

General Meeting MINUTES *Final*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Via Hybrid Meeting. We are meeting in person with Zoom capability this month.  
Please visit <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/19.html> for ZOOM link

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

Present: Executive Board: Gretchen Stoddard- Vice President, Trina Lovdahl- Treasurer, Shannon Wileman- Secretary, Members- John Yeafoli, Lisa Huffman, Nick Mazzolini, Marcy Tompkins.

Absent: Rachel Ries- President, Jenna Wright, Katie Nolan

- 3) Agenda
  - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- Approved with no additions
- 4) Minutes
  - a. Approval of May, August, September 2023 Minutes-
    1. May and September minutes approved.
    2. August minutes were not approved due to not being posted on the Community council website. Will revisit in November.
- 5) Local project presentation, Ridgewood Road Association, Keith McCormick-
  - a. With upcoming Huffman improvements, the residents of Ridgewood Road signed a letter of request to provide a streetlight for their neighborhood bus stop.
  - b. The HOCC voted unanimously to support this request.
  - c. Rachel will draft a letter
- 6) 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- Eleilia Preston 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 will be at SteamDot off of Old Seward and O'Malley Sat 10/28 from 8-10am
- 3. Focus on Childcare and FAFSA
- 4. Encourages her constituents to complete the survey embedded in her newsletter.
- 5. Upcoming visit to Bethel with AMH trust

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte

- 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.
- 3. Budget & finance meeting on 10/26, in the middle of the budget process, appreciates feedback
- 4. 11/2- Clear Slate Strategy meeting regarding homeless
- 5. 10/30-11/4 is Housing Action Week
- 6. Approved \$2,000,000 to purchase 30 Dodge Durangos for APD

Assembly Member Zac Johnson- Not Present

- 1. Contact: [zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov) , (907) 206-0753

School Board Representative- Pat Higgins

- 1. Contact: [higgins\\_pat@asdk12.org](mailto:higgins_pat@asdk12.org) , [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org)
- 2. No cuts being made at this time
- 3. Working on changing Goals and Guardrails, focusing on academics
- 4. Moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade to be part of middle school starting next school year
- 5. Looking at giving teachers a raise again
- 6. Was asked about the FPCS situation and what percentage of ASD money goes to admin- Pat states he doesn't know at this time but will get back to us

Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- Sean Fredenhagen, Fire Chief  
@ Fire Station 9 on Dearmoun and Lake Otis

1. Reminder to check/change smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries
  2. Make sure street numbers are visible
  3. Academy just started, another starts in January 2024
- 7) Homelessness Commission Discussion UPDATE, Clean Slate Strategy- Joan Henry of Oceanview Community Council is the point of contact, will revisit at November meeting as Rachel is not present.
- 8) North South Access at O'Malley and New Seward Upcoming Construction Project- UPDATE- Leslie Dean
  - a. DOT has halted this project for the time being. Looking to restart in 2027 so we need to watch the process to make sure it makes sense for our community
- 9) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
  - a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- Current Balance is \$232.85, considering switching account to venmo
  - b. HALO – Nolan- Katie- Not present
  - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
  - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
  - e. Outreach- Wright- Not present
  - f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions
  - g. FCC – Stoddard- None
- 10) President's Report
  - a. Incoming Correspondence- newsletter highlights
  - b. Outgoing Correspondence- Capital Improvement Project priorities- will discuss preferences next meeting
- 11) New Business

**Next meeting Thursday November 16, 2023**  
**Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.**  
**Other New Business**

Adjournment at 8:13pm

Email the HOCC Chair: [HOCCPresident@gmail.com](mailto:HOCCPresident@gmail.com)

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Next Meeting- Thursday, November 16 2023  
Thursday, December 21 2023