

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - FINAL
December 17, 2015
Trinity Church

1. Call to Order 7:06 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
- Brian Partch
- Melissa Schmiedt
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary
- Tim Stevens

Absent: Katie Nolan, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richards

There is a quorum

4. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes: **Minutes for November 19, 2015 - Approved**
- B. Treasurer's report - Crayton: \$238.14 balance

5. Presentations

a. Legislative updates –

Representative Bob Lynn – Summary: Legislative session begins January 19th, will be budget focused, could take longer than 90 days. Will be reviewing Governors budget. Gas pipeline another big issue. Appreciates hearing from constituents, phone or e-mail appreciated.

- Council members questions and comments focused on concerns that legislature needs to address, this year, the huge deficit. Cuts in spending are important, and seriously addressing establishing new funding sources even more so.

Senator Cathy Geissel - (attended later in the meeting.) Summary: December 1 – Tax Credit group report issued. Reviewing governors (corrected) budget and tax bills. Gas pipeline issues will be coming before the Resources Committee that Senator Geisel chairs. Meeting Nov 20th with the Gas Pipeline board, concern with significant turnover in committee, and loss of relevant expertise.

- Council members shared budget concerns, that cuts in spending are important, but that seriously addressing new funding sources are more so. Senator Geisel referenced the Scott Goldsmith ISER presentation which addresses both budget cuts and new funding sources (taxes and permanent fund restructuring) – (link is <http://www.commonwealthnorth.org/index.cfm?section=About&page=What%27s-New&viewpost=2&ContentId=907>)

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b. **Mayor's Representative Felix Rivera.** Summary: January 25-26 scheduled for "Point in time Count" where 100+ volunteers will survey the homeless camps to determine the location and size of Anchorage's homeless. – The muni is looking for volunteers for the early morning (4 am) survey. The Muni budget was passed. New policy on 'open data' using Bloomberg grant to increase public transparency – need to determine what data can be made available, and how.

c. **Assembly Representative Bill Evans.** Summary: Budget and Finance committee met on marijuana tax. Current proposal is to start (low) at 5% to allow legal operations to compete with the black market. Tax is outside tax cap as it will pay for new regulation enforcement. Sales tax proposal being discussed, will wait to see what State does budget wise before putting it on the ballot. Assembly passed 'vote by mail', the sales tax proposal may be the first election run that way.

Next meeting –building codes.

Mayor rolled out a \$46 Million bond package to cover items including police, fire, and parks and recreation. If passed, costs will not be completely offset by the bonds being retired this year.

g. **Officer Natasha Welch – Anchorage Police Department.** Summary: APD running two new police academies, soliciting qualified local applicants. Handed out information on how to apply and the minimum qualifications required.

e. **Land Use Plan Map – Jodi Seitz and Tom Davis.** Summary: Showed a working draft explaining how plan works and compares to existing local land-use plans, such as Hillside District Plan. Process for city-wide plan began in April 2015. Extensive community engagement, including meeting with community councils throughout Anchorage (HOCC in May and September), and HALO twice. Dedicated Muni GIS mapping resource. 120 consultations. April – planned release of public hearing draft. May – Public hearing.

www.muni.org/government/longrangeplanning

Issues include how to accommodate growth in Anchorage, and will likely suggest some targeted rezoning requests in area with muni water and sewer access.

Also discussed possible long term project of daylighting Furrow Creek (currently buried under Huffman

f. **Erika McConnell – Muni Planning Manager – Land Use Regulations - MMOA Marijuana Ordinance**
Summary: Handed out and discussed draft of Marijuana land-use regulations that will be presented to Planning and Zoning before going to the Assembly. Regulations include types of establishments and where they can exist.

Also working licensing regulations – they need approval from Assembly only (no P+Z).

Process being suggested for licensing includes required public meeting within Community Council areas, either held by the affected CC's, or an alternative if a meeting cannot be held timely.

Marijuana will be more highly regulated than alcohol.

6. Continuing Business

c. Traffic Calming Report –Evan Budd talked with Todd Jacobsen about whether Spinnaker drainage project could be merged with traffic calming.

d. Fundraising –

i. Huffman Elementary Ice Rink Party – Brian Parch -tentative date February 13

e. Social Media – Evan Budd keeping up Facebook page – send links as appropriate.

f. HOCC Budget – Wayne Crayton will purchase receipt book

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7. Reports

- a. FCC – Christine Monette –no report
- b. HALO – Matt Burkholder, Christine Monette, Katie Nolan.
 - Matt reported the Mayor has suggested changed the road service area board from an elected board to an appointed board, to avoid having to go through APOC.
- c. Crime Statistics – Wayne Crayton reported, 26 crimes reported in the areas in latest reporting period, also 7 false alarms, 10 traffic incidents (2 resulting in arrests).

Brian Partch -**Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes past 9:00** –Melissa Schmiedt 2nd, motion passed with no objections

- d. South Anchorage Neighborhood Liaison Committee –
 - i. Teachers Entrance Gate Letter – Letter sent, Matt still trying to meet with Principal at South High, getting no response.

8. President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence – Marijuana ordinance comment requests, Due Dec 3rd. Assisted Living Facilities comment requests, due January 21st. Telecommunications regarding cell towers comment requests, due January 11th.
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence – South High Gate letter sent.
- January Meeting:
Rasmuson Foundation may present on the State's fiscal condition.
Chugach Electric (Phil Steyer) may present legislative priorities.

9. New Business

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

10. Open Forum –

Diane Shellenbaum -**Motion to provide \$75 donation to Trinity Church in appreciation for providing meeting space for the last 4 meetings.** Melissa Schmiedt 2nd - Motion passed with no objections.

Brian Partch-**Motion to authorize Brian Partch to represent HOCC when talking to the muni about security concerns for the Abbot-O-Rabbit Little League baseball fields related to the construction work being planned on O'Malley in the next year or two.** – Motion passed no objections

Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 1-17-16