

Huffman O'Malley Community Council
March 15, 2018
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 12310 Lorraine Rd.
Minutes – FINAL

1. Call to Order 7:01 p.m. by President Evan Budd
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Evan Budd –President
- Shirley Coté –Vice President
- Dave Hemstreet
- Katie Nolan
- Susan Richards – Treasurer
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary

Absent: Matt Burkholder, Christine Monette, Brian Partch, Brad Coy, Gretchen Stoddard

6 of 11 present, there is a quorum

4. Agenda – No changes
5. Minutes – **Minutes for February 2018 – Approved**
 - **ACTION – Work on November 2017 minutes**
6. Treasurer's Report – Susan reported
 - Bank balance - \$233.14
7. Citizen Speakers
 - Lindsay Hibbert – reported that in response to ongoing problem of mail theft, Kempton Hills HOA paid to have all mailboxes in Kempton Hills replaced with secure locking boxes.
8. Presentations/Representatives
 - Adam Lees reported for Assembly representative Suzanne LaFrance. Assembly is working on:
 - Title 11 rewrite, taxi cab ordinance. Goal to level the playing field with Uber and Lyft, who are by statute only regulated by the State and not the municipality.
 - Stream setbacks in Title 21
 - Unanimously approved new patrols of Seward Highway down to Girdwood.

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- Next APD academy due to graduate soon, will bring force to 436 officers, enough to start realigning patrols to match community council areas.
- Remember to Vote – new mail in election starts soon, can also vote in person, nearest location is O'Malley's on the Green starting March 26. Any questions, including whether your vote has been received, call 243-VOTE.
- Alcohol tax was voted down.
- Andy Holleman – School Board member, reported
 - 2 months left in school year
 - Strong support for school bonds to protect investment in facilities. Bonds to cover roofs and seismic upgrades.
 - Schools do not intend to punish any students planning on walking out of class March 24th in planned US wide protest on gun violence. Students will be expected to make up any work missed.
 - All elementary schools now have security entrances, where visitors are buzzed in one by one. Middle schools have just one unlocked door. High schools currently have multiple unlocked entrances, which is being reviewed.
 - East High had a live fire lock-down drill, not approved by school board.
- Kristin DeSmith, Communications Director for the Mayor's office, was present as the Mayor's representative. Report included:
 - Supporting muni bonds in upcoming elections
 - AFD - 21 new firefighters graduated and assigned to stations
 - APD – 50 new officers graduated from 18 month training, bringing total to 436, providing enough officers to add a patrol car to Eagle River.
 - Working on 'design district' to revitalize downtown.
 - Adding on-site medical and security personnel, Community Action Patrol and mental health support on-site at Beans and Brother Francis has reduced 30-40% the number of AFD and APD calls to area.
 - Supporting Prop 11 – increases property tax exemptions
 - Supporting Prop 10 - requesting approval to negotiate MLP sale to Chugach Electric
 - Addressed concerns from Council member that muni/Chugach electric were not sufficiently transparent in negotiations.
 - If approved in this election, negotiations can go forward. Any agreements will need to be approved by the Assembly, the Chugach board, and the RCA
- Chugach Electric – Member owned, not for profit, electric company for much of the Anchorage bowl. Representatives- CFO Sherri Highers, VP Regulatory +External Affairs Arthur Miller, and Mgr Communications Julie Hasquet, presented rationale for Chugach support of Prop 10, the proposition allowing the muni to enter serious negotiations with Chugach Electric to sell MLP.
 - They expect synergies gained by eliminating duplications (2 headquarters, 2 dispatch centers) to lead to lower costs for the consumers, and that there

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will be no layoffs needed as the consolidation could take up to 5 years, normal attrition in that time period would more than make up for any drop in work force needed.

- Concern raised by council member that wording of the proposition is contrary to the wording of the muni charter, leading to mistrust of the proposition and those supporting it. Answer was the State Constitution allows the wording, and that the muni Assembly approved it.

9. Continuing Business

- Traffic Calming Report – Evan – Nothing to add this month. Still waiting on study for Legacy.
- Outreach– Evan reported -
 - Purchased a credit card reader to allow donations
- Huffman / Elmore school lights resolution – Resolution went out this month.

10. Reports

- FCC – Meets next week
- HALO –Katie reported
 - Candidate Forum went well, broke even in cost. Some candidates not happy that the 9 mayoral candidates were broken into two groups.
 - Next forum planned for before the general election in November.
- Crime Statistics – Shirley provided verbal summary of crime statistics in the last month. 1 robbery, 2 assaults, 1 burglary, 8 vehicle crashes, and 3 traffic violations were reported.

11. President's Report

- a. Incoming Correspondence –
 - Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan
 - P+Z Case 2018-0035 – proposed landscaping/highway screening review for new commercial construction, Statewide Door and Glass, north of Carrs Huffman.
 - **ACTION – Evan will submit comment 'No Objection'**
- b. Outgoing Correspondence –
 - a. Letter/resolution to muni requesting school zone lights be on longer hours at Huffman and Elmore, to improve safety for High Schoolers needing to cross the street.
 - b. Commented with objections to P+Z case S-12398, homeowner requesting permission for driveway out the back yard.

12. New Business

Nominations Committee – Annual meeting and elections in May

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ACTION - Evan and Katie (both who do not intend to be on the Steering Committee next year) identified as members of nominations committee, more are welcome.

13. Open Forum –

- CIP (Capital Improvements) list is on-line now, HOCC hasn't received a hard copy in the mail. HOCC needs to provide our priorities. Note that our traffic calming requests need to be highly ranked on our priorities before they have a chance of being funded.
- **ACTION – Evan will find list and send it around for people to vote**

14. Adjournment - Evan adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 3-28-18

Next meeting – Thursday April 19th, 7pm, Trinity Church