

General Meeting MINUTES *Draft*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
Via Zoom Video Meeting

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1) Call to order at 7pm by Gretchen Stoddard

2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Gretchen Stoddard-President, open -Vice President , Shannon Wileman-Secretary, Trina Lovdahl -Treasurer, Members- Katie Nolan, Nick Mazzolini, John Yeafoli. Looking for 1 additional board member to replace candidates running for election

Absent: Members Jenna Wright, Marcy Tompkins, Lisa Huffman.

3) Agenda

a. Call for additions and approval of agenda-None noted

4) Minutes

a. Approval of March minutes- will review in May

5) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4 minutes questions)

a. Legislators

Senator James Kaufman- District F (Dominick Harnett presented quick rundown)

1. Discussed Spending cap bill and speeding up process of obtaining a CDL license.
2. Questions/concerns
  - a. [Sen.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.james.kaufman@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 465-4949
  - c. [www.SenatorKaufman.com](http://www.SenatorKaufman.com)
  - d. Sign up for his email list or schedule a 15 minute meeting through his website above

Senator Cathy Giessel- District E

1. Newsletter just came out, everything is outlined there.
2. Discussed why she feels the need to impose taxes and make the PFD 75/25
3. Contact her with any questions/concerns
  - a. [Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 465-4843
  - c. [www.alaskasenate.org](http://www.alaskasenate.org)
  - d. Sign up to receive her newsletter via email or website above

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11

1. Discussed CDL bill, operating budget, increased funding for better maintenance of trailheads of Chugach State Park
2. Contact her with any questions/concerns
  - a. [Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 748-4377
  - c. [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov) or [www.julieforalaska.com](http://www.julieforalaska.com)

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Suzanne Lafrance- not present

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- not present

Assembly Member Zac Johnson -not present

d. School Board Representative- Andy Holleman

1. To help with budget, the school board
  - a. increased class sizes
  - b. Cut some programs
  - c. Used a lot of one-time funds to cover this next year, including savings and Federal impact COVID funds
2. Looking at changing school start times- see presentation on ASD webpage under hot topics

e. Other representatives- Sean Fredhagen AFD Senior Fire Captain

1. Warns that some big fire years come after big snow years (like this year)
2. Firewise on 5/6 @9am at Hilltop- public encouraged to attend
3. AFD working on "Ready set go" program, in early stages here in Anchorage. See [www.akfireinfo.com](http://www.akfireinfo.com)

6) Current Topics Discussion- There was discussion about moving our boundaries for the HOCC. In response Gretchen proposed that she write a resolution to keep our boundaries the same. Katie 1<sup>st</sup>, Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup> with unanimous approval.

7) Traffic related items, and Review of ranking of projects

- a. Every year we need to review our list of wanted projects (CIP) and update with [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org). Julie will send Gretchen the password to access so we can discuss at the May meeting.

b. There are projects around Seward Highway

1. Some people are against the Scooter Rd. project
2. Concern with the upgrades proposed for Rabbit Creek Rd. by Potter Marsh- if widened could encourage it to be a speedway or make it safer.

8) Election Nominations. All positions are open for nominations, but most officers and board members are willing to remain in positions. May elections. Gretchen requests that people email nominations to her. Some nominations were announced at the meeting: Trina Lovdahl, Shannon Wileman, John Yeafoli, Nick Mazzolini, Rachel Ries.

9) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report

- a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- Current Balance is \$262.85. Wrote checks in April as follows: \$169 to repay John Yeafoli for microphones, \$400 back to HALO, \$75 for HALO Candidate forum, \$5/month for monthly fees. Will wait until after May election to move account elsewhere to prevent monthly loss.
- b. HALO – Nolan- Katie shares that the annual HALO meeting is 5/4 and everyone can sign up for the HALO newsletter at [www.communitycouncils.org](http://www.communitycouncils.org). HALO needs an updated plan to get federal money, updated mapping and working with team Rubicon to help train people to remove dead trees.
- c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
- d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
- e. Outreach- Mazzolini
- f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions
- g. FCC – Stoddard-

10) Continuing Business- none

11) President's Report- none

- a. Incoming Correspondence
- b. Outgoing Correspondence

12) New Business

Next meeting Thursday May 18, 2023 – Hybrid, Huffman Elementary and Zoom. Introduce Candidates for elected office- 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.

13) Adjournment around 8:30pm

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Next Meeting

Thursday May 18, 2023 -Elections and Annual Meeting

Thursday June 21, 2023- Depends on Newly Elected Board