

General Meeting Minutes
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Video Meeting

1) Call to order – 7:00 President Matt Burkholder

2) Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board: Matt Burkholder-President, Diane Shellenbaum -Secretary, Susan Richards-Treasurer, Members- Brad Coy, John Kaufman, Katie Nolan, Gretchen Stoddard, Julie Coulombe, John Yeafoli

Absent: David Hemstreet

3) Agenda - approved

4) Minutes – **December 17th, 2020 Minutes approved as written**

5) Tom Davis– Municipal Planning Documents Presentation summarized documents used to define Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, and how the multiple planning documents (Anchorage 2020, Anchorage 2040, and the Hillside District Plan) relate to each other and how they are used to influence Planning and Zoning decisions.

Presentation available upon request.

Some points: When zoning changes are requested of P+Z, decisions to be guided by the policies stated in the documents. Where elements conflict, the most recent document governs. Plans should be updated after 10 years, Hillside District Plan is almost 11 years old. Anchorage 2040 is a recently added chapter to Anchorage 2020, latest amendment 12-17-2019. Anchorage 2020 over 20 yrs old and due for an update/rewrite.

Area plans (like HDP) get more weight where it is specific to a particular area.

Transition zone of R-7 is gradually moving up the hill, the NW corner of LO/O'Malley was R7 (transition) until 10 yrs or so ago. Now multifamily. The Urban/Rural boundary went away with the HDP.

Documents available on-line, but easiest way to find them is googling the plan name, e.g. Anchorage 2020.

6) Political Representatives' Reports

a. Legislators

1. Senator Josh Revak aide Dirk Craft present– Senator Revak will be chair of Resource Committee

2. Representative James Kaufman present- Preparing for session.

b. Mayor's staff – Alex Slivka, CFO for municipality

c. District 6 Assembly Updates - Assembly Members Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton

1. Emergency order extended until April 16th, preferred a month at a time. Order allows continuation of teleworking authorization sometimes needed to honor collective bargaining units.

2. Title 28 – regular review and update of election code-recommendations at Jan 26th mtg.

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3. 6 proposed bonds, total \$60 Million, for April ballot.
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/documents/draft%202021%20bond%20presentation.pdf>
4. Title 17 information on the "leash law" revisions: ACAB will be taking public comment at their 1/28/21 meeting and will be accepting written comment through 2/5/21 at animalcontrolcodechanges@anchorageak.gov. Information will soon be posted on Muni.org:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/Admin/animal_control/Pages/ACAB.aspx
5. Updating tobacco excise tax to end exclusion on esigs and vaping products, still exempt hemp.
6. John Weddleton – Feb 2nd 7:00pm – Presenting at HALO on negotiating land use issues with muni.
7. Discussion on whether issues covered Emergency Orders should be put in Ordinance form to allow more public input.
8. Assembly 101 covered in several videos on muni.org, or email John

d. School Board Representative – Elisa Vakalis, schoolboard@asdk12.org - Budget coming up, expected 25-30 Million shortfall, possible Fed govt support. No school bonds this year, as promised. Next meetings Feb 2nd and Feb 16th. 25% of elementary kids back on campuses. Nurses doing amazing job in vaccination clinics at education center, used up all allotted vaccines.

7) Reports (2 min ea.)

- a. Treasurer's Report – Richards – \$223.14 in bank account
- b. Traffic Calming Report – Coy reported on latest from muni
 - a. Whispering Spruce did not qualify for traffic calming list
 - b. Latest report from muni arbitrarily dropped all four already approved traffic calming needs in HOCC area, reason given was no money had been available for four years. Discussion - needs don't go away just because money is not available, still looking for efficiencies related to any future road work, will request those four be put back on the list (Heritage Heights Drive, Jerome Street, Our Road, Spinnaker Drive)
- c. Outreach– Stoddard
- d. FCC – Burkholder
- e. HALO – Nolan. presidenthalo@gmail.com Presentation Feb 2nd, regular mtg Feb 4th.
 - a. March 4th Candidate Forum – still need to decide on final format

8) Committee Reports (2 min ea.)

- a. Bylaws & Council Policy –Yeafoli, Shellenbaum, Burkholder. John Yeafoli presented details and recommended changes. Proposed changes available on website. Vote at Feb mtg.
- b. Land Use - Coulombe, Nolan, Stoddard, Yeafoli.
 - i) AMATS review –Difficult to read, complicated by multiple plans. Nothing for Hillside there.
 - ii) S12596 - Replat request for Mossflower Hill Subdivision. No rezone requested. Recommend comment of no objection.

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- c. Ordinance and Public Comment – Burkholder, Coulombe, Yeafoli. Title 17 Animal Code (referred to in Suzanne's report) Reviewed and found majority of changes language clarification. No HOCC comments recommended.

9) Continuing Business

- a. Sky Ridge Subdivision – Council sent October's minutes for the P&Z to consider. P&Z recommended granting zoning change in spite of RCCC and HOCC opposition. Next opportunity for public comment when it comes before the Assembly, not yet on schedule.

10) President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence –
 - i. AMATS Non-Motorized plan public review period - https://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/amats/documents/nonmotorized/update_2020/20210104_non_motorized_plan_public_review_draft.pdf
 - ii. Traffic Calming Documents from Tim Myland PE – See Website for documents
 - iii. Alaska DOT&PF Draft Disparity Study for public meeting Dec 22, 2020
 - iv. Alaska DOT&PF Draft FFY 21-21 FHWA DEB Goal Methodology public meeting Dec 28, 2020
- b. Outgoing Correspondence–
 - i. October minutes to P&Z Commission for Skyview Estates Project # 2021 -007 & 008 consideration

11) New Business

1. **MOTION-** Katie, Diane 2nd – **Request to the muni traffic calming that all the projects from the 2017 approved list be reinstated to the 2021 list.** – Passes with no objections
2. **MOTION-** Katie – **HOCC submit comment of support for case S12596, as it maintains R-6 zoning.** Passes with no objections.
3. **MOTION-** Julie, John 2nd – **HOCC donate \$50 to HALO in support of upcoming Candidate Forum.** Discussion on how much it will cost as format is still uncertain (in person or virtual.) Passes with no objections.
4. Julie Coulombe reviewed website, identified improvements, and implemented those improvements with help from Susan in the FCC office. Website now has more information and helpful links.

12) Open Forum

13) Adjournment 9:00 pm

Minutes Submitted 1/30/2021 – D. Shellenbaum

Next Meeting Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM, Online Zoom