

## **Huffman/O'Malley Community Council**

### **Meeting Minutes February 17, 2011**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Christine Monette at 7 pm. Other Steering Committee members present were Matt Burkholder; Wayne Crayton; Katie Nolan, Secretary; Pete Nolan, Vice President; Jim Pekar; Melissa Schmiedt, Treasurer; and Tim Stevens. Absent but excused were Brian Partch

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melissa Schmiedt.

3. Welcome and Introductions of Steering Committee.

4. Presentations

A. Lori Schanche and Scott Worthington gave a presentation on South High football and baseball field improvements. These are two different construction projects. Baseball field: For the baseball field, a \$1.9 million grant was awarded by the State to fund improvements. The plan is to erect an electronic scoreboard 23 x 25' with LED lighting, install loudspeakers and downcast lighting, erect bleachers and build a two-story central facility in the theme of the school. This will contain a concession area downstairs and offices upstairs. All trash will be hauled off site immediately following events. Drainage issues that affect adjoining neighborhood have been addressed in earlier construction. All maintenance will be done by the booster club. Football field: The football field improvements will include downcast lighting, a 4' fence and a 6' fence, the installation of a scoreboard, and loudspeakers. Existing concrete bleachers that tier into the hill will be modified to include bleacher structures. All maintenance will be done by ASD. Funding for this project will be done by fundraising projects. The community will experience some restricted access to these fields during events.

5. Continuing Business

A. The Hillside District Plan final version has gone to the printer. It is unknown if errors were corrected.

B. Nominating Committee. Katie Nolan has asked for volunteers to serve on the 2011-2012 Steering Committee and as Officers. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to contact her.

C. Mr. Talbot Chang's liquor license CUP for the upscale wine store in the old Ace Hardware location was approved.

D. A representative from Grace was invited to attend our March meeting to discuss issues with Huffman/Pintail.

E. Huffman Park presentation and updates will be given in our March meeting by representatives from Huffman Elementary, Huffman PTA, Trinity Church, Parks Department and CRW Engineering for the road and parking reconstruction and the Safe Route to School park rehabilitation.

**6. Reports**

A. Monette reported on the FCC meeting. April's school and road bonds were discussed. Update on the NUSA conference: The individual who volunteered to do fundraising for this event has raised over \$15,000 and created structure for this national event. She was replaced with a professional who will be paid \$15,000 for her services. This was done without a vote of the board of directors.

B. HALO, Inc will be holding their Candidate Forum at O'Malleys on the Green on Thursday, March 3, at 7 pm. The public is encouraged to attend.

**7. President's Report**

A. UAA student requested Council participation in a Food Survey for a project on local food consumption and sources. Council members were polled and unanimously agreed to participate. Christine Monette was tasked with inviting the UAA student and survey to the March meeting.

**8. New Business**

A. Alaska Waste is in the process of "migrating" customers to mandatory roll carts, and standard residential service is no longer offered. The 64 gal roll carts are \$15.44 per month with a \$2 monthly rental; the 96 gal roll cart is \$18.58 with additional rental. Lost cart fee is minimum \$150. Alaska Waste Customer Service representative "Pat" says that this change was recently approved by the RCA. Messages left with Customer Service director Jeff Riley have not yet been returned. We will attempt to have Riley attend our March meeting.

B. Discussion was held regarding a resolution in support of the SAHS field improvements. This issue will be decided and voted on online.

**9. Open Forum**

A. Senator Cathy Giessel will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Feb 26, at the Rabbit Creek Community Church from 11 to 1 pm.

B. It was decided to ask both Senator Giessel and Representative Lynn to participate in our March meeting via teleconference unless the agenda is too full.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Nolan, Secretary and  
Melissa Schmiedt, Acting Secretary