborhoods, requesting 50 neighbors sign up to be considered for Phase II, sign-up sheets due in two weeks.

12. Open Forum

1. Rachel Pickel, Sr. at South High, looking for community support in her project to test the effectiveness of therapy dogs in classrooms. She plans to collect data to determine effectiveness of testing in a few classrooms. She provided contact information for feedback from community for use when she presents the idea to the School Board.
2. Amber Lee – Running for State House. Focuses are budget, public safety, and education.
3. Further discussion on Case S12396, whether to make official comments on replat request. Concern that many neighbors already left meeting who would wish to have input, so no comments will be made at this time by HOCC. Individuals can always make comments on the on-line website, as soon as the case is posted.

13. Adjournment - Coté adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 11-2-18

Next meeting –**Thursday November 15th** , 7pm, Trinity Church