

General Meeting MINUTES *Draft*

Huffman-O'Malley Community Council

Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Via Zoom Video Meeting

Please visit <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/19.html> for ZOOM link

We planned to meet in person and by Zoom in September. In person meeting is at Huffman O'Malley Elementary at 12000 Lorraine Ave (near Elmore and Huffman)

1) Call to order at 7:00pm by President Stoddard

2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Gretchen Stoddard-President, Rachel Ries-Vice President , Trina Lovdahl -Secretary, Shannon Wileman-Treasurer, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli,, Nick Mazzolini

Absent: Members Lisa Huffman, Jennie Bostick, Marcy Tompkins

3) Zoom and Meeting Location Information

If you have problems with any Zoom invitation, please return to the HOCC website at the link in the Header. That link seems to consistently work. This month we will provide Zoom connection in addition to meeting at Huffman Elementary at 12000 Lorraine Ave.

4) Agenda- no changes

5) Minutes

a. Approval of August 2022 Minutes- will revisit at October meeting

6) Speaker Topic Constitutional Convention Discussion, Pro and Con

Jim Crawford discusses pros:

- a. Encourages everyone to read the Alaska Constitution and to focus on right to privacy which is used by judiciary to legalize abortion
- b. Judiciary is currently captured by council of which 4 out of 7 are members of the state bar
- c. Approximately \$500,000 of dark money from outside Alaska is being spent to fight against the Constitutional Convention
- d. Regarding the permanent fund- Big money currently goes to the government and special interests instead of the people

Cathy Giessel discusses cons:

- a. See talking points on www.defendakconstitution.com
- b. Gives 3 reasons- unnecessary, expensive, and dangerous
- c. Able to change parts of the constitution through the amendment process
- d. Defendakconstitution estimates it would cost \$17M to hold a constitutional convention

e. Could put the PFD at long-term risk

- 7) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4 minutes questions) -
It is encouraged that elected representatives have their contact information available so that members may be able to ask follow-up questions outside of the HOCC meeting.
- a. Legislators

Senator Josh Revak- not present

Senator Roger Holland- not present

Representative Laddie Shaw- not present

Representative James Kaufman- not present

b. Mayor's staff- Portia

1. Check Mayor Bronson's FaceBook page for city events
2. Assembly approved Courtney Peterson as the OMD director and Mark Berneth as Parks and Rec director.
3. Mayor appointed Alexis Johnson as the homeless coordinator
4. 9/23- Job fair @ Loussac Library
5. 9/30- Christmas Cantata @ Dena'ina Center

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Suzanne Lafrance- not present

Assembly Member Randy Sulte

- a. Assembly calendar website has just been updated- www.muni.org >departments>assembly>events. It is now easier to view when all the meetings, work sessions and town halls occur.
- b. Working on winter plan for sheltering homeless. Includes:
 1. Aviator Hotel (~200 beds)
 2. Navagation Center (150-200 beds)- projected that people can stay overnight by November, should be completed in January
 3. \$1.75M to repair Sullivan
 4. Task force meeting 2x's/week
 5. Some micro-grants to churches and non-profits to help shelter homeless
 6. \$56M reimbursed so far for covid funds

School Board Representative – Andy Holleman

1. Bussing should be back to normal levels by mid-October
2. Looking at a \$60M deficit for the next school year, will need to make some tough decisions- maybe will need to close some schools and redraw boundary lines, save more money by closing secondary schools vs elementary schools. Superintendent assessing all programs for how much

can be saved and how many students are affected. Planning on budget for '23-'24 school year being set by January or February.

- c. If any candidates are present, we will have a short presentation period at end of meeting.
 1. Cathy Giessel- running for State Senate district E
 2. Walter Featherly- running for State House district 11, www.electfeatherly.com, walter@alaska.net, 907-802-9087
 3. Janice Park- running for State Senate district F, www.janiceforalaska.com
- 8) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
- a. Treasurer's Report- S Wileman-Current balance is \$917.84
 - b. HALO – Nolan-
 1. 10/6: Candidate Forum including those running for local and state elections @6pm at the Alaska Zoo, requests a couple more volunteers
 2. 9/23: BLM committee meetings @AFD Training Center @9am, requests a volunteer from HOCC, discussing communitywide ideas on BLM properties
 3. Starting 9/27 6-8pm 2x's/month to start, then 1x/month through February Wildfire Urban Interface working group @ ICER office, CWPP- goal is to create action plan to access existing federal funds to remove trees and brush that are fire hazards, looking for 1-2 volunteers
 - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
 - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
 - e. Outreach- Ries and Mazzolini- no report
 - f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- no questions
 - g. FCC – Stoddard- Gretchen will attend next FCC meeting which is next week.
- 9) Committee Reports (2 min ea.) Organizing, if anything to report
- a. Land Use
 - b. Ordinance and Public Comment
- 10) Continuing Business
- 11) President's Report
- a. Incoming Correspondence
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence
- 12) New Business

Next meeting October 20, 2022 – In person at Huffman Elementary

Lorraine St, Anchorage, AK 99516

Introduce Candidates for elected office- 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.

- 13) Open Forum

14) Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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Next Meeting

October 20 , 2022- Tentative discussion of ASD budget concerns moving forward