

Huffman/O'Malley Community Council
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pete Nolan at 7 PM. Other Steering Committee members present were Matt Burkholder, Katie Nolan, Brian Partch, Melissa Schmeidt, Mark Schroeder and Tim Stevens. Absent but excused: Wayne Crayton, Christine Monette, Jim Pekard.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Partch.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Treasurer Report shows a balance of \$569. with an outstanding deposit of \$10.
4. Presentations
 - a. Jeff Coleman, AWWU Project Manager, gave an update on the Elmore & Huffman 5 million gallon water tank. Construction to begin with clearing and hauling in April. Road closure estimated 3-4 days in June. On-site construction July to November. Landscaping in 2012 will keep "natural" look. Tank is natural concrete. Lighting is at 65% design; downcast cutoff lighting; motion detectors on main building door; rest of lighting on switches. The fence is probably vinyl-clad brown. Coleman will also be on the April agenda for an update.
 - b. Dwayne Adams, Anchorage Tomorrow, gave a presentation on the road, parks and miscellaneous bonds. All will increase the tax cap. Maintenance, salaries and other personnel costs are included in these bonds.
 - c. Huffman Park/Huffman School. This was to have been an opportunity to have the School, Park and construction/design segments in the same room to facilitate coordinating these projects. Megan Holliday from Trinity and Colleen _____ the PTA President attended; Eric Jensen, who was to represent the ASD construction/design, was an unexplained no show. John Rodda, Parks & Rec Director, was present to hear concerns about the disconnect between these two projects. The Park Foundation awarded a \$14,000 grant and the community has contributed another \$1000 to make needed safety improvements for this park, under the Safe Routes program. HOCC will follow up with Rodda to request a feathering, clear cut trail and limbing trees to 6-8' to allow line-of-sight visual safety for park users and children walking to school. The Huffman Park project is working with a Muni arborist to remove hazardous vegetation including devils club. They will also be installing bear proof trash cans and dog waste stations, with a budget approved by the Park Foundation. All work must be completed by October 2011. A Community Work Day will be held on Saturday, April 30. Holliday requests that we put this on our calendars and plan to attend. We will also contact the ASD about the lack of participation from ASD's design/construction contractors.
 - d. Linda Hulen gave an update on the Bowman Elementary School's Tanglewood Park Boardwalk project. They are hoping to receive donations that will allow interpretive signs along this community nature trail.
5. Continuing Business

- a. Updates on the HDP implementation have been published in the HALO newsletter.
- b. Huffman & Pintail intersection accident rate is still being investigated. It was mentioned that several council members had or saw near misses at this intersection this morning and afternoon.
- c. The “welcome” letter will again be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval.
- d. Brief discussion was held regarding the SAHS field improvements. Motion by K. Nolan, second by Stevens, to ask the Planning & Zoning Commission to hold a Public Hearing on Case #2011-036, the SAHS field improvements; motion unanimous. The Secretary will write the letter.

6. New Business

- a. The SAHS field improvements and related neighborhood concerns are going to require a special meeting. Motion by K. Nolan, second by Stevens, to call a special meeting on Thursday, March 31, at 7 pm in our normal location; unanimous. The Secretary will mail an announcement to the HOCC mailing list and all concerned individuals and groups.
- b. Alaska Waste will be forcing all customers to their large roll carts, and the cost will be a substantial price increase. HOCC has requested that Alaska Waste representatives attend the April meeting to discuss this new policy and what steps will be taken for those unable to handle the large roll carts on the Hillside.
- c. Council communication issues are back. The monthly newsletter took two weeks for the FCC to mail despite repeated phone calls. It was decided to address this issue in April.
- d. Motion by Schroeder, second by Schmiedt, to donate \$100 to the Tanglewood Park Boardwalk Project for interpretive signage; unanimous.

7. Open Forum

- a. Sue Levi, a representative for Assembly candidate Mike Kenny, attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Nolan, Secretary

Action needed:

Letter announcing Special Meeting; emailed date
Letter to John Rodda re: trail clearing; emailed date
Letter to ASD re: absence
Letter to PZC re: PH; emailed date
“Welcome” letter to SC

Add to April Agenda:

Alaska Waste
AWWU
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