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MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2007

Introductions – Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Introductions were made by all those in attendance.

Approval of meeting minutes -- The February 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Legislative/Assembly report -- Les Gara said that he will submit comments to AMATS about the Knik bridge project by April 12th. He is skeptical that financing for the project will go through, and he said that it is important to keep the discussion going. The legislature is beginning to discuss the gas pipeline. He is somewhat positive about the new bill. There is talk of a special session to deal with the gas line. Public testimony on the operating budget will be taken in Anchorage on March 19th. Anyone interested in testifying should let Les know. There is a caucus meeting in Anchorage on March 17th. The Denali Kid Care program is undergoing changes. Gara's amendment calls for an eligibility increase of up to 200% of the poverty level. Families can buy in at a sliding scale. The feds will disqualify the current Denali Kid Care program because it's too restrictive and it will pull its funding if changes are not made.

Alan Tesche stated that the Mayor's conditions that were added to the assembly's amendment to the LRTP went a long way in protecting Government Hill from construction of the KAB. The amendments assure that no more money from city, state, federal coffers can be applied toward the project. Amendments also emphasize that the Ingra/Gambell access must be completed by 2017. AMATS needs to adhere to what the assembly recommends. We'll need to watch how AMATS responds.

2007 Parks Resolution – A motion was made that the GHCC adopt Suzan Nightengale Park. The motion carried. On a related note, Dave Shapiro, Parks and Rec supervisor, said that Brad Dunker, landscape designer, may have a draft drawing of the improvements to Brown's Point Park done this week. The final drawing will go before the Parks and Rec advisory board. He wants to hear about playground safety and maintenance issues in other neighborhood parks.

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Anchorage Tomorrow – Dennis Linnel discussed and asked for support of school, parks, and improvement bonds during the April 3rd election. More information at www.anchoragetomorrow.org

Anchorage Citizens Coalition – Cheryl Richardson spoke against Proposition 6 road bonds stating that road bonds often do not address the Anchorage 2020 stated focus on bike and pedestrian paths and public transit. Richardson said she was speaking on behalf of herself, not the Anchorage Citizens Coalition, because the information she brought forth on this issue was from her own research.

School bonds presentation – Mike Price from the Anchorage School District outlined Propositions 4 and 5, which include building maintenance and replacement of Clark Middle School.

Hollywood Vista update – Mary Jane Michael of the MOA said that Jaguar Construction (Mark Marlow) and architect Mark Ivy were awarded the contract to build 92 single family homes at the Hollywood Vista site. Gravel extraction from the site will take 60 days. The route will be through E. Bluff Rd., through the Detail Shop (which will be razed), and down W. Bluff to the port. Dave Shaftel moved that conditional use permit application process be waived to speed the process. The motion carried. Mary Jane will draft a resolution to that effect. Dave Shaftel also moved to approve the conceptual design of the subdivision plan. The motion carried. Mary Jane will also draft a resolution to that effect as well.

LRTP and Knik Arm Crossing update – Due to spring vacation and other responsibilities, no members of the KAC tech committee were present to provide an update. Teshe's assembly report provided an update on the assembly's amendment to the LRTP.

FCC delegate report – Harriet Shaftel was absent.

Neighborhood Issues/Concerns – Melinda Gant reported that the traffic calming committee recommended that the choker project at Hollywood and Birch move forward. There is no timeframe for the project yet.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.