

Huffman/O'Malley Community Council
April 21, 2011 Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Christine Monette at 7 PM. Other Steering Committee Members present were Matt Burkholder, Katie Nolan, Jim Pekar, Paul Rasmussen, Melissa Schmiedt, Mark Schroeder, and Tim Stevens. Absent but excused: Wayne Crayton, Pete Nolan and Brian Partch.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melissa Schmiedt.
3. Steering Committee members were introduced.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of January, February and March 2011 were corrected and approved.
 - b. The Treasury shows a balance of \$579.14, with outstanding deposits of \$70 and outstanding debits of \$170.
5. Presentations
 - a. Calvin Miller of Alaska Waste shared information about the mandatory changeover to roll carts. Most of the HOCC area will be changed in Fall 2012. The bottom line is that the consumer will be charged more for the removal of less trash. There is a discrepancy between the information given on the website and the information shared by Miller. The website states there is a \$150 fee for lost roll carts, but Miller stated that the roll carts are guaranteed and will be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged. Customers have a choice of a 96-gal for \$20.58 per month, or a 64-gal for \$17.44 per month. Currently, customers can use up to three 32-gal containers for \$15 +/- per month. Additionally, there is a 32-gal option for \$13.50 per month that is not shown. None of these prices include fuel surcharge and regulatory fee. Miller was questioned about when the RCA approved this change, as the info is not on the Alaska Waste website. The RCA has not approved the change, and the notice arrived in today's mail. Miller was questioned about the need to make adjustments for those unable to physically haul these large roll carts on graded Hillside driveways. Miller stated that if such a service was available there would be an additional fee.
 - b. Assembly Member Jennifer Johnston reported that first quarter budget revisions have been made, and the Muni budget kept to a 1.6% increase. Discussing the SAHS fields, the baseball field plans have been submitted, but the football stadium plans are not yet complete and no plans have been submitted. They will require two separate permits. Johnson held a worksession with ASD, HOCC and neighborhood representatives. Johnston also discussed the bullying incident and story that have made headlines.
 - c. David and Carol Jensen, property owners on Baronik, were to have appeared and shared new designs for their encroachment into the property easement; they did not appear or contact HOCC.
 - d. Chugach Electric Board Members Janet Reiser and Doug Robbins reported on the ongoing issues involving the natural gas shortfall. Both are running for re-election to the Board. Chugach is still looking for another location for their planned Hane Street substation. Plans

must be in place by Dec 2011. HOCC has suggested that they re-contact property owners along the north side of O'Malley below Lake Otis, the same side of the street as the high capacity electric lines, where there are not immediate neighborhoods.

e. AWWU project engineer Jeff Coleman reported on the Elmore/Huffman water reservoir construction. They are waiting for road restrictions to be lifted before starting excavation. GMC is doing the digging. The tank has been changed from a Type 3 to a Type 1 tank. This will possibly be better, as it is cast on-site and may be stronger seismatically. It will require a larger crane that will be there for a longer duration, and the crew may want to work longer hours. Coleman promised to keep in contact with adjoining property owners and the council.

6. Continuing Business

a. HDP implementation committee, formed by HALO, has begun a water well monitoring program. This will be funded by resident donations. An article explaining the program will appear in the newsletter. Motion by K. Nolan, second by J. Pekar, to donate \$50 towards this fund; motion unanimous. HOCC will also request our residents make individual donations to this project, which will protect our water wells and septic systems without government intrusion.

b. SAHS Ball Fields will receive a Public Hearing at the Urban Design Commission on May 11. HOCC is creating a Memo of Understanding between the community and the school.

c. Membership Letter. Steering Committee members are asked to look at the proposed membership letter and offer comments. It is hoped that this concept can be adopted before the May meeting and used to invite newcomers.

d. Huffman Park. A letter was sent to John Rodda, Parks & Rec, requesting Municipal maintenance of widened trails with increased visibility to provide safety in this Safe Routes to School park.

e. The Nominating Committee has created a slate of nominees for the upcoming year. Anyone wishing to add their names to this slate are asked to contact the Secretary.

f. Huffman Park and Bowman Elementary are both working on their projects.

7. Reports

a. FCC is having difficulties with the NUSA Conference. They are \$70K below budgeted income, and attendance is down. There will be no Hillside tour, as there was no interest from conference attendees.

b. HALO will hold their annual meeting on May 5; guest speaker is Marty McGee, the Municipal Appraiser.

8. President Report

a. Correspondence. Incoming: 2011 CIP list; Muni Community Development survey; two new membership applications; Cases 2011-054, -055, -042 and -036. Outgoing: Letter to John Rodda.

9. New Business

a. The 2011 CIP list is out. Steering Committee members are asked to look at the list and rate each project top to bottom. The aggregate scores will be returned to Juneau.

b. Huffman & Elmore intersection safety. There have been at least four injury accidents in this area since the school year begun, one a rollover the afternoon before this meeting. Issues include the fact that the chain link fence surrounding the Enstar facility has slats that reduce line of sight, especially for smaller vehicles. Snow berms also build up around the fence. There is a stop sign and a warning sign, but they are not readily visible. The HOCC will ask both the Muni and the State to assess safety hazards at this intersection. (Note: as this discussion was held, there was a head-on injury accident at this intersection.)

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Nolan, Secretary

Action needed:

MOU: HOCC, HOA & SAHS/ASD

Letter to State DOT & Muni DOT re: safety concerns at Huffman & Elmore

2011 CIP List HOCC ranking

Membership Letter

Next Meeting:

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