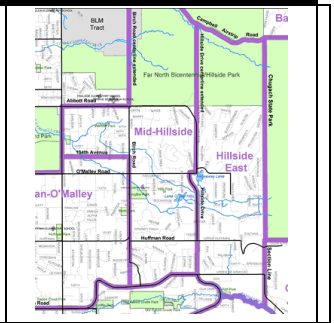


MID-HILLSIDE & HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

September 2005



BYLAWS CHANGE FOR THE HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL. The Assembly recently set new guidelines for Community Council Bylaws. The Hillside East CC Bylaws need significant changes. **Tom Newins** will propose changes for discussion.

THE LARGE ANIMAL ORDINANCE will be introduced at the Assembly on the 13th. A public hearing will usually be a month or so later. **Linda Perkins** will present points for a proposed resolution regarding this ordinance.

THE ZONING LAWS ARE CHANGING! Anchorage has been working on a rewrite of our zoning laws, called Title 21, for a couple years. The existing code has its roots in 1969. Since then, Anchorage's population has more than doubled, we've got more cars than people, and instead of growing by spreading out, we're growing by filling in.

The draft of the new Title 21 is designed to reflect this new reality and to promote the goals of our Comprehensive Plan. Where the Comp Plan speaks broadly about things like building and subdivision design and open space and trails, Title 21 puts it in concrete terms. It's really hard to read.

A glaring aspect of the Title 21 Draft is the diminished role of Community Councils. There's some irony in this as the city is celebrating the 30th anniversary of unification with the borough and the birth of Community Councils.

Comments on the second draft are due the day after our meeting. **John Weddleton** will summarize points in the draft that specifically relate to zoning in our area (primarily R-6). We'll work on a resolution to comment on those points. Check the council's website a few days before the meeting for a preview.

To read the whole thing for yourself, go to www.muni.org/planning/prj_T21_PublicReviewDraft_1.cfm.

THE LAND USE PLANNING MAP is closely related to Title 21. This map is the picture that describes what areas of land are zoned. This map, once it is approved, is the main document people will use to determine what can be built and where. Comments on this map are due the day after our meeting. We'll have a copy for review.

THE HILLSIDE DISTRICT PLAN is the headline topic this month. The main meeting on that will be a week after our regular meeting. However, **Joanne Contreras**, the MOA person in charge of shepherding this project along, will be at our regular meeting to give us an overview.

THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN draft is circulating and comments are due soon after our meeting. A joint Assembly and Planning & Zoning Commission hearing will be held on September 19, 2005 from 5 to 7 pm to seek public comment on the 2025 Draft. It appears that O'Malley and DeArmoun may have been reclassified as busier streets.

More information on the Long Range Transportation Plan is at www.muni.org/tran

WE LOST A BOARD MEMBER!
John Jenkins moved just outside the Mid-Hillside boundaries and into the Huffman-O'Malley CC.

October is our Annual Meeting where we vote in some new board members. Don't be bashful!

Agenda

O'Malley Elementary School
Thursday, September 15, 2005

- 7:00 pm Introductions and approval of previous minutes
- 7:05 Presidents' & FCC reports
- 7:10 Assembly report
- 7:20 Old & New Business
- 7:30 Hillside District Plan
- 7:50 Large Animal Ordinance
- 8:20 Title 21, Land Use Map, LRTP
- 8:50 Hillside East Bylaws
- 9:00 Adjourn

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Our next meeting is Thursday, September 15.
We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month at
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www.communitycouncils.org/MidHillside/hillmid.html