

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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GHCC Meeting Minutes May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes Submitted by Peter Partnow

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jody Sola.

1. **Introduction of Attendees:** Attendees identified via Zoom appearance and noted on the virtual sign-in sheet provided with these minutes.

2. **Approval of agenda:** Jody Sola announces changes in the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Stephanie Kesler

Second: Pete Murphy

Motion unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of January 21, 2020 meeting minutes:** Steve Ribuffo noted that fuel is shipped in not out of the Port and that all tanks have floating roofs.

Motion to approve minutes as corrected: Peter Murphy

Second: Stephanie Kesler

Motion unanimously approved.

4. **Legislative update:** **Senator Tom Begich** states that session ended. Today was the first of two special sessions, with a second in August. The first session to resolve the two budgets where there is not much of a difference. No layoffs. Differences in funding sources. Highlights—education held harmless.

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Bonus for people who come back to work in Senate budget 10 million. 13.2 for the long trail in the budget. Ship Creek and Coast Trail are in there. 25k for an energy retrofits for State Buildings. There is momentum to resolve the dividend issue. Will be addressed in August.

Funds for essential workers to get free tuition at UAA --time limited--2.5 million a year for a couple of years. This passed the Senate and is likely to pass the House in August.

Significant change in juvenile justice definitions.

Vic Fischer/Jack Coghill State Constitution day April 24.

Discussion of the impact of the long trail project on us, including as matching for federal funds for the next ten years.

Representative Zack Fields: Discusses the special session to deal with the budget. He does not think we can afford larger than \$1000 dividend. Also mentions the long trail project.

5. **APD—Officer Jacob Ostolava** advises there are still races on the bridge, and people speeding. Chris Constance mentions people driving through the stop signs. Drug incidents in our area has gone down.

6. **Assembly Update: Chris Constant** summarizes budget highlights re American rescue plan — 51 million of projects to recover from Covid or rebooting the economy. First priority to fund the projects that they could not fund –10 million
Covid emergency orders are now recommendations. Numbers continue to look good even though several weeks have passed since recommendations. Still not as many vaccinations as we would like. The Election—he thinks it was a clean election.
Native hospital site rezoned to b2z
Shelter licensing program in development if allowed in b3 zones. Want to insure that programs are running in a safe fashion and meet standard.

Chris hopes there will be good working relationships with the new mayor.

Steve Gerlek asks about the dog park. Chris wants to set up a meeting.

Harvard park athletic area—volleyball and full court for basketball

7. **Treasurer's Report: Thomas Peas** reports essentially no change since last month: \$2357.25

8. **Community: Providence Health & Services Ak:** Katie Marquette with two colleagues. Discuss community health worker project and mobile clinic

8 million out into the community over many organizations like homelessness management information system. Works with community solutions. Just selected for a two -year pilot project from the MacArthur Foundation grant. Jen Aist (also Lilian Montoya who live in the neighborhood) will be our community health workers. Four neighborhoods including Government Hill. Defines what a community health worker is. Also can help in disasters such as earthquakes, etc. Will be trained through the department of labor. Will be paid a living wage. No charge for the services provided. They are partnering with the community councils as well as lots of local agencies. Mobil health clinic will can go anywhere and provide medical services. Will arrive in the fall. Melinda Gant asks if brick and mortar. Answer is no.

Anchorage School District: Margo Bellamy from the School District is the new representative for our area. (907 742 1107 ext. 7 bellamy_margo@asdk12.org) Summer school starts June 1. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY6MCP7> link for survey to help priority use of federal funds. Also on the web site. May 26 a townhall. Trying to get input on priorities for 21-22 school year. Summer school is in person or virtual. Still on boarding the 4 new board members. Next board meeting June 1

JBER: Joy Boston-JBER draft ODPCP Oil Discharge Prevent & Contingency Plan The plan is out for discussion on the web site. Link for the questions. All comments will be questioned and responded. Open for comments until May 27. Clara is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY6https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=202261> Any person wishing to submit a request for additional information or provide comments regarding this application may do so electronically via the public notice site at <https://spar.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=4CJTM> If you are unable to submit comments via this site, you may submit them in writing to Kristin Worman, Department of Environmental Conservation, SPAR/PPRP, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-269-7539 (phone), 907-269-7687 (fax), or Kristin.Worman@alaska.gov . The full contents of all submitted comments are considered public records and will be posted online in full during the public comment period. Comments submitted in writing directly to the Plan Reviewer will be uploaded to the public comment site. It is preferable for commenters to submit directly through the public comment site.

