

# Hillside Community Council

## Draft Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 6:30pm-8:00pm

### NEW MEETING LOCATION:

In-person: Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, State Headquarters  
Building 6100 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

Zoom: Meeting ID: 865 9049 3825 / Passcode: 372912

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86590493825?pwd=YkZhcGVaTW9ZNGorM2Uzd25xcVZXZz09>

#### 1. Welcome/Call to Order at 6:37 pm.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Sign-in & membership verification for voting was completed.
- Voting Requirement – Must have attended one Council Meeting in the preceding 12 months.
- **Board members present**: Carmela Warfield, Dr. Helena Wisniewski, Bob Redlinger were in person. Daniel Robbins and Sandy Blomfield were online.
- **A Quorum was established.**

#### 2. Business Updates

- **Treasurer's Report – Daniel Robbins –**
  - No debits or transactions have been reported to date. The budget is \$1,778.46.
  - Zoom renewal license coming due.
- **FCC Delegate Report – Carmela Warfield**
  - FCC is moving forward on the search for new Executive Director.
- **HALO Delegate Report – Carmela Warfield**
  - Candidates' forum needs volunteers – March 7 at 6pm
  - Good discussion regarding Huffman, O'Malley construction of the Castle Subdivision.
  - Discussed resolution on housing, encouraging assembly to comply with Hillside Plan.
- **President's Report – Carmela Warfield**
  - Mentioned Assemblymen Sulte for his work on Rockridge.
  - Discussed Jan 9<sup>th</sup> LSRA equipment challenge, and accessibility issues for vehicle traffic on Rockridge Dr. Discussed clearance process, and O'Malley Elementary staff directing traffic in one-way pattern as a result.
    - HCC members in attendance encouraged the HCC to support the HALO candidate forum, with possible financial support. The Board will review the financial request, and volunteers were requested to sign up.
  - Assemblymen Sulte worked with the legal department regarding a ballot for AO2023-66 – our board had convened and provided a letter regarding this AO (posted on our website). Result: AO postponed indefinitely.

- **Motion to Amend Agenda Item 6**
  - Mark June moved to amend item 6.
  - Seconded Sandy Blomfield

3. **Reports from elected officials and community representatives in attendance (5 minutes each)**

a. **Legislative Updates**

- **District F – Senator James Kaufman**
  - Discussed key transportation performance issues.
  - Discussion on education strategy, including what to do with the retirement system SP 88.
  - Key issues in funding education are credibility and accountability – value for dollars spent.
- **District 11 – Representative Julie Coulombe – her assistant represented her.**
  - Upcoming town hall meeting Saturday from 10 to noon.
  - Rep. Coulombe was the representative on the Alaska Council of School Administrators.
  - Introduced Bills: HB 286. – Crime Victim Restitution; and HB 89 – Child Care: Tax Credits/Assistance/

b.

- **Assembly Member Randy Sulte**
  - February 20-22 head to Juneau to lobby for Anchorage priorities.
  - Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> assembly prohibits right turn on red;
  - AEDC lunch working on sales tax initiative.
  - On the 23<sup>rd</sup> opened temporary snow dump.
  - Named port after Congressman Young.
  - Defeated Marijuana drive-through but approved free samples.

c. **Anchorage School District Board Representative**, Board President Margo Bellamy – represented by Higgins.

- Presented multiple budget issues.
- 23-24 enrollment projections of 2% less per year. Residents leaving the state is an issue but also the number of residents coming in is less.

d. **Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Community Information & Updates** – will email updates.

4. **Presentation**

a. **Municipality of Anchorage, Real Property Taxes-** presentation by the Municipal Assessor Jack Gadamus.

**Topics included:**

- “Green cards” mailing date and procedures
- Valuations
  - \$54 Billion total value.
  - \$39 billion taxable value.
  - New construction leveling off for residential, but commercial has increased..
  - Average value change: 9.2% increase for residential. Hillside is up 10%.
  - Positive indicators include – jobs are plentiful.

- Exemptions & Appeals – due dates, qualifications, procedures
  - Provided types and due dates.
  - March 15 exemptions are due.
- How valuations are determined;
- Resources for residents;

Q&A followed the presentation.

5. **New Business and Community Information:**

- a. **The next HCC Meeting is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.**
- b. **April 2, 2024 is ELECTION DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

**Dates & info from the MOA:**

**MARCH 3 - Deadline to Register to Vote**

Register or update your registration online: <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>

**MARCH 12 - Ballot Packages Mailed**

If you will be away and unable to receive your ballot at your registered mailing address between March 12 - April 2, apply to vote from a temporary

address: <https://www.muni.org/.../Elections/Pages/VoterInfo.aspx>

**MARCH 25 - Anchorage Vote Centers (AVC) Open**

If you need assistance voting, if you need to replace a lost or damaged ballot, if you didn't receive a ballot, or if you prefer to vote in person, visit an Anchorage Vote Center before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day: <https://www.muni.org/elections/avc>

**APRIL 2 - ELECTION DAY - Return your ballot by 8:00pm!**

Find a secure drop box or AVC near you: <https://www.muni.org/elections/dropbox>

Visit <https://www.muni.org/elections> for more information.

6. **Candidates** (3 minutes each + HCC member Q&A as time allows)

- Janice Park for State Senate – fundraiser on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- Walter Featherly – Running for House - District 11.
- Senator Kaufman – has every intent of being a Senator.

7. **Open Discussion** (3 minutes per person, time permitting) HCC Members and those that are eligible for membership within the HCC boundaries have priority to address the Council before non-member guest attendees.

- Mark June discussed a bond issue for Chugiak access.
- Dr. Helena Wisniewski – Invited members to attend the upcoming AI webinar on Cybersecurity at UAA.

8. **Adjournment 8:16**

Motion to adjourn, Mark June.

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