



## GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Annual Meeting Agenda -- 7-9 p.m., January 15, 2004

#### Government Hill Elementary School Library

1. Introductions. Presiding Officer, to be designated.
2. Approval of Dec. 18, 2003 Meeting Minutes. Treasurer's Report.
3. Legislative/Assembly Report. If present, or by teleconference, we will hear reports from the members of our state and municipal legislative delegation, or their representatives: Sens. Fred Dyson, Johnny Ellis; Reps. Nancy Dahlstrom, Les Gara; and, Anchorage Municipal Assembly Member Allan Tesche.
4. Election of Officers, 2004. The Nominating Committee (Stu Hall, Chair; Bob French, Pat Claar) recommends the following for 2004 Community Council officers: President: Stephanie Kesler; Co-Vice President: Bob French, Dan Lowery; Co-Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Miller, Mark Musial; Members-at-Large (3 to be elected): Belinda Breaux, Williams Petroleum Alaska (Alternate: Wendy Lindscook, Alaska Railroad Corp.); Mavis Hancock; Caroline Higgins; FCC Delegate: No Candidate. Jim Dunlap was contacted, but has not yet responded; Bryan Talbott-Clark has volunteered to serve; and, Dan Lowery, Alternate. Nominations will be taken from the floor prior to balloting. The Executive Committee also includes the immediate Past President: Susanne DiPietro and Thomas A. Pease.
5. Municipal Librarian Art Weeks. A short presentation on library services, whether there is a need for a Downtown Municipal Library Branch.
6. Update on 4A's Housing. Robert Atkinson, Chair. Robert will update us on this matter. Catholic Social Services has expressed an interest in acquiring these duplexes for residences and may present its program for them.
7. Government Hill/Ship Creek Work Group Update. Steve Gerlek, Wendy Lindscook, Co-Conveners. A progress report on a joint industry/neighborhood resident group formed to explore issues involving Ship Creek Basin development, Port of Anchorage expansion, continues to meet, share ideas for workable solutions in addressing these matters.
8. Hollywood Vista Redevelopment Concepts. Tom Pease. Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Executive Director George Cannelos; Dowl Engineers, Planning Director Tim Potter; Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Development Director Debe Mahoney; and, RIM Architects. The Hollywood Vista apartments site redevelopment has been a major neighborhood concern/objective for many years. Under the Begich Administration, HLB has been working with a number of communities entities on an innovative, "Winter city" concept for redeveloping it. Come hear about concepts under consideration, and add your ideas to the process.
9. Alaska Railroad Yard Diesel Fumes, Air Quality Issues. Tom Pease. Should the Community Council formally request that the Alaska Railroad reinstate the "air quality hotline" that apparently has been discontinued, inquire about the "hot start" heaters for diesel locomotives in which the ARR invested \$35,000, inquire about the ARR Operations Division's previous practice of moving idling diesels eastward during air/temperature inversions, i.e., on calm cold days?

10. Neighborhood Forum/Community Roundtable. An opportunity for Council members to share ideas on matters and concerns not on the agenda, or to bring up new issues. Among the items that may need Council consideration are:
  - a. Fur Rony Fireworks Display, Impact on Gov't Hill Traffic, Friday, Feb. 20. The "traffic jam" at Brown's Point Park, W. Harvard Ave. & Delaney St. during last year's Fur Rody fireworks display, again at this year's New Year's Eve celebration, raises concern for public safety, especially in an emergency. Formally request APD traffic control assistance.
  - b. Snow Removal from Gov't Hill Streets. Notice: The week of Jan. 5 will see MOA snow removal operations on Gov't Hill. How do we get Gov't Hill residents to move their cars off-stree during snow removal operations? Should we support the Mayor's "Tow & Tag" program? What do you think of the Mayor's proposed 72-hour automated telephone notice of snow removal operations?
  - c. Gov't Hill Community Council Finances in light of Federation of Community Councils 2004 Budget/Grant Reducation. How should Gov't Hill Community Council finance its operations, publishing/distributing of its Agenda/Newsletter, and other activities, expenses in view of Municipal Assembly's reduction of the FCC 2004 grant? Establish annual dues? Undertake solicitation of contributions from its members (residents, business/commercial/industrial, and property owners)? Sell more, varied Gov't Hill souvenirs? Any action on this matter probably should be considered at the Feb. 20 meeting, when the full impact of the Assembly's 2004 Budget action is clarified.
  - d. Government Hill and Anchorage celebrate the 90th Anniversary of their founding in 2005. How should the neighborhood mark that occasion? It's not too early to consider this topic.

#### Future Meeting Topics

1. Lance Wilber, Director, Muncipal Traffic Department, to update us on status of transportation projects that affect Government Hill, Ship Creek, Port of Anchorage "access," and the proposed Knik Army Crossing. A possibility for Feb. 20 meeting.
2. Elmendorf AFB Commander. Usually, the Base Commander has been invited to update us on an annual basis as to what's happening on Base. That gives the neighborhood an opportunity to raise questions about matters of mutual concern, e.g., traffic at the Base's Gov't Hill Gate under High Alert conditions. Also, how should we implement the provision of our By-laws that opens/extends GHCC membership to Elmendorf AFB residents who want to participate? A possible March 18 meeting topic.

#### Announcements

1. Alaska Railroad Corporation's annual "Project Open House," Tuesday, Jan. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Anchorage Depot, 411 West 1st Avenue. The public is invited to review, comment on propose ARR 2004 projects program. For Anchorage, these include: (1) Anchorage Whistle Noice Reduction program; (2) Anchorage Operations Center; (3) Anchorage Rail Capacity Improvements; (4) Anchorage to Wasilla Track Realignment, Improvements; (5) Ship Creek Intermodal Transportation Facilities, Pedestrian Amenities; (6) North Ship Creek Yard Expansion.
2. Port of Anchorage will mail/distribute to each Gov't Hill address a copy of its Environmental Assessment of proposed road and rail improvement projects in the Port. Expect that document about Jan. 10. Port officials may wish to brief the Community Council on these projects at a upcoming Council meeting.