

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - Final
August 21, 2015
Shepherd of the Hills Church

1. Call to Order 7:10 by President Matt Burkholder

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Introductions:

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Matt Burkholder - President
- Christine Monette
- Katie Nolan
- Paul Rasmussen
- Susan Richards
- Diane Shellenbaum

Absent: Evan Budd, Wayne Crayton, Brian Partch, Melissa Schmiedt, Tim Stevens

No quorum.

4. Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes:

Minutes for May 21, 2015 - Approved unanimously, with corrections

B. Treasurer's report (Monette for Crayton): \$414.14 balance at the end of May, paid \$216 to renew mailbox, current balance \$198.14.

Action Item – Decide on and implement ½ yr. donation to Shepherd of the Hills Church church in appreciation for providing HOCC monthly meeting space.

5. Presentations

A. Assembly Member Updates: None present

B. Felix Rivera (Mayor's Liaison to HOCC): Not present

C. Legislative Update: Senator Cathy Giessel –

- Provided update on legislative summer activities and took questions and comments from the audience.
- Noted that the upcoming presidential visit could cause Hillside road disruptions if he visits the zoo.
- Legislative website 'Live Now' a resource to view current meetings in the legislature.
- Senator Giessel will be chairing a meeting Sept 8 to review Oil Tax Credits, with members of the Resources and Finance committees, as well as representatives from industry and labor.
- Legislature is looking at taxes to provide additional revenue to the State, she prefers a sales tax to income tax.

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- There will be a Constitutional Amendment on the November Ballot – purpose to allow a 20 year guaranteed tax rate on a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope. Currently it is unconstitutional for one legislature to tie the hands of future legislatures with regards to taxes.
- Discussion of \$450,000 being used by Legislative Council to fight the Medicare expansion. When questions why this money is being spent in times of extreme budget stress to deny medical care, Senator Giessel believes it was needed to fight executive branch overreach, and that it was not about access to medical care but about access to insurance.

6. Continuing Business

- A. Abbott Road Reconstruction Update – AKDOT&PF, Carla Smith and Greg Hartman. Details can be found on-line. Goal is to reduce numbers of accidents on this stretch of road. 90% Federal funding, AMATS. 90% positive responses from public meetings, with exception of homeowners being impacted directly by road expansion. Will impact 25 home-owners on S side of Abbot between Lake Otis and Birch, ROW's being negotiated now. Showed detailed map plans from Arlen to Birch. Work to include Lake Otis intersection improvements, two lines going uphill for ½ mile, two locations of shaving hill crests to improve lines of sight. Phase I construction planned next summer, from Arlen to Elmore, including Lake Otis intersection.
- B. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan –
 - Katie Nolan and Christine Monette volunteered to represent the council at a meeting tentatively scheduled for September 22 @ noon or 6 pm.
- C. Parks Committee Report – None
- D. Fire Station Update – The construction has started on the Rabbit Creek Park FS #9, underground work and foundation work is ongoing.
- E. Traffic Calming Study Report – Is out and available on-line, Municipality of Anchorage, Traffic Engineering Division, Public Works Department. HOCC area projects qualifying for traffic calming, including initial the divisions internal rankings based on speeds, volumes, school zones, pedestrian generators, and sidewalks. BUT "It is anticipated that each Community Council will rank these proposed traffic calming projects against one another and against other Capital Improvement Priorities for their area.. it is expected that the Councils take the lead role since they are in a better position to assess the desires of the community."
 - Heritage Heights (56),
 - Jerome Street (67),
 - Our Road (85), and
 - Spinnaker Drive (21).

Action Item: Chris put link to traffic calming study on HOCC website.

7. Reports:

- A. FCC (C Monette):
 - June – no meeting, July – picnic, August – no meeting.
 - Website has been down for 2 months when domain was lost, now back up.

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- B. HALO – (K Nolan): Old president John Weddleton stepped down to run for Assembly, new president Rodney Powell.
- C. Crime Statistics: Wayne sent digital crime report.
- D. South Anchorage High Neighborhood Liaison Committee:
 - Construction has started on stadium
 - Problems with late night parties continue, ASD and APD do not respond to problems with unauthorized parties going on all night.
 - Noise continues to be a significant problem for the neighbors.
 - Graffiti incident.

Action Item: Matt, Chris (?) contact Mayor's representative Felix Rivero about the problem.

8. President's Report:

A. Incoming and Outgoing correspondence-

- Alaska Zoo Master Plan, UDC Case #2015-0088, HOCC comments due Sept 23, 2015

Action Item: Interested parties review Zoo Master Plan and report back at September meeting.

- Two notifications of subdividing lots, one on Cange, one on Jerome.

B. Next month Jody Seitz will present on the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map

9. New Business:

Concern with low bank account balance – Matt shared some fundraising ideas, and requested all bring more ideas to discuss at the next meeting.

Action Item: ALL – please bring fund-raising ideas to August meeting.

Action Item: Ask Evan about his ideas of putting together a Facebook page for HOCC, as a way to improve communications and reach more council area members.

Action Item: Chris(?) give Diane list of paid members, remind everyone to pay dues if not up to date.

10. Open Forum:

Action Item summary:

From May minutes:

- **Katie**
 - Work with Evan on Heritage Heights traffic calming issue.

From August minutes:

- **Matt (or Katie?)**
 - Draft a request for a second gate at South High School to cut down on after hours use
 - Draft comment of no objection to two muni notifications of requests to subdivide lots on Cange and on Jerome. In both cases the zoning stays R-6.
- **Matt (or Chris ?)** contact Mayor's representative Felix Rivero about the continuing noise problems at South High School.

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- **Chris**
 - Put link to traffic calming study on HOCC website.
 - Send Diane list of paid members, remind everyone to pay dues if not up to date.

- **All - Next meeting**
 - Ideas for fundraising
 - Decide on and implement ½ yr donation to Shepherd of the Hills Church in appreciation for providing HOCC monthly meeting space.
 - Discuss implementing Evan's idea to make HOCC Facebook Page.

Matt adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 8-23 -15