

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - Final
January 21, 2016
Huffman Elementary

1. Call to Order 7:07 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
- Katie Nolan
- Paul Rasmussen
- Susan Richards
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary

Absent: Christine Monette, Brian Partch, Melissa Schmiedt, Tim Stevens

There is a quorum

4. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes: **Minutes for December 17, 2015 – Approved as corrected.**
- B. Treasurer's report - Crayton: \$193.14 balance. This month wrote \$75 Check to Trinity Church, received \$150 check (to be deposited) from FCC for two years donation to PO box

5. Presentations

a. Legislative updates –

Senator Cathy Geissel - Matt read written update. Legislature is now in session, priorities are budget, budget, budget. Senator Geissel's office puts out a weekly e-newsletter, sign up on her website. Input is welcome.

b. **Mayor's Representative Felix Rivera.** Summary: Two main points from latest Assembly mtg:

- 1) State legislative Program – City recognizes State budget crisis will impact \$\$ available for Anchorage. Have simplified request to legislature from 80 pages to 4, with primary focus on 1) Port of Anchorage (\$290 Million), 2) Funds to address domestic violence, and 3) request that all alcohol taxes go towards funding substance abuse treatment, currently a significant amount goes to the general fund.
 - 2) Bonds - Anchorage has very good bond rating and now a good time to bond. Retiring \$36 Million this year, and restructuring another \$100+ Million, for significant savings. Assembly passed local bonds (~\$50 Million). Next Tuesday bonds for school district will be proposed, \$49.5 Million, including projects in 36 schools, 27 busses, adding a wing to Lake Otis elementary to accommodate Mt Ida Charter school.
- January 27-28 scheduled for "Point in time Count" to determine how many and where our homeless are camping. Deadline to identify all camp locations is Monday, January 25th, please send any locations to Burkeni@muni.org. Volunteer Training will be at St. Mary's Episcopal church at 6 pm, Monday January 25th.

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d. School Board – Matt provided update from Tam Agosti-Gisler – School Board meeting tonight on next year's budget. Noted last year's budget included 2% increases in direct classroom related expenses, and reductions everywhere else.

Alison Arians, with Great Alaska Schools, also shared:

- Public School Celebration week is February 15-20th, to celebrate the many positive things going on in the schools, things planned each day.
- February is Visit our schools month – every Tuesday at 9:30, and 6 pm Feb 23rd.
- More information at www.asdk12.org/visit

e. **Phil Steyer**-Chugach Electric – Shared the presentation given at the annual Legislative Luncheon. Summary included work on Railbelt grid unification, the Battle Creek Diversion project proposed to supplement the Bradley Lake Hydro project in the southern Kenai Peninsula, discussion of the fuel supply and importance of the continued supply natural gas to the grid, and that Chugach has contracts for all the needed gas through 2022.

The Haynes substation construction is ongoing, expected completion this summer
Meter replacement/upgrade project began in 2015, is ongoing. 12K upgraded to date, 12k plus expected this year.

f. **Clinton DesJarlais** – O'Malley Rd/Independence Park Land Exchange proposal.

Summary: Mr. DesJarlais has proposed a land-exchange to the ADOT&PF (State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities) and is seeking support for this proposal from HOCC. Handouts were provided that covered the specific land exchange details, as well as supporting arguments in favor of the exchange. Mr. DesJarlais expressed concern that there was no access to the neighboring parkland except through the Chili Pepper fields and trespass over his private land, and also that he has no access to his private lands.

Mr. DesJarlais proposal to ADOT&PF includes dropping his suit currently in Federal Court and exchanging the long thin strip of land he owns (MOA Parcel #016-061-52-000) between the Chili Pepper fields and parkland in the Independence Park sub-division, as well as a strip of land he has a deed to which covers a strip of O'Malley road itself, in exchange for a lot that lies to the South of O'Malley.

