

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - Final
March 17, 2016
Huffman Elementary

1. Call to Order 7:05 by President Matt Burkholder

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Introductions:

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Matt Burkholder – President
- Katie Nolan
- Brian Partch
- Paul Rasmussen
- Susan Richards
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary

Absent: Evan Budd, Wayne Crayton, Christine Monette, Melissa Schmiedt, Tim Stevens

No quorum

4. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes: **Minutes for February 18, 2016 – Approved**
- B. Treasurer's report - Matt - \$413.14 balance. This month \$25 Check to Halo in support of candidates forum.

5. Presentations

a. Legislative updates –

Assembly member Bill Evans reported on two issues:

- 1) Marijuana regulations – Assembly discussing the appropriate level of community council involvement in the approval of marijuana establishments. Need a procedure that provides for community engagement without establishing onerous process on both community councils and applicants.
- 2) AO 2016-34, proposals from Assembly member Amy Demboski for changes to Title 21. Concern voiced by RCCC about appropriate process for changes. Title 21 full implementation last Dec 31. Amendments proposed around % of window facing front, raising height limits on steep slopes, drainage planning requirements. RCCC objected to perceived fast track – original plan was 2 weeks between introduction of proposals and vote. Most assembly members wish to know more before deciding. Plan now likely to be Assembly work session, then vote at following meeting, should be a full month to allow public feedback.

b. Senator Giessel provided a written report with updates on the budget, Medicaid reform, and the governor's tax bills. The governor has not proposed a sales tax.

c. **Mayor's Representative Felix Rivera.**

- Vision Zero – initiative to reduce traffic deaths and serious injury. Planning department goal to address behavioral issues with education. AMATS funds of \$2.1 Million covers 9 projects design

and construction to factor in pedestrian and bicycle needs and safety. Info at muni.org and visionzero on facebook.

- Election April 5th – supports 'no' on Ballot measure 8, believes it would encourage wasteful spending by lowering following year's cap if current year's max allowable not spent.
- Supports more public input to Title 21 changes proposed in AO 2016-34.
- Fire Academy going on now, two Police academies planned, this May and in the Fall. Taking applications for fall academy. Studies show town Anchorages size should have 440, we have 360 aiming at 400.
- Pt in Time homeless count report due out at end of March.

d. School Board –Tam Agosti-Gisler –

- School Bonds – Encourages yes vote - provided a hand-out and described school bonds up for vote on April 5th. Projects cover maintenance including 9 roof replacements, security cameras, seismic, safety, energy and mechanical upgrades, and 27 school busses, all projects listed at asdk12.org/bonds. IF all these bonds pass, the mill rate will go down .2%, due to the bonds being retired this year.
- ASD bond debt has declined over \$200 million in last 7 yrs.
- Superintendent search – applications closed March 14th, first board meeting of vetted candidates March 30th.

e. **Holly Spoth-Torres**-Anchorage Tomorrow – organization in support of Muni bonds, Ballot measures 3,4,5,6, and 7. anchoragetomorrow.org has more details. Bonds include Road and Drainage, Parks and Trails, Fire Department, Police Department, and Areawide (911 upgrade, ambulances, and cardiac monitors.) Total of bonds \$47.86 million. Taxes on a \$350,000 house would go up \$40 if all bonds pass. \$36 Million in bonds also being retired this year.

6. Continuing Business

a. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan – Matt Burkholder. Matt attended meeting 3-16-16 where current version was reviewed and questions taken. Concern expressed that map shows areas of higher density than current Hillside plan.

Action: Katie will lead coordination of Community Councils responses to the draft plan.

b. Social Media – Evan Budd keeping up Facebook page.

c. Independence Park Land Swap – Matt reported that the municipal surveyor is researching fair market value for possible recommendation to purchase the strip of land between the Chili Pepper fields and Independence Park.

7. Reports

a. FCC – Matt Burkholder reported - Issues covered included JBER drawdown economic impact study, AMATS \$2.1 Million, Firefighters academy, April 5th Municipal elections, Title 21 issues – AO 2016-34, Land use map, Beluga Gas field purchase. CIP's are on line

Action: Form committee to coordinate comments –

Action: Matt send out link to steering committee to review CIP's.

b. HALO – Matt Burkholder and Katie Nolan reported –HALO candidate forum was held Wednesday March 2nd at O'Malley on the Green, and went very well. Almost 100 people participated from 6:30-8:30. HOCC provided significant support to the event.

c. South Anchorage Neighborhood Liaison Committee – Matt – Not yet successful in meeting with South High Principal Kersten Johnson.

Follow-up - Weds March 23 - report from Matt after meeting with Principal Johnson-

- 1. The Fence - This should be fixed this spring so that the chance for vandalism may be reduced with fewer students around.*
- 2. The Gates – Matt followed up with a follow-up note to Chief Operating Officer Tom Roth. This is more of a facilities issue. She said she wasn't opposed to the gate but would need to work out details of securing them if they are installed.*
- 3. Reports - Kersten or her Vice Principals would report at our meetings. This also may be supplemented by South's Community Outreach Student.*
- 4. Cameras - South is trying to get more security cameras.*
- 5. Summer Hosts - South will have one to two hosts (campers) staying on campus this summer.*
- 6. TVE - HOA President and Kersten have each other's number and are working together to mitigate neighborhood concerns.*

8. President's Report

a. Incoming Correspondence –

- 2016-0033 - Proposal recommending changes to allowed storage in and around houses.
- Copy of letter to Oceanview CC regarding rezoning and reuse of existing Fire Station #9 after construction is completed on the new station at Rabbit Creek Park.

b. Outgoing Correspondence – None

9. New business:

a. CIP committee formed – Matt and Katie.

b. Nominations committee formed – Matt, Katie, and Brian.

Follow-up March 23rd – Proposal to nominate the current 11 members if they are willing to serve.

c. Nancy Pease – RCCC (Rabbit Creek Community Council) shared their letter expressing concern on the changes submitted to title 21 via AO-2016-34. Group discussion.

MOTION - Katie Nolan, 2nd Susan Richards.

The Huffman O'Malley Community Council believes that the changes proposed in AO 2016-34 are potentially significant changes to Title 21, and warrant sufficient time to study and fully understand their impact. We consider these proposals significant enough to warrant regular process through the Planning and Zoning commission and request the Assembly provide for the time and public process to fully vet these proposals.

Vote was 5 yes, 1 no, but not binding since there was no quorum.

*Follow-up March 19th the motion was sent by HOCC Secretary via e-mail to the full steering committee for voting. By March 20th, 7 'yes' votes, zero 'no' votes were received by the HOCC secretary. **The Motion Passed.***

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March 23rd -2016- Matt provided the comments to the mayor's office and to the assembly via e-mail. (Matt attempted to submit comments on-line before March 21 (deadline for comments) with no success.) RCCC, GHCC, and Oceanview CC have also submitted comments.

10. Open Forum –

Brian Partch – Requested permission to put the Abbot-O-Rabbit Little League registration information on HOCC Facebook page – unanimously approved.

John Weddleton – Anchorage Assembly candidate – non-partisan, business owner, long-time participant and leader in community councils across the Hillside and Anchorage.

Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 3-28-16