Reports JBER flight path will shift for a while due to runway work, so south and east there will be more noise for 2 weeks. Beginning May 22, through approximately June 4, 2021, the flight path of JBER aircraft will change due to annual runway maintenance on Elmendorf Airfield. The flight path may create more jet noise for surrounding communities and increased flight activity in areas east and south of Boniface Gate which may not be routinely frequented by air traffic. Members of the community with questions or comments about JBER activities or this noise advisory, please visit <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-US/>

JBER is hiring; there are 150 jobs in Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) positions. NAF employees work in retail, childcare and recreation programs. Part-time and full-time positions with benefits are available. Jobseekers interested in more information about NAF jobs at JBER can visit <https://jberlife.com/jobs> or call NAF Human Resources at (907) 552-4563

Expiring reservist, retiree and dependent ID cards! If you have an ID card that expired after January 1, 2020, it will no longer be accepted for base access beginning July 1, 2021. DOD is changing

to a next gen Uniformed Service ID card with updated security and design features, counterfeiting and fraud deterrence; it will be printed on plastic rather than printed on card stock and laminated.
Go to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator> to schedule an appointment for a new next gen ID card

Live music! From the 9th Army Band; events are open to the public May 22. Alaska VA ceremony to honor Women Veterans, 1PM at the VA Hospital on N. Muldoon Rd, Anchorage
May 29 -City of Valdez Military Appreciation, 12-3PM at Port of Valdez dock parking lot
May 31 -Municipality's Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:30-10:30AM at Delaney Park Strip, between 9th and 10th Ave and I and L St
More info at their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/9thArmyBand>

The Post Rd gate is closed May 3 to July 2. Boniface gate will be closed July 3 to mid-August
-Next Arctic Thunder Open House and Air Show scheduled for July 30-31 2022 (next summer)

-Check out the JBER Facebook page for additional information
<https://m.facebook.com/JBERAK/>

Any questions or concerns, contact me at joy.boston.2@us.af.mil, Joy Boston, Community Partnerships at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Municipality: Elizabeth Appleby (elizabeth.appleby@anchorageak.gov) **Title 21 Changes** parking and site access changes. Proposed changes will go before P&Z in the fall. Mostly urban neighborhoods, adjacent neighborhoods, and transit corridors. Looking to streamline processes. <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/Actions4-3%264-6.aspx> Reports there is no requirement to install sidewalks though out Government Hill. Thomas Pease asks about alleys. Question about paving. Not part of this ordinance change.

Cory Stanforth (cory.stantorf@alaska.gov 907-267-2811) assistant area biologist addresses bear issues. Take down bird feeders this time of year. Dave Battle of fish and game also present. Stephanie Kesler questions about the bear resistant containers. Jody asks for people to report if there are barrel failures. Dave reports companies are trying to make better containers. No ticket if the bear gets the stuff out of a bear proof container.

Discussion of secure trash zone designation. Steve Gerlek moves and Stephanie Kesler seconds what steps need to be taken to be so designated. Motion passes unanimously

<https://www.alaskawaste.com/service-areas/anchorage/trash-handling-ordinance-and-bears/>

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Collections/Pages/default.aspx>

Park Master Plan: Steve Gerlek reports members did a walk through on the east side. They have completed the recommendation on plan and will re-engage with parks and recommendations. Perhaps a workshop in the fall. Steve to meet with Chris Constant re same.

9. Business Reports: Alaska Railroad: Tim Sullivan calls in from baseball game. Much better season than last year. Freight is doing ok.

Port of Alaska: Steve Ribuffo reports Pacific Power and Marine has the pilings. Crane is up. Back on schedule even though they got here late. Beluga feeding season is in July/August that forces shut down—they try to get as much done as possible before then. The hammer is here from the Netherlands.

There was a round table meeting with all of the port users re concept for the cargo docks. They committed to a design. Has to go to the Assembly. They will be in front of the existing docks—about 140 feet further out.

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10. Committee Updates: FCC/AMATS Update: Bob French reports.

11. Other Community Comments: Tom Brennan suggest a sign to id the Commons. Steve G talks about working on getting a permanent fence.

Bob French says the welcome to Government Hill sign could use being revarnished.

Jody reports bike to work day and Memorial Day celebration.

June 8 Arctic Entries Show at the Commons reported by Steve Gerlek.

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimously passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.