Mr. DesJarlais also provided his own life-history in Alaska and his personal hopes for the land. He indicated that this exchange would allow progress on the planned O'Malley road improvements.

g) **Equine Assisted Therapy of Alaska** – Rebecca Widmer and Jacques Boutet. Summary: Equine Assisted Therapy of Alaska is seeking to extend its season by erected a covered barn in the Ruth Arcand equestrian Center. HOCC has previously passed a resolution in support of this effort. Since that resolution, the plans have changed due to the need for fire safety provisions, included the erection of the 5000 gallon water tank, and the clearing of some additional trees to provide a 30 ft fire break around all the buildings, and **the organization is seeking an additional HOCC resolution, or amendment to the previous resolution, in support of the additions to the plan.**

6. Continuing Business

a. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan – Matt Burkholder. Matt reported the work is ongoing, the report may be out at the end of February.

c. Traffic Calming Report –No new progress

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d. Fundraising –

i. Huffman Elementary Ice Rink Party – Planned for January 29th, 6:30-8:30 pm.

e. Social Media – Evan Budd keeping up Facebook page – check it out, looks great.

7. Reports

a. FCC – Matt Burkholder reported - Issues covered included cell tower regulations, marijuana issues and impacts on the community.

b. HALO – Matt Burkholder and Katie Nolan reported – Issues covered included reconnaissance study on possible improvements to Minnesota drive, go to HALO website to make comments. HALO candidate forum to be held Wednesday March 2nd at O'Malley on the Green.

c. Crime Statistics – Wayne Crayton reported, 25 major crimes reported in our CC area between Dec 13-Jan 18th, including 2 homicides. Also 7 false alarms, 9 Disturbances, 14 traffic incidents (2 resulting in arrests), 6 Drug related calls, and 5 b.

d. South Anchorage Neighborhood Liaison Committee –

i. Teachers Entrance Gate Letter – no response yet. Matt setting up meeting with Principal at South High, Kersen Johnson.

8. President's Report

a. Incoming Correspondence – R6 Lot subdivision request received, P+Z case S12246. Resulting lots still 1 acre minimum.

b. Outgoing Correspondence – None.

c. February meeting – Tentative – South High Principal Kersten Johnson.

9. New business:

1) Katie Nolan – **Motion to provide a resolution in support of the updated plans submitted by Equine Assisted Therapy for the construction of a covered barn in Ruth Arcand equestrian park.** – Evan Budd 2nd - Motion passed with no objections.

- **ACTION: Katie(?) draft resolution**

2) Katie Nolan – **Motion to provide a resolution in support of allowing Clinton DesJarlais access to his land.** Paul Rasmussen 2nd. Discussion included many issues in addition to land access, concluding with desire that before making recommendations on such a complex issue, HOCC allow time to hear from others involved, ie MOA Parks and Recreation, and possibly DOT. **Motion withdrawn by Katie and Paul.**

- **ACTION: Matt (or designee) contact Tom Korosei, MOA, and Cynthia Ferguson (ADOT&PF) to request the Park's and State's perspective on the issue. Add this issue to the agenda for February.**

3) Katie Nolan – **Motion to provide input of no objection to P+Z case S12246.** Evan Budd 2nd – Motion passed with no objections.

- **ACTION: Matt will try to provide input of no objection on muni website, assuming website is now allowing comments.**

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10. Open Forum –

Shirley Cote – Announced herself a candidate for the State House seat from District 28, provided qualifications and positions.

Matt Burkholder – **Motion to extend the meeting a maximum of 15 minutes.** Diane Shellenbaum 2nd. Motion passed with no objections.

Kevin Burke – State prosecutor from the DA's office. Introduced himself and the DA's office functions, the office wishes to hear and understand community concerns. Questions include:

- What public safety or concerns exist in our area?
- Are there other organizations the DA's office should engage with?
- Are there specific questions for the DA's office?
- Are there questions on criminal justice in general they can answer?

Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 1-24-16