

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2004 Government Hill Elementary School Library

1. **Introductions.** Stephanie Kesler, President, presiding.
2. **Jan. 15, 2004 Minutes** were approved without changes. **Treasurer's Report** - \$450 account balance.
3. **Legislative/Assembly Report.** There was no report due to problems with the teleconference bridge and no local representatives were present.
4. **Panoramic View Fire Update.** Cindy Ivanoff, Panoramic View Apartment Manager presented an overview of the fire and community response to the 22 residents who were displaced or lost their homes. Donations of money or furniture are needed most. Donations can be dropped off at the Panoramic View Apartment Offices, with Checks made to either "AMHA" (Anchorage Mutual Housing Association) or the Red Cross. Checks should have the note "FOR PVA FIRE" on them to assure proper distribution. A donation box was also provided at the meeting.
 - Stu Hall moved that Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) provide a \$50 donation. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Questions for Cindy should be routed via Stephanie. Cindy noted that the response time of 4 minutes quoted in the Anchorage Daily News seemed much greater. It was noted that with West Bluff Road closed, it would have been much more difficult for Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) to respond if traffic had been backed up at the Elmendorf gate or there had been an accident on the bridge, like the one that occurred about 1.5 hours before the fire.

GHCC should invite AFD to our next meeting to discuss fire response if the bridge is blocked, as well as clarify the different perceptions of response time by the neighborhood and AFD.

5. **Anchorage Police Department (APD) Representative,** Sergeant David Koch introduced himself as the APD liaison for Government Hill. His office phone is 786-8870 and his cell phone is 317-0110. He discussed parking concerns for Fur Rondy and other firework displays and noted that a Community Service Officer was supposed to be on duty for traffic control and that a regular officer would also be dispatched if one was available. If there is a problem, we should contact Lt. Carol at 786-8900 who will be the dispatch office that night. He suggested we look into getting federal funding on terrorism issues to help with funding for fire concerns.

He was asked if he new of a drug problem in North Point, and said he did not. He also was asked about automobiles with loud stereos ('boom boomers') who cruise the neighborhood – he noted there is an ordinance imposing a 150 ft limit on stereo noise and suggested we contact Nancy Reader, the new Traffic Sgt, and ask if that problem couldn't be one of the weekly traffic issues that are being addressed by APD. Also, if the problems are limited to particular times or individuals, these should be identified. Another question had to do with gas powered scooters. Children are not supposed to be operating these – a driver's lic. & registration is required. Parents can get ticketed & the vehicle impounded.
6. **Lance Wilber, Director Municipal Traffic Department,** provided an update on street projects in the Government Hill area, including realignment of Whitney/Ocean Dock Road, Port access improvements at the curve, Knik Arm Crossing environmental documents, Ship Creek bike trail upgrades, and the Gambell-Ingra "extension" (now dubbed the "Hyder Expressway"). There was considerable discussion about trail access and these other issues.

It was recommended that a Transportation Committee be reformed, as well as a Trail Liaison Committee. Action was deferred until next month.

7. **Roger Graves, Port of Anchorage** provided 2 copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding improved road and rail access that will be published Feb. 20, 2004. A 30 day public comment period will ensue. Copies are also available at www.portofanchorage.org, the MOA website, as well as the Lousac Library. Roger also indicated that CD's could be made available.

There will be a public scoping meeting 9-11 AM on Feb 26 regarding POA upland improvements. There will be an Industry Day March 4-5, 9 AM – 5 PM at the Egan Center to provide information to industry regarding contracting issues.

8. **4A's Update** by Robert Atkinson, Chair, included introductions by Trevor Stores, 4A's Executive Director, and a presentation by representatives of Catholic Social Services (CSS) and their affiliated organization Beyond Shelter who would administer tenants and work with them to provide resources needed for successful transition into permanent housing. Adam Levy, a Trustee also commented this housing is a good opportunity to provide a unique type of transitional housing that is under-available. A number of questions were asked including: Will there be an on-site, resident manager? – No; Is a Conditional Use Permit needed? – No, as this is not a program; Is any signed agreement needed about conditions of residency? – Yes; What will be done if somebody starts living there who shouldn't be? – There are regular home visits by case manager; Is there a screening process for violent criminals, sex offenders, and such? – Yes.
9. **Precinct Elections Coordinator** is needed this year according to Paul Laverty. Contact Loupe at 343-4376 x 530 if you are interested.
10. **Liquor License is up for renewal.**
 - A motion was unanimously approved to issue a letter of non-objection to both the Alcohol Control Board and MOA.
11. **Hollywood Vista Update** was provided by Dave Shaftel who summarized results of 3 meetings of the Committee, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing (ANH), and DOWL Engineers and provided the attached letter from the Mayor. Mayor Begich is proposing a Hollywood Vista Redevelopment Committee consisting of 7 members. Interested neighbors can apply by March 5.
 - A resolution endorsing the following individual resolutions was passed unanimously:
 - A resolution to support the new Hollywood Vista Redevelopment Committee was passed.
 - A resolution asking that the new Committee be party to a Memorandum of Understanding between the MOA and ANH was passed.
 - A resolution supporting involvement of a non-profit like ANH was passed.
12. **Government Hill/Ship Creek Work Group Update** was deferred, as we passed our closing time.
13. **Mavis & Howard Hancock 50th Wedding Anniversary.** Mavis & Howard were presented a gift certificate from donations by the neighborhood in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and as recognition of many years of service to Government Hill and innumerable hours of work in our parks. THANK YOU!

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2004