

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - Final
November 19, 2015
Trinity Church

1. Call to Order 7:04 by President Matt Burkholder

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Introductions:

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Matt Burkholder – President
- Evan Budd – Vice President
- Wayne Crayton – Treasurer
- Christine Monette
- Katie Nolan
- Susan Richards
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary

Absent: Brian Partch, Paul Rasmussen, Melissa Schmiedt, Tim Stevens

There is a quorum

4. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes: **Minutes for October 15, 2015 - Approved**
- B. Treasurer's report - Crayton: \$218.14 balance

5. Presentations

a. Legislative updates –Senator Cathy Geisel sent a written update summarizing the special session and providing an update on her Oil & Gas Tax Credits Working Group. Email her at sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov to sign up for her newsletter.

c. Assembly Reps – Bill Evans presented an update on issues facing the assembly, and took questions from the council members present. Main Assembly issues are the budget, regulating marijuana and cell towers legislation. This year's budget calls for an increase in property taxes of \$11.5M. Causes are loss, since last year, of \$7M from MCA dividends and \$4M State funding. Proposed Police budget up \$5MM, including a restart to police academies

d. School Board Rep – Tam Agosti-Gisler presented and took questions from the audience.

- Explained new standardized testing changes since 2012. Latest scores will be new baseline and are a more realistic measurement of student preparedness for jobs and college.
 - Test results can be seen at <https://education/alaska.gov/TLS/Assessments/Results/results2015.html>
- Plans for pre-literacy focus from K-2 and additional Title I pre-school cancelled by loss in funding during last year's legislative session.
- Budget discussion for next school year starting next Monday, our area public meeting at Hanshaw Middle School.
- Anyone wishing to make comments on-line go to ASD webpage, search 'budget'.

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e. Brayton Drive Pavement Preservation – Carol Roadifer (DOT) and project manager Eric Miyashino (DOT) – Funding is mostly Federal highway funds. 2.2 miles DeArmoun to O'Malleyl, \$1.5M, summer 2016 if funding is finalized

e. Old Fire Station 9 Re-zone – Robin Ward (MOA Real Estate Division). Proceeds will be used to finish construction of new FS #9. Will be requesting a rezone, first part of December, from PLI to B-3, will expect special limitations to require conformance to town-center requirements. Expects it to be on the P+Z docket around February 2016.

f. AMIA - Alaska Marijuana Industry Association- a non-profit trade organization *seeking to promote a responsible, regulated cannabis industry.*– Bruce Schulte, Brandon Emmett, and Kim Kole provided handouts and discussed the issues in the upcoming regulations of marijuana sales in Alaska, regs are statutorily required by next Tuesday, November 24th.

Feb 24, 2016 – Deadline for state to begin accepting license applications.

The Anchorage Assembly has proposed applicable Community Council approval for new licenses.

Fairbanks being very welcoming to the industry. Anchorage is being more prescriptive.

AMIA website – www.AlaskaMarijuanaIndustry.org

6. Continuing Business

a. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan: HOCC is still awaiting the Draft Review to be published. Matt emailed Tom Davis (MOA) asking for update 11-16-15.

b. New Fire Station 9 Update –Siding going up.

c. Traffic Calming Report –Evan Budd; Matt emailed Paul LeFrance (PM MOA) on 11-16-15 to ask about the Spinnaker drainage project, could traffic calming be incorporated.

d. Fundraising –

i. Huffman Elementary Ice Rink Party (TBD) – Monette, Budd & Slivka – nothing scheduled yet, could be last minute.

e. Social Media – Evan Budd & Matt Burkholder – Send links to Evan that would be appropriate for the page. Ideas were Rabbit Creek and Bowman, Grace Christian, and South Schools.

i. Facebook page up and running - need “likes”- tell your friends.

ii. Nextdoor App is being used.

f. HOCC Budget – Wayne Crayton working on digitizing records.

7. Reports

a. FCC – Christine Monette –no report

b. HALO – Matt Burkholder, Christine Monette, Katie Nolan.

- Katie reported HALO discussed recommending to Parks and Rec that Park dedications be expedited in the HOCC area.

- Christine reported Chugach is clearing easements on the Hillside, and their contractors have been clearing much more than the easement of 10 ft, in the case of their property, up to 30 ft.

c. Crime Statistics – Wayne Crayton reported, 17 crimes reported in the areas from October 10-31st.

d. South Anchorage Neighborhood Liaison Committee – Christine Monette, Katie Nolan

i. Teachers Entrance Gate Letter – Matt has it ready to go, will sign and mail.

ii. Fence Gap - Harry Harvey Property – Home-owner has been apprised of issue.

iii. Matt has not heard back from South High principal.

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8. President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence – Case S12218 – AK Zoo Site Plan
- b. Outgoing Correspondence - None
- c. Rasmuson Foundation invited to present on the State's fiscal condition at future meeting.

9. New Business

- a. Moving HOCC meetings to Huffman Elementary starting in December.

10. Open Forum – no discussion.

Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 11-22-15