

Minutes September 17,2020
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Zoom Video Meeting

1. Call to order 7:06 by President Burkholder
2. Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board: Matt Burkholder-President, David Hemstreet-Vice President, Diane Shellenbaum - Secretary, Susan Richards-Treasurer, Members- Brad Coy, John Kaufman, Katie Nolan, Gretchen Stoddard

3 vacant positions – members are eligible to serve upon attending second meeting in previous 12 months.

3. Agenda

- Call for additions and approval of displayed agenda (the one posted on the website lacked all the presentations and Presidents report) - Approved

4. Minutes

1. Approval of August 20, 2020 Minutes- **Approved with no objections**

5. Presentations

1. Dan Fleming - Rabbit Creek Trail Update – main portions of trail in and being used. Plans for next year include signage, benches, and dog poop bag stations. Funding will need to be raised for these additions.
2. New Seward Hwy: O'Malley to Dimond 95% Design - Sean Baski, AK DOT & PF Project Manager provided update and maps of planned intersections at O'Malley, and underpass at Scooter. Construction planned for 2023. Project Details: www.sewardhighway.info, Send comments to O2D@dowl.com by November 30, 2020.

6. Political Representatives' Reports

- Legislators
 - Senator Cathy Giessel –Senator Giessel reported that Emmie Jackson will be her new aide, replacing Kari Nore. Budget will be a big concern again, and especially this year with lower oil prices and pressure to provide higher dividends. Commonwealth North has created an interactive budget model to allow anyone interested to look themselves at impacts of various choices. Akbudget.com. Ballot Measure 1 – Increase oil taxes a concern considering low value for oil right now. Ballot Measure 2. Details on Senator Giessel's website/newsletter.
 - Sheila Cernich reported for Senator Josh Revak - applications for CARES Act funding were closed early, already requests for \$412 million, with only \$200 Million available.

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- District 6 Assembly Updates
- Suzanne LaFrance-emailed updates:
 - Stormwater Utility Commission will hold its first meeting next week on 9/22.
 - AO 2020-85 – Adoption of Updated Building Safety Codes. The public hearing is continued to meeting of 9/29. Suggest special consideration of impact of requiring sprinkler systems for houses outside of city water areas.
 - CARES Act funds for COVID-19 relief continues to be distributed. For mortgage and rental relief, about \$3M in payments have gone to landlords and mortgage lenders. About \$3M has gone out in childcare support. We already put out \$1M to small businesses and are doing a second round of \$5M. The funds for the hospitality/tourism sector will start to go out soon.
 - The assembly will be reaching out to community councils and members of the public for ideas on how to improve public testimony. There was a report from a community group back in 2013 that made some recommendations for how to improve public participation. This is just a heads up as there's no timeline yet for outreach.
 - AnchorRIDES has a new grocery delivery program for citizens 60 and over and for people with disabilities. Most of the Hillside is covered and it costs \$5.50 for curbside pickup and delivery. Call 907-343-6543, option #2 to determine eligibility.
- Assembly Member John Weddleton
 - Additional discussion on Covid fund allocations.
 - Question/discussion with member with strong concerns that business support funds specifically excluded franchises, hurting many local businesses.
 - More discussion on AO 2020-85 and concern about sprinkler system requirements. Current deadline for comments September 29th.

MOTION – Shellenbaum, Kaufman second – HOCC Sign on the Rabbit Creek CC Resolution which expresses concern of impact of sprinkler system requirements on homeowners, and requests a delay of the assembly vote on the subject. – Vote passed 9 to 1 with no abstentions.

ACTION- Shellenbaum write letter in support of RCCC letter dated September 15, 2020, **Burkholder sign**, send to Assembly, CC RCCC.

- School Board Representative - Elisa Vakilis – reported next meeting Sept 22, to include zoom and in person. Received insurance waiver which allows ASD to receive federal funds to repair earthquake damage at schools. In person learning to start, assuming covid allows, Oct 19 for youngest, older classes later. Took questions. Contact schoolboard@asdk12.org

7. Reports

- Treasurer's Report – Richards - \$193.14. Action item to update signers still open.

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- Traffic Calming Report – Coy – Lists on muni are only from last year. This year's Whispering Spruce study should be complete by November.
- Crime Report – Kaufman – Fairly quiet, one Theft/larceny reported. Many reports on NextDoor of people filmed checking out properties and trying car doors.
- Outreach– Stoddard – posted meeting on FB and NextDoor
- FCC – Shellenbaum – FCC has masks available. \$75 available for promotion/marketing/communication just provide receipts. Looking into meeting conflicts for Legislators and Assembly members. Guidance from Treasuring department indicates CARES money can be used towards the purchase of the 4 properties identified for homeless and addiction support, but indirectly, by using CARES funds for first responders, and using the money saved from the General Fund to purchase properties. RFP's and due diligence ongoing for the properties. APD Chief Doll reported protests and rally's in Anchorage have been peaceful and respectful, department extra focused on community outreach. Crime in community significantly down over last 4 years.
- HALO – Nolan – Candidate Forum Oct 1, on-site at O'Malley on the Green for candidates and organizers, Zoom for everyone else.

MOTION – Stoddard, Second Kaufman - Donate \$50 to Halo for Candidate Forum. Passes with 4 in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstentions

ACTION – **Richards** write check and give to Nolan.

8. Continuing Business

1. S12569 - Laura Hughes led discussion on upcoming P+Z vote October 7th, to change plat to remove a stream. Discussion/concerns around overall drainage issues of putting in a new subdivision in low-lying marshy area. Individual comments can be made at muni website up until the hearing.

9. President's Report

- Incoming Correspondence -
- Tim Myland email concerning traffic calming scoring - See HOCC webpage
- Weddleton email about changes to building code AO2020-85, 1-5 - See HOCC webpage for information. Submit our own comments or collaborate with HALO?
- S12569 - Public Hearing Notice: Castle Group LLC Stream Setback Vacation Replat – CC Comments Due Sept 16, 2020.
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17204>
 - Discussion – Significant concern on overall drainage issues. This hearing specifically to replat to remove a stream that muni says no longer exists
- Anchorage Equal Rights Commission 2019 Report
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/AERC/Documents/2019%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

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10. Open Forum

1. Andy Holleman – Independent Candidate for Senate – Seat M – Discussed candidacy and positions. Currently member of School Board and HOCC
 - Website Voteandyak.com
2. Carl Johnson – Democratic Candidate for Senate – Seat N - Discussed candidacy and positions
 - Website Carl4alaska.com

11. Adjournment 9:10

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Next Meeting Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:00 PM, Online Zoom