

**GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2003**



Meeting opened at 7:10 pm with Joel Neimeyer presiding. Introductions were made.

Telephonic conferencing with Juneau included Representative Les Gara, representatives from Nancy Dahlstrom's office, Senator Dyson's office, and Senator Johnny Ellis' office. Various items were mentioned, the most prevalent one being the budget. The budget has passed the House and is now on its way to the Senate. It includes cross-the-board cuts and is expected to be heavily debated. Rep. Gara also informed the council that HB 53 (the railroad lease extension bill) is in the House and Senate Finance Committees. He thanked the council members who have sent in their comments in opposition to this bill. No one had seen the resolution sent in by the Council so it will resent by fax.

Update on Hazard Subcommittee Process – Dave Hanson of Arktos Associates gave an overview of the Hazard Subcommittee's work. This was a 7-week study to address concerns from the hazardous task force findings. The stakeholders in this process were the terminal operators, the Alaska Railroad, the Port of Anchorage, and the Government Hill neighborhood. A comprehensive handout was given to the Council members. Two suggestions were made by council members: invite the military to participate; and also that brush clearing in the greenbelt area be part of the report. A motion was made by Mike Abbott to accept the subcommittee report. It was seconded by Stu Hall and passed unanimously.

Mayoral Candidate – Mark Begich, leading candidate for mayor, made an appearance and answered questions from the membership. He also requested a priority list of five items we would like to see done for this neighborhood. We will compile this list and send it to Mr. Begich for his "transition file". Because of a voter recount and a pending legal suit, the status of the mayor's race may not be known for several weeks. The recount will start on April 21 and is expected to take two days. A decision on the lawsuit is expected late on the 21st. A possible runoff could be held on May 6th.

Williams Naptha Tank - The permits have not yet been received for this new tank. Once they are received there will be a 50-day comment period. Williams does not expect to install the tank by year end.

March Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the March 20 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

Capital Improvement List - Stu Hall presented the CIP list for 2004-2008 which was considered and proposed by the Executive Committee when they met on April 15th. The Executive Committee voted to adopt last year's recommendations with slight modifications. The list includes: 1) Ship Creek Trail with Government Hill Spur added; 2) Al Miller Memorial Lions Park (restoration of playground equipment and elimination of street drainage into the park); 3) North Pointe Park (expansion of tot lot); 4) Whitney Road Update (reconstruction/realignment of Whitney Road and Ocean Dock Road for safer connection between the two thoroughfares); 5) Sunset Park (installing bollards to prevent motorized traffic from entering park through disabled

access ramp; and 6) Suzan Nightingale McKay Memorial Park Phase IV Improvements (relocation of gate, replacing concrete barriers, moving park signs, adding flowers, etc.

A motion was made by Stu and seconded by Susanne DiPietro to accept the CIP list as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Stu will prepare the list for submission to the MOA by its deadline of April 25th.

Changing Age Requirement – Stu Hall made a motion to support an effort by other community councils to change the minimum age requirement from 18 to 21 years for those persons working at an adult entertainment venue. The motion was seconded by Susanne DiPietro and was passed unanimously. A letter of support will be sent to Rebecca Roberts of the Taku/Campbell Community Council with copies being sent to Assemblyman Allan Tesche and to our legislative delegation in Juneau.

Neighborhood Forum

- Cleanup Week begins May 3rd - one area specifically mentioned was the chain link fence surrounding the Hollywood Vista site.
- It was also suggested that the traffic calming study be monitored more closely.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Diane Miller

Co-secretary/treasurer