

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES – April 15, 2004 Government Hill Elementary School Library

1. Introductions. President Stephanie Kesler, presiding.
2. Approval of March 18th Minutes/Treasurer's Report. The March 18, 2004 minutes were approved as amended to reflect that a letter was sent to Pat Gambell at the Alaska Railroad thanking them for working with us on the Hollywood Vista Bluff.
3. Legislative/Assembly Report. Ryan with Representative Gara's office and Representative Dahlstrom reported from Juneau via teleconference, and Assemblyman Tesche provided a live update.

Ryan discussed two bills, one on electronic voting machines and HB 56 regarding consumer protection. Representative Dahlstrom discussed her youth ambassador bill. She also asked for a listing of any capital projects the GHCC would like to add to another bill being moved. The suggesting was made to add an amendment for our local parks, but GHCC would need to follow up with a call to Kelly in Representative Dahlstrom's office in the morning.

- We were left with an action item for next year, which is to start working with Representative Dahlstrom and develop a capital project request from GHCC.

Assemblyman Tesche noted that the recent election had a dismal 27% turnout. Many downtown projects were on the approved bonds, which could be positive for the neighborhood. He also discussed the two proposals for a new convention center. Concerns were expressed regarding height limits on any development, as well as parking provisions to avoid creation of a large parking wasteland.

4. Government Hill/Ship Creek Work Group. Steve Gerlek provided a handout with an update on the effort (attached). There was discussion about using the word 'North' in the name of the work group because it might limit who was involved. The point was made that the group should be more regional than 'North' implies. However, there was concern that if the work group became too large it might become another Ship Creek Plan effort, which ended up being shelved.
5. Flint Hills Briefing. Jeff Cook, Director of External Affairs for Flint Hills talked about the transfer from Williams that took place April 1, 2004. He explained the organization of the company and noted that many of the same personnel were retained by the company. He also stated that Flint Hills was committed to the MOU between Williams and GHCC and positive involvement with the neighborhood.

Steve Gerlek asked about the status of the Naphtha Tank and vapor recovery on railroad cars. Jeff indicated that it was permitted but not presently scheduled for construction. Steve also noted that GHCC should be involved in strategic planning and that impacts of development on the neighborhood should be considered. He also suggested considering use of expanded Port facilities further away from the residents as an alternate location for expanded fuel storage operations.

6. Anchorage Road Coalition. Ann Flister discussed her presentation last month and asked for support of their draft resolution (attached). There was discussion about context sensitive solutions, and Alan Tesche asked what happens next. Ann indicated that they would go to the Assembly, then AMATS and State Representatives. There was further discussion about the proposed resolution, including a statement that it should be rewritten.
 - A motion of support was unanimously approved. Stephanie has electronic copy and could follow up with getting the resolution signed on behalf of GHCC.
7. Neighborhood Planning/Vision. Thomas Pease presented an update on efforts to create a Neighborhood Plan (see attached summary). There was considerable discussion about the planning effort and how it might unfold. Assemblyman Tesche talked about how consulting fees for this plan might be funded using block grants. He also suggested the following action plan: 1) talk up the plan with our neighbors, 2) identify interest of others in such a plan, 3) develop a GHCC resolution, and 4) open discussion with Mary Jane Michaels regarding how planning staff and funding may be obtained to complete the plan.
 - Dave Shaftel presented a motion to approve the Neighborhood Plan concept and form a committee to move it forward. The motion was unanimously approved. Tom Pease & Suzanne DiPietro were to spearhead the effort.
8. North Pointe (Richardson Vista) Fire Update. There was no report.
9. CIP Update. Stu Hall provided a handout with the CIP update. Alan Tesche indicated that GHCC needed to get their view to the Mayors office soon. He also commented on discussion/questions about the Gambell/Ingra extension, which would now be federally funded rather than locally funded, and as such be subject to different community involvement requirements.
 - A motion was unanimously approved to approve the CIP letter as submitted (attached).

Diane & Stu will work together to get the letter submitted.

10. Air Force Update – Stephanie Kesler reported on her and Stu Hall's meeting with Col. Tirevold on April 9. They discussed several issues: 1) Help get Elmendorf AFB personnel involved by making sure they are added to the email list, 2) the Col. will be at our May meeting, 3) The Govt. Hill gate will be closed July 10-15 Sept., 4) rerouting of commercial traffic to the Post Road gate, and 5) the Knik Arm Crossing. They also asked for a representative who can regularly attend our meetings.

GHCC needs to follow up with adding key staff to the mailing list, as well as preparing an MOU regarding emergency access and use of E. Bluff and N. Plumb St access (contact deputy chiefs, Ron Huen and Audie Holliway).
11. Nominations to Elmendorf Community Environmental Board (CAB) – Steve Gerlek will be stepping down from the Elmendorf CAB (formerly Restoration Advisory Board) when his term expires this spring in order to focus on other Neighborhood issues. Mavis Hancock said that her husband would likely be interested. Stu Hall offered to be an alternate.
12. Neighborhood Concerns/Issues. A) Suzanne DiPietro talked about her role on the Port Commission and noted an upcoming project for extension of road and rail service to the east side of the port that could impact the neighborhood. B) Tom Pease gave an update on a meeting with Steve Morris of the Department of Health & Human Services who indicated that the MOA should be able to install an air quality monitoring station next winter to

monitor diesel emissions from the railroad. Tom will provide updates as this effort progresses.

13. Catholic Social Services/4A's. There was an unscheduled update on Catholic Social Services (CSS) draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding transfer and management of properties at 924-926 and 944-946 Brown Street to, and they asked for a letter of support from the transfer of property to their management.

- A motion from Stu Hall was approved that the GHCC endorse supporting transfer of property and provide a letter to CSS. Discussion on the draft MOU (attached) would be deferred until the May meeting.

The letter of support was needed by Monday, and CSS would work with Stephanie to submit the letter of support.

The meeting adjourned after 9 PM.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2004