

## GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes September 18, 2003

The September meeting of the Government Hill Community Council opened at 7:10 pm with Stephanie Kesler, Co-Vice President, presiding. Introductions were made.

**May Meeting Minutes** – Postponed till October meeting.

**Legislative/Assembly Report** – Assemblyman Alan Tesche briefed the Council on the city budget and other actions before the assembly. The Site Condo Ordinance will likely be heard on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also presented a handout with some details on the Accessory Dwelling Unit plan.

Representative Les Gara did a brief wrap-up of the last legislative session; Amanda Becker was in attendance for Nancy Dalhstrom, Schawna Thome represented Senator Johnny Ellis (who later arrived and spoke) and Susan Fischetti was present from Governor's office. They all offered assistance from their perspective offices.

**Liquor License Renewal** – A brief discussion was held on the license renewal for Ski and Benny Pizza and no one had any objections to the renewal. A motion was made and seconded for approval. A friendly amendment was added to include the provision of not serving liquor during school hours. The motion passes unanimously.

**Parks & Rec Committee Report** – Mavis Hancock stated that, regrettably, very little work had been done on the parks this summer. There seems to be no cohesive plan in place for the mowing, weeding, etc. It was decided that over the winter we should pursue getting together with the Parks & Rec people, the Alaska Press Women, and our Parks Committee to put together a plan that would take care of the upkeep of our parks next summer. We have people in the neighborhood who are willing to work on the parks but without some cooperation from the city, the job cannot be done.

**Government Hill's Five Most Important Issues** – Stephanie reviewed the list which was compiled last May and submitted to Mayor Begich in June. Only feedback received so far has been that "it's a great list".

**Port Expansion Plans** – Paul Lavery reported on a meeting he attended on the proposed port expansion. There will be a security briefing for the port area on September 25<sup>th</sup> and it was suggested that we have a representative present. The next port commission will be mid-October, and again, we should be presented.

**Committee Realignment** – This item was tabled till the October or November meeting.

**4-As Houses** – The housing units on Brown Street have not yet been leased to AHFC to use as transitional housing for people awaiting Section 8 housing. The need for these units has changed and they probably will be utilized for a different function in the future. However, the Memo of Understanding that the Council has with the 4-A's requires advance information of any change in use of these buildings.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Kathryn Gerlek is gathering old files/records and other council information for archiving. If anyone has any pertinent material, please get in touch with Kathryn.

Community Policing is being re-implemented. Lt Norsworthy is assigned to our neighborhood. He is planning to be at our October meeting and will address our concerns on enforcement, problem areas, etc.

Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.

*Diane Miller*

Co-Secretary/Treasurer