

General Meeting MINUTES *Draft*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, May 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
Via Zoom Video Meeting

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- 1) Call to order at 7:02pm 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, Jenna Wright, Marcy Tompkins, Lisa Huffman.

- 3) Agenda
  - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- Approved with no additions
- 4) Minutes
  - a. March minutes approved- Jenna 1<sup>st</sup>/Trina 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. April minutes approved- John 1<sup>st</sup>/Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 5) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4 minutes questions)
  - a. Legislators

Senator James Kaufman- District F

1. States budget is done, PFD is \$1300, increased funding given to schools, “modest but balanced budget”
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 -Not Present

1. 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- Not Present

1. 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

1. Body cams for police officers will be in use soon
2. Homeless solutions discussion
  - a. 500-700 camping, sanctioned
  - b. There is no cold weather/long-term plan at this time, some speculation that homeless will be allowed back into the Sullivan come fall
  - c. Anchorage coalition to end homelessness meeting frequently to brainstorm solutions
3. \$5,000,000 approved for wildfire training

d. School Board Representative- Dave Donley- Not present

e. Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- Not present

6) Current Transportation Topics Discussion.

- a. North South Access at O'Malley and New Seward Upcoming Construction Project
  1. Leslie Dean discussed concerns- refers to AR 2023-54 passed in February
  2. Gretchen will write resolution to have engineers discuss our concerns with us.
  3. O'Malley proposal is slated to start in 2024, but project most likely ~70% completed at this point.

7) CIP projects priorities, Community Council Priorities for Funding Request Capital Project.

- a. Top of the list is a sidewalk on Brayton Drive from Legacy to Huffman.

8) Elections, Nominations, and Voting. All positions are open for nominations, but most officers and board members are willing to remain in positions.

a. Unanimously voted in for the Board:

Katie Nolan- HALO

Shannon Wileman- Secretary

Trina Lovdahl- Treasurer  
John Yeafoli  
Marcy Tompkins  
Rachel Ries  
Gretchen Stoddard- FCC attending  
Lisa Huffman  
Nick Mazzolini  
Jenna Wright

Executive board seats to be determined at the next meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Trina, Shannon, and Gretchen would remain on the Community Council checking account.

- 9) Intro of any Chugach Board member candidates present and voting directions.
  - a. Bettina Chastain- current chair, has been on the board for 8 years
  - b. 9 candidates vying for 3 open seats
  - c. Annual meeting 5/19, can vote until 3pm that day
  
- 10) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
  - a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- Current Balance is \$257.85
  - b. HALO – Nolan- Katie- Next meeting 6/1 @7pm @ Shepherd of the Hills Church
  - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
  - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
  - e. Outreach- Mazzolini- No report
  - f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions
  - g. FCC – Stoddard- No report
  
- 11) New Business  
**Next meeting Thursday August or fall – Hybrid, Huffman Elementary and Zoom.**
  
- 12) Adjournment at 8:48pm

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Next Meeting- Thursday in August