

General Meeting Minutes Huffman-O'Malley Community Council *Draft*

Thursday, October 19, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Via Zoom Video Meeting and in person

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

We will 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 7:05pm by Rachel Ries

2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Gretchen Stoddard-President (on vacation, via zoom), Rachel Ries-Vice President, Trina Lovdahl -Secretary, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Lisa Huffman, Nick Mazzolini, Marcy Tompkins

Absent: Shannon Wileman- Treasurer

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.

Zoom started at 7:11pm, difficulties with it throughout meeting.

4) Agenda

- a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- approved
- b. Add item: Switch Board positions for Trina Lovdahl and Shannon Wileman. Move Trina to Treasurer and Shannon to Secretary. Approved by President of Board

5) Minutes

- a. Approval of August and September 2022 Minutes- approved

6) Speaker Topic Anchorage School District Budget, ASD Board member- Karl Jacobs attempted to get in via Zoom but could not due to technical difficulties. The CC Board discussed questions we have regarding ASD.

- a. ASD is making decision to close schools (Birchwood, Abbott Loop, Klatt, Wonder Park, and Northwood all under consideration)
- b. For several years ASD schools have not been at capacity
- c. What did ASD do with Covid funds? They are limited in what they can be used for.
- d. ASD is projected to lose 5000 more students in the next 5 years, what long term planning are they going to do to prevent waste of funds?

e. Rachel states she asked ASD for accounting all last year. Why do they seem to prefer deferred maintenance vs preventative?

f. Why do Anchorage students get 0.8 BSA vs the Valley students who get 1?

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- spoke about his role on Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, determined that the Board acted within their rights re: Angela Rodell firing (\$150k cost to taxpayers), working on codifying improvement process with audit findings to expedite more pressing issues.

b. Mayor's staff- not present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Suzanne Lafrance- Kurt Parker spoke on behalf of Suzanne-

1. Assembly has an updated user-friendly webpage www.muni.org

2. Next assembly meeting is 10/25, discussing SWS ~5% rate increase, proposed ordinance that changes charter for filling mayoral vacancy, and Navigation Center funding

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- out of country and emailed CC a report

1. Encourages everyone to sign-up for Assembly's newsletter through www.muni.org (assembly-media room-newsletter-mailing list) to keep up with events and recent happenings

2. Beetle Kill funds removed from ARPA grant to the General Fund. Unable to use federal funds to match federal funds. The program remains intact and under AFD.

3. Cold Weather Sheltering- Centennial Park shut down but campers not forced out, will use Alex Hotel, Aviator Hotel, Sullivan Arena and Golden Lion

4. Per Resolution AR 2022-319, \$1,634,252 of Alcohol Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund, Fund balance to the Alcohol Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund, Anchorage Health Department will be used for sheltering costs.

5. Safe Routes to Schools work session with ASD on 9/23/22- looking at top routes to address to improve safety and how the assembly can help. Includes 100th and Victor, O'Malley and Rockridge, Tudor and Baxter (Benny Benson), Oceanview Elementary and Johns Rd.

d. School Board Representative - Dave Donley- not present

e. Other representatives from Police, fire, JBER or schools- none

f. If any candidates are present, we will have a short presentation period at end of meeting.

8) Revive Presentation- Shantelle and Jennifer presented on behalf of Prince Nwankudu

a. Website is www.revivealaska.org

b. Revive is a non-profit organization with the mission to serve the most vulnerable. Provides senior services, counseling services, homeless services, South Anchorage food pantry.

c. Looking for 4 acre+ lot to place comfort homes for struggling and elderly veterans, planning on 40 unit facility with 10 buildings with 4 units each. Would house 2 people per unit.

d. Temporary address is 4317 MacInnis St until the South Anchorage location is open. South Anchorage location is 10715 Our Rd.

e. Fundraising Gala 11/12 to honor veterans.

9) Traffic Calming resolution, Spinnaker Area- Katie motions to speak about this, Dana Wright seconded.

a. Grace spoke about drainage money

b. Grace and Katie will work on a resolution regarding Spinnaker

10) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report

a. Treasurer's Report- Lovdahl- Current balance is \$917.34

b. HALO – Nolan-

1. Thank you notes came from all the candidates who participated in the candidate forum.

2. Founders forum is on 12/1- 4-6 people that built and planned our neighborhoods tell great fun stories of Hillside history.

3. Requests \$50 donation for Founders Forum

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

11) Committee Reports (2 min ea.) Organizing, if anything to report

a. Land Use- none

b. Ordinance and Public Comment- none

12) Continuing Business

13) President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence
- b. Outgoing Correspondence

14) New Business

- a. Katie requests \$50 donation for Founders Forum
- b. Need to spend \$200-250 for extra microphones to provide efficient Zooms
- c. Every board member needs a Zoom hosting password

Next meeting Thursday November 17, 2022 – In person at Huffman Elementary

Lorraine St, Anchorage, AK 99516

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

Walter Featherly- www.electfeatherly.com

Julie Coulombe- www.julieforalaska.com

Janice Park- www.janiceforalaska.com

Roselynn Cacy- www.Roselynncacy.com

15) Open Forum

- a. Thanksgiving Blessing sponsored by the Food Bank of Alaska is Monday 11/21 2-7pm. Go to www.justserve.org to sign up to volunteer or make donations through Food Bank of Alaska at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink.aspx?name=E1503&id=34>

16) Adjournment- adjourned at 8:31pm

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