

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

1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m. by President Shirley Coté
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board Members Present:

- Shirley Coté –President
- Brad Coy
- Matt Burkholder
- Dave Hemstreet –Vice President
- Roger Mechon
- Christine Monette
- Katie Nolan
- Diane Shellenbaum – Secretary
- Gretchen Stoddard

Absent-excused: Brian Partch, Susan Richards

4. Agenda – Approved as updated
5. Minutes
  1. Minutes for October, 2018 – **APPROVED** with no objections

6. Presentations

- None

7. Political Representatives' Reports

- a) Legislators

- Kari Nore for Senator Cathy Giessel – brief update and available for questions
- Ashton Compton for Senator elect Chris Birch – brief update and available for questions

- b) Mayors' Staff

- Kristin DeSmith
  - Budget, MLP sale, Climate Action Plan, Received arts grant for \$1 Million, introducing proposal for alcohol tax to be on the April ballot, if assembly approves.

- c) District 6 Assembly

- Adam Lees for Suzanne LaFrance

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- Fiscal, capital and operating budget work-concerns with proposed cut to fire department budget, including loss of tender at HOCC FS #9.
- Alcohol tax proposal to get public input Dec 4, current proposal 5% retail tax. Income from tax to be used for homelessness abatement including substance abuse treatment.

d) School Board – Andy Holleman

- Starting budget process, still unknown what State will provide. Tentative agreement reached with teachers union, union to vote. Preparing bond package, biggest needs are at Abbot Loop and Inlet View.
- Group discussion on budget

8. Continuing Business

- a) South Anchorage High School noise issues – reviewed correspondence received from South Principal Wendy Pondolino. Letter was follow-up from October HOCC meeting, and addressed some of the noise concern issues discussed at that meeting.
- Discussion of remaining issues
  - **ACTION** – Shirley (and Communications Committee) - Write letter to Wendy to capture discussion, including details of continued concern by close neighbors, additional history of the issue, and suggestions for abatement.
- b) Treasurer's Report – NA
- c) Traffic Calming Report –Coy – Reports of studies on Steeple and Legacy should be out soon.
- d) Fundraising –discussion of budget –
- **ACTION** – Susan – bring list of expenditures for last several to review at planned January Executive Board meeting. Goal to prepare a budget going forward.
- e) Crime Statistics – Gretchen Stoddard provided handout with summaries for August, September, and October. Statistics gleaned from LexisNexis, communitycrimemap.com. Official statistics imply less crime than what's reported unofficially on platforms such as NextDoor – possible causes - difficulty in making official reports, NextDoor includes much more than HOCC area, etc.
- f) Concerned Citizens of the Furrow Creek Project – Co-chair Connie Bonham presented a letter from Committee reporting four areas of concern with the proposed development in Tanglewood wetlands. The committee plans to study these four areas and report back to the HOCC in future meetings. They welcome working with developers on their concerns. Future actions include surveying neighbors and drafting a resolution for consideration by HOCC.

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9. Outside Organization Reports

- a) FCC – Matt Burkholder – Meeting next week. Communications Committee has not met regarding drafting of resolution to the muni suggesting improvements to communications.
  - HOCC can request \$75 from FCC to fund community outreach.
  - HOCC can draft survey for membership – FCC will mail/distribute to all those who live in HOCC area.
- b) HALO (Home And Landowners Organization)– Burkholder reported
  - Reviewed summer DOT projects, Brayton paved, Abbot construction almost complete. Continued work on LRSA, road district areas. Plan further public outreach before proposing anything new be put before the voters.
  - Monthly meetings held at Holy Spirit Center on O'Malley, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 7-9 pm, all welcome and encouraged to attend.

10. President's Report

1. Incoming Correspondence
  - No regular mail
  - Significant email, none specific to HOCC. Anchorage transportation plans included.
  - Matt reported there are 4 open positions on the DOT public transportation Committee – anyone with interest contact Shirley who can submit names.
2. Outgoing Correspondence - None

11. New Business

1. Requesting volunteer to take over responsibility to put up and take down 3 signs at HOCC meetings. John Kaufman has volunteered for the last 4 meetings.
  - John Kaufman volunteered to continue
2. **Motion** – Matt Burkholder – Cancel HOCC meeting scheduled for Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, in recognition that many will not be able to attend so close to the holidays. Motion passed with 2 opposed.
  - If something comes up with a tight timeline, a special meeting can be called to address.

12. Open Forum

1. Wayne Crayden
  - Looking for home for older HOCC files – Chris Monette will add these to the files she already has, with the intent to archive them at the library.

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- **ACTION** – Matt coordinate a work session to work with Chris in deciding which files should be archived.
- 2. John Kaufman – Concerned that due to budget cuts the library will (or has already) shut down the Alaska Room. It is an excellent resource for any Alaska research.
- 13. Adjournment - Coté adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Diane Shellenbaum 12-31-18

Executive Board Meeting – Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Trinity Church

Next general meeting – **Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>** , 7pm, Trinity Church