

HOCC Minutes
Feb 18, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Evan Budd at 7:05 pm. Other Steering Committee members present included Wayne Crayton, Christine Monette, Katie Nolan, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richards and Tim Stevens.
- II. The President welcomed members and visitors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of January 2016 were approved as written.
 - B. Treasurer Report. Balance of \$193.14. Outstanding deposit of \$50.
- IV. Presentations
 - A. Assembly member Bill Evans reported and updated Land Use Ordinances for Marijuana; dual licenses Muni and State. Gives Muni control. Land Use Regs not quite right, so will be dealing with next meeting regarding distance walking vs crow flies. In Anch will probably be in walking distance. Working on community council involvement methods. Want to have more involvement than current liquor regs. Title 21 revisions. Q. Did anyone take into account cost to homeowner when selling home to comply with T21? A. Not really. Follow international codes. Cell phone towers on agenda. PZC has not finished yet, but committee chair wants session on it. Incentivizes utilization of new technology, small cell technology, hidden/camouflages towers. Co-location when possible. Q. Banking for marijuana industry? A. Working on. Q. Why difference in distances in marijuana to liquor industry? A. Federal law re: drug free school zones. Q. Overturn petition language issue? A. Muni Atty changed language to make “no” into “yes”. Chose not to put on April ballot. Special election possible.
 - B. Senators Giessel’s update in writing for Council.
- V. Continuing Business
 - A. Social Media (Budd, Burkholder). Facebook doing ok.
 - B. Independence Park Land Swap. Discussion. Need to request attendance of Tom Korosi at next meeting.
- VI. Reports
 - A. FCC (Burkholder, Monette). Community Action Patrol new Officer Navae is working out a new community questionnaire. Want to know how APD can better help community help themselves. Felix (rep from Mayor’s office) reported that CIP lists out this week. Need to be completed by 31 May. Asked to cut list down to one item from each council. Asked we write to Legislators asking for support for Port of Anchorage. New APD Academy to be held end of May. AFD Academy in March; full. Hope to put 25 new firefighters on. “Open Office Hours” before council meetings will allow one-on-one time with Mayor; will visit all councils. “Anchorage Talks Transit” May 5. UAA Economist Gunner Knapp brought in stats to focus attention on problems with state finances.
 - B. HALO (Burkholder, Monette, Nolan) Candidate Forum Wed March 2nd. Need volunteers to help with tasks to make it successful. Budd and Richards will help.
 - C. Crime Stats (Crayton). 21 crimes Jan 19-Feb 14. 8 traffic incidents. 2 drug offenses at SAHS and 6 false alarms.
 - D. South Anch High School Neighborhood Liaison Committee (Burkholder). Kristen Johnson has not yet replied to our request.

VII. Open Forum

- A. Legislative Candidate Shirley Cote gave an update on her campaign and answered questions. Campaign team working well. Primary Aug 16; general in Nov. Raised \$14K. Attending lots of meetings to get knowledge of current issues.
- B. Assembly Candidate John Weddleton gave a campaign update and answered questions. Campaign going well. Almost at 2,000 doors knocked on and have met about 800 people. Bayshore forum next week. Election April 5th.
- C. Troopers in Girdwood. They “may” serve state. They want to contract with Whittier PD. Best solution, as Whittier has seasonal PD service and it and Girdwood have opposite seasons. Whittier can’t keep officers year-round and must train new each year; two of their officers already live in Girdwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Nolan

Action Items:

CIP list – distribute to members