

Draft Minutes for September 16, 2021 7:00 PM Huffman-O'Malley Community Council Zoom Video Meeting

1) Call to order at 7:00 by President Stoddard

2) Welcome and Introductions- Present: Gretchen Stoddard-President, Julie Coulombe-Vice President, Jennie Bostick- Secretary, Members- John Kaufman, Katie Nolan, John Yeafol, Lisa Huffman, Nick Mazzolini, Trina Lovdahl.
Absent: Shannon Wileman, Treasurer

3) Zoom Information

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4) Agenda-no changes

5) Minutes-

Approval of August 19, 2021, minutes. Approved pending revisions to move the Board position changes to own bullet item. Moved by Lisa Huffman Seconded by Julie Coulombe.

6) Presentations- Larry Clark with Sonic. New development for traffic, planning for a 3-4 minute service time, plan to open in November and looking to hire High School Students. Believes in academics before work, so will require grades to be kept up or employees won't be scheduled.

7) Political Representatives

- a) Senator Revak/Dirk Craft- Not present
- b) Senator Roger Holland/Nikki Rose- Failed Special Session, Disappointing and needs to get done. Will hold the technical meeting in Juneau, but possibly moving to the road system.
- c) Rep Laddie Shaw – not present
- d) Rep James Kaufman – Believes in voluntary vaccines. Discussed how well the private sector performed. Have had success in the ways and means committee.
- e) Mayor's staff – Portia Erickson, Director of Community Engagement spoke on the progress and opportunities around town for individuals having access to the Monoclonal Antibody treatments as well as increased testing for Covid. Business relief up to 5K starting Friday, September 17, 2021. Alaska Housing will open up applications for up to 3 months assistance with rent or utilities. The money will be going directly to the landlords, October 1, 2021.
- f) Assembly Member LaFrance- New bus route, Route 85, will go from the Loussac to Downtown and the Dimond Center.

- g) Assembly Member Weddleton- Spoke on the homeless situation- a lot of options currently on the table, the assembly is working well with the Mayor's office to solve this issue. The storm water survey has been canceled, tabled the possible new utility bill, until further notice.
- h) The winter gap in shelters for the homeless is 465. Additional beds are needed 135-180 additional beds are needed at this time with a total of approximately 2,325 individuals in need of housing.
- i) School Board Representative Andy Holleman – not present

8) Bylaws- John Yeaford presented. One (1) complete meeting in attendance is needed to vote. Possibility for an electronic/combo in person voting (when meetings resume in person). There is NO proxy voting. We must publish any items to be voted on for one (1) month and then vote. Moved by Diane, seconded by Jennie.

9) Proposed Resolution- Related to neighborhood self-determination, presented by Julie Coulombe. There was disregard for Community Council input from the Anchorage Assembly members. Neighborhood plans because of housing shortage. Neighborhood plans should be paramount, there are water/well concerns. Motion to approve by Diane Shellenbaum, Seconded by Jennie Bostick.

10) Sky Ridge Subdivision Update- Nothing to report. Sky Ridge discussion is slated to be on the Municipality's September 28, 2021 meeting.

11) Reports-

- a) Treasurer's Report- Nothing to report.
- b) Traffic Calming- New volunteer requested.
- c) Crime- New volunteer requested.
- d) Outreach- New volunteer requested.
- e) Attendance- No questions. Nick Mazzolini will continue to take attendance for the meetings.
- f) FCC- TIPS projects prioritized. Resubmit the items- Coulombe took the lead on this project, thank you! School safety is a top priority. Brad Coy, Municipal Traffic Engineer, requested a priority list that could be considered by the Municipality for the Huffman/O'Malley area.
- g) HALO- Founders forum coming soon. It is a good time to visit with original HALO members and long-time community members.

12) Committee Reports-

- a) Bylaws & Council Policy- Nothing to report
- b) Land use- Nothing to report
- c) Ordinance and Public Comment- Nothing to report

13) Continuing Business- None

14) President's Report

- a) Incoming Correspondence- Nothing to report
- b) Outgoing Correspondence- Nothing to report

13) New Business

- a) Next meeting on October 21, 2021 @7:00 pm. Will be via Zoom, President Stoddard is out of town.
- b) Candidates for elected office-
 - 1. Randy Sulte- Fiscal conservative. Concerned about crime/drugs. Supports first responders. No mandates, supports self-choice. Running for Anchorage Assembly District 6.
 - 2. Rachel Ries- Running for Anchorage Assembly District 6. Former Military. Believes in voting for the community, not self, concerned about runaway spending.
- c) Redistricting- Adding a 12th member to the Assembly. Boundaries are being redrawn. District 1 is getting the biggest change in boundaries. This will be a public process.

14) Open Forum

- a) Molly Hickox- Principal at Huffman Elementary School. Looking to introduce herself and looking forward to working with the Community Council to better the local community and possibly collaborate on school safety issues in the area.

15) Adjournment- 8:45 pm. Next Meeting on October 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Jennie Bostick, Secretary