

General Meeting MINUTES *Final*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, January 18, 2024@ 7:00 PM  
Via Zoom Video Meeting. WE ARE NOT IN PERSON THIS MONTH  
Please visit <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/19.html> for ZOOM link

We will meet by Zoom only for the January 2024 meeting. In person meeting at Huffman Elementary, 12000 Lorraine Ave will return February 2024.

- 1) Call to order at 7:00PM by Rachel Ries
- 2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Rachel Ries- President, Gretchen Stoddard- Vice President, Shannon Wileman- Secretary, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Marcy Tompkins, Nick Mazzolini  
Absent: Trina Lovdahl -treasurer, Lisa Huffman

**\*\*There is one open seat\*\***

- 3) Agenda
  - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- approved to address approval of October and November minutes (vs March, April and May)
- 4) Minutes
  - a. Approval of October 2023- waiting until next meeting- had been placed in archives on HOCC website so was overlooked
  - b. Approval of November 2023- skipped to allow available speakers to go first, will address in February
- 5) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4min questions)
  - a. Legislators

Senator Cathy Giessel- District E- not present

1. Contact her with any question/concerns
  - a. [Sen.Cathy.Geissel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Geissel@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 465-4843
  - c. [www.alaskasenate.org](http://www.alaskasenate.org)
  - d. Sign up to receive her newsletter via email or website above

Senator James Kaufman- District D- not present

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  - b. (907) 465-4843
  - c. [www.senatorkaufman.com](http://www.senatorkaufman.com)

- d. Sign up for his email list or schedule a 15 minute meeting through his website above

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11- Edna Morledge representing

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  - a. [Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 748-4377
  - c. [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov) or [www.julieforalaska.com](http://www.julieforalaska.com)
2. Julie has been busy with Finance meetings, is the chair of 3 subcommittees
3. 3 bills in play currently
  - a. Childcare Assistance Bill- Public testimony next Thursday
  - b. Refigure percentage
  - c. Re: transfer fees- preventing local governments from adding extra fees for home purchases
4. SB 140 in the House, has been revised. Will increase BSA, public testimony this Saturday
5. Anchorage Delegation of Legislators on 3/9 at Cuddy Hall

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- not present

1. Contact: [randy.sulte@anchorageak.gov](mailto:randy.sulte@anchorageak.gov), 907-229-2977
2. Is at Kaladi's on Old Seward/Huffman every Saturday 8-10am when he is in town.

Assembly Member Zac Johnson- Present

1. Contact: [zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov) , (907) 206-0753
2. Reported some of the Bond requests that we will see on the upcoming April Ballot
  - a. Revenue bond to pay for the Port (> \$300,000,000)
  - b. Chugach Service Access Area Bond to improve parking on Upper Canyon Road (\$4,000,000)
  - c. Capital improvements for cemetery (\$8,000,000)
3. Discussions around Rockridge Drive and Holtan Hills project of Girdwood.

School Board Representative- Pat Higgins- Not present

1. Contact: [higgins\\_pat@asdk12.org](mailto:higgins_pat@asdk12.org) , [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org)

Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- not present

- d. Local project presentation, Huffman Road: Old Seward to Lake Otis Undergrounding Project- Mike Miller and Darvin Thornton from Chugach Electric
  1. Project will underground about 1 mile of existing overhead distribution and sub-transmission circuits on Huffman Rd. from the East side of Old Seward to the east side of Lake Otis between May 2024- October 2024
  2. Facilities will be installed on private property whenever feasible because of the reliability, maintenance, and safety that comes with being away from roadways.
  3. Most properties will be subject to either conventional trenching or directional drilling. Fence removals may be necessary and will have temp fencing placed where possible. Trees and shrubs in easement will be cleared. Any obstructions in trench paths will be removed and/or relocated.
  4. Property owners will be provided with a combination of one or more of the following options:
    - a. Retain service via new underground cable routed to the existing meter base
    - b. Retain service via new underground cable by upgrading or relocating meter base equipment.
    - c. Remain served by existing overhead service wire.
    - d. The costs for digging in or intercepting any service cables, including hydroseed after installation will all be covered by Chugach as part of the Undergrounding project.
- 6) Homelessness Commission Discussion UPDATE, Clean Slate Strategy- Rachel
  - a. December meeting was cancelled, no new updates
- 7) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
  - a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- No report
  - b. HALO – Nolan- Next meeting is 2/1@7pm at Shepherd of the Hills. Candidate Forum is 3/7 at the Zoo.
  - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
  - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
  - e. Outreach- Mazzolini- Rachel requests that attendees provide emails so they can be on our mailing list
  - f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions
  - g. FCC – Stoddard- Community Councils budget increased from \$90k to \$200k/year. They are currently looking to hire a manager. Gretchen would like it if other members of HOCC would attend.
- 8) President's Report
  - a. Incoming Correspondence-

1. Traffic calming report with 2023 data shows nothing needed. We would like to see if this could be done when school is in session. Katie moves to approve request, John seconds.
  2. Seward to Glenn connection 2/7 PEL study- Laura Hughes presents that there is a hearing on 2/7 regarding Castle Group. In 1984 There was a creek platted on her neighbor's property, but as Castle Group is making changes to their adjacent property, they are claiming there is no creek. The HOCC unanimously agrees this requires further investigation.
- b. Outgoing Correspondence- None
- 9) New Business
- a. HOCC Yard Sale? We have dwindling funds and considering this to contribute to our bank account
    1. Nick says he is willing to host at his house during Kempton Hills garage sale.
    2. Consider making food item(s) to sell as those tend to do well. Also, members could donate general items to sell.
    3. Question re: APOC reporting issues. Gretchen will look into it.
  - b. Planned speakers/topics – community input? **Suggestions include:**
    1. **Tax assessment presentation/property**
    2. **ASD Budget**
    3. **Firewise**
  - c. **Next meeting Thursday February 15 2024**
  - d. **Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.**
    1. **Janice Park is running for Senate District F**
  - e. **Open forum for Other New Business**
    1. Katie Nolan requests that HOCC donate \$50 to HALO to recognize Wayne Westberg (recently passed) of MW Drilling who was a founding member of HALO and contributed his vast knowledge of wells for drinking water to help design what we have now for wells on Hillside. Gretchen moves to approve, Katie seconds, all present unanimously agree.

Adjournment at 8:39pm

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Next Meeting- Thursday, February 15 2024  
Thursday, March 21 2024