

Hillside Community Council

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: Shepherd of the Hills Church - 11600 Elmore Road, Anchorage, AK 99516

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86590493825?pwd=YkZhcGVaTW9ZNORM2Uzd25xcVZXZz09>

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1. **Welcome/Call to Order 6:32 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:** President Carmela Warfield, Bob Redlinger, Daniel Robbins (on Zoom), Bruce Vergason, Dr Helena Wisniewski
 - **Board members absent, excused:** Sandy Blomfield, Todd Brownson.
 - **A Quorum was established.**

2. **Business Updates (10-15 minutes total)**
 - **Treasurer's Report** – Daniel Robbins
 - Budget of \$1,778.46, no withdrawals or debits since last report.
 - President Warfield mentioned that she spent \$149.90 for a zoom update and would request reimbursement.

 - **FCC Delegate Report** – Carmela Warfield
 - Project Hope provided a presentation to delegates on Nolaxone administration and use.

 - **HALO Delegate Report** – Bob Redlinger
 - Mr. Redlinger was out of state for the HALO meeting.
 - However, he presented an update on signage for HCC meetings from various vendors – PIP, AT Publishing and Alaska Graphics, associated costs and quality of the product.

 - **President's Report** – Carmela Warfield
 - Welcome to guests, brief discussion and update.
 - President Warfield mentioned that HCC has exceeded the minimum number of meetings required per the Bylaws, and asked the members in attendance whether a meeting in December/January was needed, due to the holidays.

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

a. **Legislative Updates**

District E – Senator Cathy Giessel present on Zoom.

- Permanent fund goal is for a \$100 B fund.
 - If achieved it can pay for services.
- Energy costs – Chugach anticipates a 30% increase in rates may happen.
- Legislature is considering creating an auto renewal system for food stamps.
- A bill for a hybrid pension system for state employees is under consideration. Alaska is losing working age people and the current pension system is a contributing factor.

District F – Senator James Kaufman – provided some headlines.

- Alaska Marine Highway System met in Ketchikan.
- Legislature is working on capital improvement projects.
- Green Energy Transition: he discussed some issues involved in the shift from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption — including oil, natural gas and coal — to renewable energy sources like wind and solar, as well as lithium-ion batteries.

District 11 – Representative Julie Coulombe – her representative participated in person.

- Representation Coulombe was in Bethel participating in the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority meeting to address the significant need for behavioral health service in the region.
- She is serving on the Governor’s Child Care task Force.
- She visited schools to discuss their needs.
- She met with natural resources to discuss parks.

b. **Anchorage Assembly Reports, District 6**

Assembly Member Randy Sulte

- Friday, November 3rd, Community Action Housing Summit will be held at UAA.
- In the process of leasing out Sullivan Arena for Management.
- Clean Slate on November 2nd, looking for shelters.
- Proposing a new city licensing program for short-term and vacation rental units, including houses, apartments and bedrooms rented via online booking platforms Airbnb and Vrbo, as a way to help understand the housing shortage, rising rental rates and home prices, and the impact of short-term rentals on Anchorage’s housing supply.
- Nov. 21: Assembly budget vote at Regular Assembly meeting.

- c. **Anchorage Fire Department** – Casey Johnson, Senior Fire Captain MICP, gave a presentation on:
 - **General safety information** – he handed out flyer with detailed information and stated that the key takeaways are:
 - **Ensure that smoke alarms** and carbon monoxide alarms are installed with working batteries in common areas and outside bedrooms in the hallway.
 - **Have House address visible from the street**, this is vital in case of an emergency.
 - **Shovel out fire hydrants**. This will save time in case of a fire emergency.
 - **Public use Naloxone (Narcon)** - this was included on the flyer.
 - It is a life-saving medication that can reverse an opiate overdose. He encouraged people to have Narcon kits to use.
 - He also discussed the signs of an opiate overdose.
 - He also discussed they are hiring people. The issue is retirement and retaining people largely due to poor retirement benefits.
 - A grant was also discussed.

4. **Discussion Items**

- a. **'Mount Elliott' naming application**, upcoming (November 16th, 2023) hearing for the Alaska Historical Commission to consider petition for federal recognition of the name Gerrit Verbeek, Community Member, petitioner. This presentation is for discussion and information purposes only. It is not an item for voting.

- **Gerrit Verbeek presented the rationale for the naming including** an overview of who Mr. Elliott was and his significant contributions.

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

No one presented.

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

As per the members in attendance, the HCC Board will discuss whether to hold a December 2023 meeting and provide notice.

9. **Adjournment**

- Bruce Vergason moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

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