

General Meeting MINUTES *Final*
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Video Meeting NOT IN PERSON

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

- 1) Call to order at 7:01PM by Gretchen Stoddard
- 2) Welcome and Introductions

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

Absent: Nick Mazzolini, Jenna Wright

- 3) Agenda
 - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- Approved with no additions
- 4) Minutes
 - a. Approval of May minutes- skipped to allow guest to speak, intended to return but didn't
- 5) Local Volunteer Opportunity Discussion, Just Serve- John Yeafoli, Mary Ann Esplin and Sharon Kaye Fisher gave a powerpoint presentation.
 - a. Go to www.justserve.org to match service projects to volunteers
 - b. 3 projects that may be of interest here in Anchorage
 1. Family cold weather shelter
 2. AK Federation of Natives Convention 10/18-21
 3. Thanksgiving Blessing 11/18-20
- 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
 - b. (907) 465-4843
 - c. www.alaskasenate.org
 - d. Sign up to receive her newsletter via email or website above

Senator James Kaufman- District D

1. Questions/concerns
 - a. Sen.kames.kaufman@akleg.gov
 - b. (907) 465-4843

- c. www.senatorkaufman.com
- d. Sign up for his email list or schedule a 15 minute meeting through his website above
- 2. Will be discussing Divergent Diamond with DOT
- 3. Wants to hear everybody Capital Project ideas!
- 4. Recently sent out a newsletter and had a published op-ed in ADN

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11

- 1. Contact her with any questions/concerns
 - a. Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov
 - b. (907) 748-4377
 - c. www.akleg.gov or www.julieforalaska.com
- 2. Julie is hosting a Facebook live Saturday 9/23 @9am
- 3. Has been doing a lot of tours at Hilcorp, Chugach, Enstar
- 4. On the Governor's task force for childcare
- 5. Will be discussing Divergent Diamond with DOT as it is a bad plan for her constituents
- 6. Alaska has the worst FAFSA completion of the 50 states. Julie will be attending a FAFSA summit 10/26-27 to explore ways to improve it.

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- Not present

Assembly Member Zac Johnson

- 1. Contact: zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov , (907) 206-0753
- 2. 284 road projects around Anchorage in 2023, working on coordination between DOT and AMATS to improve outcomes
- 3. Looking at reducing number of types of zoning to only 4 types
- 4. Homeless solutions discussion
 - a. Housing summit 10/30-11/4
 - b. Working on cold weather shelter plan, working on camp abatement

School Board Representative- Andy Hollemon

- 1. Contact: hollemon_andy@asdk12.org , schoolboard@asdk12.org
- 2. Working on budget for '24-25 school year
- e. Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- Not present

- 7) O'Malley/New Seward DOT update- Rachel Steer with DOWL –
 - a. Presented a 1 page infographic which is found at www.sewardhighway.info
 - b. States that project would start 2027 at the earliest
 - c. Many participants voiced concerns about this project
- 8) Homelessness Commission Discussion- Rachel Ries
 - a. It is the assembly's plan to have every district take on the burden of homelessness. Since the meeting, Rachel emailed us a working list of shelter placement options.
- 9) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
 - a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- Current Balance is \$237.35, considering switching account to venmo
 - b. HALO – Nolan- Katie- Next meeting 10/5 @7pm @ Shepherd of the Hills Church. Dr. Jan Schmidt will be presenting fire movement mapping capabilities
 - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
 - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
 - e. Outreach- Wright- No report
 - f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions
 - g. FCC – Stoddard- Elected officials requested to try to keep time needed short (see documents on main FCC).
- 10) President's Report
 - a. Incoming Correspondence- a request from Keith McCormick on behalf of the Ridgewood Road Association regarding DOT work on Huffman. He will present at the October meeting.
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence
- 11) New Business

Next meeting Thursday October 19, 2023
Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.
Other New Business

Adjournment at 8:45pm

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Next Meeting- Thursday, October 19 2023
Thursday, November 16 2023

