

DRAFT General Meeting Minutes
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7pm
Zoom and in person

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Stoddard – President, Trina Lovdahl -Secretary, Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Nick Mazzolini, Marcy Tompkins.

Agenda amended by Gretchen Stoddard and changes were approved. Changes included a presentation by Brian Hoefler about road improvement LRSA request, addition of a summary of the changes to ADU's and HOCC Board elections.

Minutes for the last two months were not available so were not approved.

Anchorage School Board member's Dave Donley and Andy Holeman spoke on the \$68 million dollar school budget deficit.

Donley:

- Board proposing six school closures due to declined enrollment
- Anticipate larger class sizes; 5 more kids per classroom saves 24m
- 13 schools at 60% or below capacity
- Nov 21 – Town Hall at Abbott Loop
- Immersion programs have been taken off the table for cuts
- Approximate savings for the 6 school closures is 4.1 million
- School buildings will more than likely be repurposed for preschools/Charter schools
- Abbott Loop may be demolished due to fire code violations

Holeman:

- No one wants to close neighborhood schools
- One solution or partial solution is an increase in state funding to the base student allocation (BSA) with the legislature increasing per student funding.
- Described town halls showed parent's connections to their schools and teachers
- The board must approve a balanced budget, and some solution is required.

Rep Laddie Shaw made clear that he would not support additional monies to the school district unless there accountability with the funding increase. Discussion of results and accountability from the district. Rep Shaw said the focus of the legislature will be a fiscal plan, spending cap and resolving the Permanent Fund debate. Contact Rep Shaw at rep.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov with any questions or concerns.

Andy Holleman and Rep Shaw had a spirited discussion of education funding, results, educational outcomes, possible increases to state funding of education, and possible ASD accountability.

Assemblyman Suzanne LaFrance Assembly update:

- January meeting with rural service boards
- Public Hearings on elimination parking space requirements will be coming. Discuss Title 28 election updates, and changes to ADU requirements

Assemblyman Randy Sulte Assembly update

- Notified of work session with ASD and Assembly, and a joint meeting on December 1
- Public Hearings and work sessions coming up on AO2022-100 (ADU's)

No one from the Mayor's office was in attendance.

Senator Revak, Holland and Rep Kaufman did not attend.

Brian Hoefler (LRSA) presented a project on Birch Road, South of Huffman. Project will cost 3.5 million. Currently the road has drainage and surface issues, trail connectivity problems, nowhere for the plowed snow to go, poor access for emergency vehicles, and severe pothole problems. Looking for HOCC support and wants to get it in CAPSIS.

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Trina Lovdahl. Balance has not changed. Following actions were approved:

- Cancel check to HALO Firewise
- Write a check for HALO candidate forum for \$75
- Approval to spend \$200 on microphones for zoom meetings

HALO report: Katie Nolan

- Dec 1 HALO meeting will be the Founder's Forum
- Creating a comp plan and create safety zones for every community council area. Hoping to have it done by February.

FCC report: Gretchen Stoddard

- Cemetery bond coming for Anchorage, Girdwood, and Eagle River. Anchorage public cemetery will be out of spaces for the non-religious public in 4 years. FCC budget and submitted a little higher than this year but not much change, Assembly voting soon on changes to ADU restrictions.

No other committee reports.

Changes to the HOCC Board: Gretchen Stoddard

There are three vacancies on HOCC Board. Rachel Ries needs to step down because she is running for office. Jenna Wright was approved to fill one of those vacancies. Trina and Shannon switched roles; Trina is now Treasurer and Shannon is now Secretary.

Meeting ended approximately 8:30 pm.