

General Meeting Minutes
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Thursday, February 18, 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, David Hemstreet-Vice President, Diane Shellenbaum -Secretary, Susan Richards-Treasurer, Members- Brad Coy, John Kaufman, Katie Nolan, Gretchen Stoddard, Julie Coulombe, John Yeafoli

1 vacant position – members are eligible to serve upon attending second meeting in previous 12 months.

- 3) Agenda - approved
- 4) Minutes - **January 21, 2020 Minutes approved as written**
- 5) Presentation -O'Malley Road Reconstruction project update– AK DOT Project Manager Chris Bentz
- 6) Political Representatives' Reports

a. Legislators

- i. Seth Duggan for Senator Josh Revak reported on Senate activities, questions/concerns please contact Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov 907-465-3879
- ii. Senator Roger Holland was present and answered questions, encouraged those with further questions to email or call him directly.
Sen.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov 907-351-8277
- iii. Matthew Harvey for Representative James Kaufman provided detailed update on chat, questions/concerns contact rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov 907-465-4949

b. District 6 Assembly Updates

- i. Member Suzanne LaFrance reported – Emergency Order 18 in effect until April 16th, Masks still required. Bars now open with reduced capacity. City attorney looking into how much/whether SNAP funds will be lost due to expiration of State emergency order. 2022 CIP process starts in March. 2021 Budget approved. 2020 budget revenue way down. Property taxes will go up due to loss of State debt reimbursement. Bonds info at <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/documents/draft%202021%20bond%20presentation.pdf> Applications for rental assistance are online at <https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org/>. Folks can also call (833) 440-0420. MOA offering tours of Elections Center, call the Election Hotline at (907) 243-VOTE (8683) to sign up. To receive Assembly quarterly newsletter request at wwmas@muni.org. To sign up to provide testimony at Assembly meetings <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/default.aspx>
- ii. Member John Weddleton reported – Schools open with students in buildings. High School to start after Spring Break. Assembly members to get small offices to provide ability to video conference for all. No ASD bonds this year. Vote to include approval of long-term lease of tech and equipment to support APD body

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cameras. Working on requiring licenses for homeless shelters. New series of videos available on website showing how the Assembly works. Any comments/concerns/questions weddletonj@muni.org 770-0685

d. School Board Representative – Elisa Vakalis reported passed fully funded budget and 6 year CIP plan. PreK-6th back in school buildings. Anti-racism policy being developed. March 15 (after Spring break) Secondary grades back in person learning. 2022-will relook at school boundaries, earliest implementation late 2022-2023. CARES funding of \$26 Million to go towards a major summer school effort to address the many students left behind in on-line learning this year.

7) Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – Richards - \$223.14
- b. Traffic Calming Report – Coy –Will send letter to Muni requesting projects be added back to list.
- c. Crime Report – Kaufman – No report
- d. Outreach– Stoddard – Nothing new to report
- e. FCC – Burkholder – P+Z working to put all parks into one zoning category-most are currently PLI which allows other uses to the land. Working on assessment of training needs to provide to all Community Councils. Matt heading that committee, volunteers please contact Matt.
- f. HALO – Nolan – Candidate Forum Thursday, March 4, 6:00. Contact info Anchoragehalo.org, presidenthalo@gmail.com. Setting up ad-hoc committee on Sky Ridge subdivision rezone issue – looking for members from area to be impacted.

8) Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws & Council Policy –Matt B., Diane S., John Yeafoli- Presented changes proposed to By-Laws at last meeting. Vote in Continuing Business
- b. Land Use - Julie C., Katie N., Gretchen S., Committee proposed Comments on 2021-0025 – Homeless shelters in B-3 (General Business) areas. Discussion. Vote in Continuing Business
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17303>
- c. Ordinance and Public Comment – Matt B., Julie C., John Y. Committee proposed providing Resolution in Support of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance – Vote in Continuing Business
<https://anchoragehistoricpreservationplan.com/project-documents/>

9) Continuing Business

- a. Sky Ridge – Rezone to be before Assembly March 19, 2021.
- b. Vote on proposed By-Laws updates to allow video meetings and better define a quorum. Stoddard moved to approve, Richards Second. Approved unanimously.

ACTION – Send by-laws updates to Ombudsman (Matt, John Y., Diane)

- c. Resolution in Support of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance. Coulombe moved to approve, Yeafoli seconded. Approved Unanimously, 15 yes, zero no, no abstain.

ACTION – Send Completed Resolution to the Muni (Matt, Diane)

10) President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence –

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- i) P&Z Case 2021-0025
- ii) Letter from APD on officer participation in CC's
- b. Outgoing Correspondence– None

11) New Business – Nolan moves to make following comments from HOCC on case 2021-0025.

Coulombe seconds. Discussion and vote - 12 in favor, 1 abstain. Comments: *HOCC has concerns about the proposed global zoning change, and we recommend you vote against the proposed changes. Existing rules and plans allow zoning of parcels to be changed to PLI and this seems like the appropriate path forward. With a change to PLI zoning, each parcel is looked at individually. Plans can be adjusted to the site and have individual needs of each site evaluated as you rezone from B3 to PLI. For instance, individual zoning changes without a global change to requirements will allow the individual characteristics of the sites to be evaluated and addressed. During this individual evaluation and zoning change, characteristics can be addressed including availability of public transportation to the site. This will also allow public input. In addition, the three conditional uses outlined in the proposed ordinance do not take into account distance from schools, parks or daycare centers. Whether or not B3 is allowed, we strongly recommend that conditional use criteria in Title 21 be augmented with specific language for homeless and transient shelters (21.05.040 C 5) modeled after Title 21.05.020 B, which specifies 1,000 foot setbacks from: a. A school or instructional service serving any combination of grades kindergarten through 12; b. A public park; c. A religious assembly; d. Property zoned residential; e. Property in the TA district designated as "residential" in the Turnagain Arm Comprehensive Plan; f. A community center; g. A neighborhood recreation center; h. Child care centers; or i. Public libraries.*

ACTION – submit comments (Julie)

12) Open Forum –

- a. Carl Jacobs – Candidate for School Board Seat G - <https://www.carl4anchorage.com>
- b. Pat Higgins – Candidate for School Board Seat E
- c. Discussion – training on running Zoom meetings for the board would be very helpful - **Matt volunteered to set up training.**
- d. Cathy Giessel – Nurse practitioner-shared current information on COVID and public responses. Cases going down, new variant 5 times more contagious so still very important to get vaccinated and also follow current guidelines on social distancing and mask wearing.
- e. Discussion – City Wide cleanup participation? City has not yet announced when/if there will be a designated day this year. Interest in HOCC involvement.

13) Adjournment – 8:55 pm

Minutes Submitted 3/3/21 – D. Shellenbaum

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