

Huffman O'Malley Community Council Minutes - FINAL
November 17, 2016
Trinity Presbyterian, Lorraine Rd.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Evan Budd – Vice President
- Matt Burkholder - President
- Brad Coy
- Wayne Crayton - Treasurer
- Katie Nolan
- Paul Rasmussen
- Susan Richards
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary
- Vacant- Filled this meeting by Shirley Coté (new business)

Absent-excused –Christine Monette, Brian Partch

8 of 10 present, there is a quorum

4. Agenda – Updated and approved

5. Minutes: **Minutes for October 20, 2016 – Approved as written**

6. Treasurer's report - Wayne

- Expected balance \$298.14
- Wayne reviewed old binder including records from 1992-2011. After discussion, group agreed it was not material that needed to be archived.
- **ACTION- Wayne go to bank and update mailing address, pick up copies of statements that went to old address.**
- **ACTION – Susan – review/audit treasurers records from last year.**

7. Presentations

- Legislative updates
 - Senator Cathy Giessel legislative aid **Kari Nore** was present and available for questions, received encouragement for Legislature to 'get it done' this session.
 - **Senator Kevin Meyer** reported-
 - Last session legislative accomplishments were reductions in state spending, Medicaid reform, corrections reform, and work on oil and gas tax credits. On revenue, looked at and rejected an income tax- reasoning: the amount of income did not justify the required increase in state employees (50-60) needed to manage the tax. Senate passed a bill intended to restructure the PFD to provide more income, which was rejected in the house.

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- This session he expects - more work on reductions, reforms, and revenues. To fund budget expects to - use money from CBR (\$3 Billion remains), possible alcohol and fuel tax. Does not support a sales or income tax.
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- Mayor's Rep. – **Jared James** for Katie Dougherty.
 - APD will be starting new downtown patrols between 3rd and 6th and L and Cordova.
 - New transportation app available to improve transportation efficiency – find at linkak.org
 - Celebrating diversity with Tuesday recognition of different cultures in Anchorage, Hmong will be first.
 - New building opened downtown which offers housing for chronically homeless.
- Assembly representative – **John Weddleton**
 - Assembly budget \$502 Million. APD budget is higher, all other departments will be cut and impacts will be seen. It will be longer to plow all city streets – max time increased from 72 hrs. to 84 hrs.
 - Taxes up – a \$500,000 house will pay \$65 more a year.
 - Assembly has a spending cap which is currently not being adhered to. 2 year study ongoing to update cap.
 - Introduced ballot measure to better design the spending cap. If it's in the charter it has teeth. This version would also have emergency provisions. – Public comments soon
 - Additional costs this year - \$8-\$15 Million related to State budget cuts.
 - Additional costs next year - \$4 million SAP payments begin – (and go for 20 years)
 - Some changes to Title 21
 - Many issues with marijuana – i.e. reviewing license applications, updating laws.
- Rabbit Creek Elementary Principal **Greg Balko** – Thanked the community for voting for the school bonds that were used to rebuild Rabbit Creek. The new building is safer, more efficient, and will be an asset to the school district and the community for many years to come.
- DOT&PF Project manager **Kirk Louthan** – Working on design for Minnesota pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, some curb and gutter signs and striping, for summer 2017.

8. Continuing Business

a. Land Use Plan – Matt recommended HALO most efficient place to manage working group, this year consisted of HOCC, RCCC, Abbot Loop CC – group lost steam due to length of process and difficulty in finding times when all could meet.

Matt turned in HOCC comments to P+Z who may take it up on Dec 5 or 12 mtgs.

Tom David encourages us to watch for their responses and be prepared to provide public testimony when it is brought before the Assembly, likely in January.

b. Traffic Calming – Evan Budd spoke with the Muni's Tim Myland. Our highest ranking project, Heritage, is 42nd, so is 4-5 years out. Given that action for safety is needed before then, Tim is researching our question of whether the neighborhood can self-fund the needed improvements.

- Steeple Drive added to list
- Furrow Creed added to list

c. Fundraising – Matt talking with PTA's about joint fund-raisers.

d. Social Media – Evan continues posting items of interest to the community.

e. 11641 Gander – Nothing new reported.

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f. Old Station 9 Firehouse purchase by Brown Jug. – Brown Jug has decided NOT to purchase the location. The 2nd place bidder (of 2) is Chain Reaction.

9. Reports

a. FCC – Matt reported. A budget was passed. Tom Davis presented Land Use Plan Map. Beth Norlund Parks and Trails bond package out on web, includes Taku Lake park redesign. Comments to

betha@anchorageparkfoundation.com 274-1004. New bus schedules/routes being discussed, both focus more on downtown. New crime mapping software available, www.communitycrimemap.com

b. HALO – Katie Nolan reported they met 2 weeks ago, discussed fundraising.

c. Crime Statistics – Wayne Crayton reported and provided new simplified tracking statistics. Of note were a big increase in thefts, focused in two areas – Tulin Park (old gravel pit development) and South of Huffman from Brayton to Westwind. Several instances of breaking into cars, stealing garage door openers and registrations, then breaking into the houses.

d. South Anchorage HS neighborhood liaison committee –

10. Presidents report –

- We have successfully changed our address on everything except the bank statements.
- **ACTION – Diane/Matt** – write blurb for Rabbit Creek Elementary (and other?) PTA newsletter with information on HOCC, goal to educate and encourage participation in HOCC.
- Incoming Correspondence
 - 2016-0148 and 2016-0151 (Steep Slope issue) – Katie will review and recommend responses.
- Outgoing Correspondence - None

11. New Business

HOCC Steering Committee Election

- Shirley Coté was nominated and is eligible (willing to serve, lives in area and has attended at least 2 meetings in the last 12 months.)
 - **Shirley Coté approved unanimously.**
 - The Steering Committee now has all positions filled.

12. Open Forum

Discussion on how to form a neighborhood watch- **Evan will share the link on Facebook.**

Discussion on budget – how does HOCC use funds? Yearly budget items are \$25 donation to Halo for candidates forum, PO Box (no longer needed), and donations for use of meeting space, usually \$100. Previously dues were collected, but now dues are NOT required for membership, now it is a request for a suggested \$10 donation.

Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 11-26-16

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