

**Hillside Community
Council Draft Meeting
Agenda - Revised**

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: Shepherd of the Hills Church - 11600 Elmore Road,
Anchorage, AK 99516 & Zoom

1. Welcome/Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign-in & membership verification for voting
- Voting Requirement – Must have attended one Council Meeting in the preceding 12 months.
- Establish Quorum
 - **Board members present:** Carmela Warfield, Sandy Blomfield, Todd Brownson, Bob Redlinger, Daniel Robbins, Bruce Vergason, Dr Helena Wisniewski
- Quorum established.

2. Approval of the August 2023 HCC Meeting Agenda

- **Motion to approve the agenda.**
 - Move – Dr. Helena Wisniewski
 - Second – Bob Redlinger
 - Motion carried.
- **Motion made to change the order of agenda item 6 - Hilltop Ski Area from 6 B to 6A.**
 - Move - Bob Redlinger
 - Second – Sandy Blomfield
 - Motion carried.

3. Approval of July 2023 HCC Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to approve the agenda**
 - Move - Bruce Vergason-
 - Second- Bob Redlinger
 - Motion carried.

4. Business Updates (10-15 minutes total)

- **Treasurer's Report – Daniel Robbins**
 - As of August 1, balance: \$1,770.46.
 - No new transactions to report.

- **FCC Delegate Report – Carmela Warfield**
 - On Summer Hiatus
 - Cancelled summer picnic to focus on filling the FCC Manager Position.

- **HALO Delegate Report – Bob Redlinger**
 - No July meeting, but a meeting was scheduled for August 3 at 7 p.m.
 - The agenda AO2366 and New Seward and O'Malley Construction resolution.

- **President's Report – Carmela Warfield**
 - Signage to announce our meetings is under consideration.
 - Meeting attendance will increase after the summer.
 - The school year starts in two weeks, and Community Council members have expressed support to revisit safety concerns near schools in community council boundaries, including Rockridge near O'Malley Elementary, and Abbott Rd/Birch Rd intersections.
 - AO2023-66 and related concerns were discussed at length.

5. Legislative Updates

- **District 11 – Edra Morledge provided updates on behalf of Representative Julie Coulombe.**
 - Representative Coulombe was not able to attend. She is working on legislation.
 - On August 10, Rep Coulombe will host a community event with Senator Kaufman and the community councils to discuss work in the district and constituent concerns. It will be held at the Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall.

6. Anchorage Assembly Reports, District 6 –

- **Assembly Member Zac Johnson**
 - The design concept for the two cargo terminals was approved.
 - Updates to tariffs were approved for the Port of Anchorage.
 - The \$250K costs for the Golden Lion were approved.
 - He referenced information from the AEDC 2023 Economic Forecast. Employment is expected to remain below pre-pandemic levels, and the pace of recovery is likely to slow compared to 2021 and 2022. Further recovery will likely hinge on the availability of workers to fill open positions and fewer

people leaving the state.

- **Assembly Member Randy Sulte**

- Wildfire funding for AFD was passed.
- Voting was postponed for Parkland.
- Regarding redistricting, a new version is out for the August 22nd meeting.
 - A discussion regarding redistricting followed.
- Regarding the Homeless situation:
 - The Sullivan Arena is back for Hockey.
 - Anchorage is getting out of the homeless business. It will be public and private partnerships. \$160K was spent on people experiencing homelessness, amounting to about \$53K per homeless person. Discussions followed.

6. Old Business & New Business, Action Item(s):

a. Hilltop Ski Area 2023-2024 Alcohol License Renewal (Recreational Site License: LL#5982).

- **Trevor Bird, General Manager, Hilltop Ski Area, presented.**
- The beer & wine service license renewal is on the agenda for the Assembly on August 8, 2023. For security purposes, Hilltop will have licensed space-separated.
- President Warfield provided an overview; the Community Council has not received any negative comments or complaints regarding the alcohol license .
- No resolution was needed from the community council.
- The Hillside Community Council, at their meeting on August 2, 2023, provided a motion to support the license renewal.
 - Move – Jason Warfield
 - Second –Marc June
 - Motion carried.

- **AO2023-66 & AO2023-66(S)** – An ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly amending and repealing portions of Title 21 to create only ONE residential district throughout the entire Municipality and waiving Planning and Zoning Commission review. Public comment for this item remains open until the Regular Assembly Meeting on August 22, 2023.

- **President** Warfield invited Assembly Member Cross and former Assembly Member John Weddleton to attend. However, they were not able to participate.

- A discussion regarding the HCC Board letter to the Assembly

followed.

- Assembly Member Sulte discussed the ordinance further, and HCC members asked questions and expressed their concerns, including the following:

- Can the date for the assembly hearing be extended later than the August 22nd date?
 - Sulte said he would ask to extend. But there is no guarantee, so people should show up.
- Does the AO comply with State Law?
 - It should have been put through legal, but there is no confirmation that it did.
- What was the reasoning to exempt certain areas – Girdwood and Eagle River - from the redistricting?
 - None provided at the meeting.
- People are concerned the AO will significantly impact property values, among other future impacts, and the AO was being put through rapidly.
- Concerns were raised that There is no S1 version to comment on and compare to AO as written.

The S-version was a Laid-On-The-Table item at the 7/25/23 Assembly meeting, and can be found here:

https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/SiteAssets/Pages/Members-Zaletel%2c-Cross-and-Volland-Propose-Substitute-Residential-Zoning- Reform/AO_2023-66S_RESIDENTIAL%20ZONING%20REFORM.pdf

To review the Assembly work sessions for AO2023-66 and more information, please visit

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Meetings-Worksessions.aspx>

7. Community Information: President Warfleid summarized the community information.

- a. State of Alaska, DOT&PF Virtual Public Open House - Thursday, August 3, 2023, 4:00-5:30 pm DRAFT 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

Public Comments

Welcome Join by Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85237266509?pwd=NnpkdWQrOUhQQjA5TUZsU1RKc2Zjdz09>

Zoom ID: 852 3726 6509 / Passcode: 965345 (Or join by phone: 1 253 215 8782) For more information about the Draft 2024-2027 STIP, please visit the STIP website at www.dot.alaska.gov/stip.

b. House District 11 Community Event – Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall, Thursday, August 10, 5 pm-7 pm

In attendance: Senator James Kaufman; Representative Julie Coulombe; Hillside, Huffman/O'Malley and Abbott Loop Community Councils; HALO; State of Alaska Depts Transportation, Natural Resources, Fish & Game & Public Safety; AFD Fire Station 8 & Firewise Mapping
Food & refreshments will be available.

8. Candidates (3 minutes each + HCC member Q&A as time allows)

None were present.

9. Open Discussion (3 minutes per person, time permitting): Our meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. HCC Members and those eligible for membership within the HCC boundaries have priority to address the Council before non-member guest attendees.

No discussion.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

- **Move** – Jason Warfield
- **Second** – Bob Redlinger
- **Motion carried.**

The meeting ended at 8 pm.

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<https://www.facebook.com/HillsideCommunityCouncil> HCC

Website & official source for information:

<http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/20.html>