

13. These meetings are held by the Planning and Zoning Commission at the Loussac Library Assembly Chambers. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. The Assembly Chambers are located on the first floor of the Library.

Everyone is encouraged to look at the proposed revisions, which will affect our lives in many ways and will guide our future development. You can find them at the Municipalities website www.muni.org or at: <http://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/pages/default.aspx>.

It was noted at our December meeting that the community gets "up in arms" about items like the fireworks ordinance, while ignoring items like Title 21, which affects the pocketbooks of every resident. While there is some disagreement between advocates and opponents, according to the Anchorage Home Builders Association, if left intact, the proposed Title 21 revision would probably add over \$7,000 to the cost of "starter" homes.

Comments can be submitted in writing or in person at any Public Hearing. We urge you to become involved in this process that will shape our future and affect our pocketbooks!

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Upcoming Meeting - Thursday January 19th

The next Huffman/O'Malley meeting will be held Thursday, January 19, at 7 pm.

Items on the agenda will include our Resolution regarding potential new Huffman Road roundabouts and our Title 21 revision response, as well as continued discussion about the proposed Elmore extension from Abbott to O'Malley, a new cell tower on Lake Otis and O'Malley, and the Chugach Hane Street substation.

We are also continuing to investigate the potential effects of the proposed Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority, especially concerns on potential impacts on future road funding.

Remember the new meeting location at Shepherd of the Hills Church, corner of Elmore and Klatt Roads! Enter through the front door, turn left into the sanctuary, and find the stairs in the back. We meet in the large room at the bottom of the stairs.

If you have an issue you would like to have the Council address, please contact hoccpresident@gmail.com or attend the meeting.

**Vocabulary of the Month:
"Land Use Classification"**

A "land use classification" is our Title 21 system of sorting land into categories of complementary land uses, and this system serves to guide the entire land use regulation system.

This system is designed to: "provide a balanced, compatible land use mix, including a range and placement of land use activities deemed necessary to community well-being"; "separate incompatible uses and minimize conflict"; "provide appropriate land use allocations"; and "ensure continued vitality of each community". (Title 21.05.050)

Lands within the Municipality are zoned Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Commercial-Industrial, Public Lands and Institutions (PLI), Environmentally sensitive, Mixed Use, and Commercial Recreation.

Often in the news are items concerned with changes to land use classifications. For example, the Anchorage Bowl does not have an abundance of Industrially-zoned land, and some of this has been used for Commercial (think Minnesota and Klatt area). Other concerns noted in the news include the lack of vacant residential areas or the creation of additional PLI zoning, which removes properties from the tax rolls.

Additionally, these separate land use classifications cause the need for transition areas, buffering less

intensity uses from more intense uses and discussed in a recent newsletter.

Is there a word or acronym you would like defined? Let us know by contacting HOCCnewslettereditor@gmail.com
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HOCC - Area Crime Statistics

For one year now, the HOCC has been compiling crime statistics for our area. For 2011, theft was the most numerous crime reported/committed in our area followed by disturbances and burglaries. In total, **191 crimes** were reported/occurred in the HOCC area. The number of crimes reported between December 1 and 31, 2011, are listed first and the 2011 cumulative amount of reported offenses is in parenthesis:

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| Theft Reports: 1 (61) | Drugs: 1 (8) |
| Assaults: 0 (16) | Vehicle Theft: 0 (7) |
| Burglaries: 1 (23) | Liquor violations: 2 (4) |
| Disturbances: 3 (24) | Weapon Offense: 0 (3) |
| Fraud/Forgery: 1 (11) | DUI: 0 (1) |
| Vandalism: 3 (18) | Disorderly conduct: 0 (1) |
| Other Undefined Offenses: 1 (10) | Prostitution: 0 (3) |
| Weapons 1 (1) | |

If you are a crime victim, please be sure to report it to the Anchorage Police Department so that the information is logged into the MOA's crime statistics database. Let's hope the crime statistics are less in 2012. **HOCC also wants to remind everyone that the APD does not log reports unless you ask for a case number. Please remember, if you are making any police report regarding anything from noise to vandalism or suspicious behavior, always ask for a case number.**

Compiled by Wayne Crayton, HOCC Steering Committee Member. Information is from Anchorage Police Department records at <http://crimemap.muni.org/>

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From the President's Desk

Members of the Huffman/O'Malley Community Council will be involved in a number of projects in 2012. Where do you fit into the picture?

Do you have a specific expertise that could help the Council better address particular issues? Are you involved in the construction or land development business? Your knowledge could help us advise on projects before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Are you a whiz at reading and understanding numbers? You could assist in our assessments of the budget or capitol projects lists.

Do you see a unique need in your neighborhood? A traffic issue, a use problem, or a drainage problem? You could bring that concern to the Council and help us address that particular issue.

Do you see what is happening around you and wonder why someone doesn't stand up and say something? Could it be because people are waiting for your leadership?

It is tragic that too many of us sit back and wait for someone else to step forward. Yes, we are all busy. But each of us possess a unique talent and ability, and each of us can make a meaningful difference in our community.

You do not need to attend every meeting. All you need do is stay in contact. Let us know who you

are and what you can do for our neighborhoods. Make this the year you give of yourself.

Pete Nolan, President
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Just a Random Thought...

**Two seconds a day... six seconds a day... three minutes a day...
Hurry up, Spring!**

Welcome New Members!

Thanks you for your support! Dues paying members are vital to our mission of two-way conversation and grassroots community input.

If you are not yet a dues-paying member, simply use the form at the bottom of this newsletter. Membership fee is only \$10 per person each year, and yes, we do accept larger contributions (please see instructions below). For our "snail mail" residents, you can become an "email person" by just letting us know, and save us some postage in the process!

And remember to contact us with your comments and concerns, because YOU CAN make a difference! Feel free to pass this e-Newsletter on to your neighbors, then remind them to join.

**Yes, I want to become a contributing member of HOCC
Enclosed is my contribution of \$10 per person for this year.**

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (home & other) _____

E-Mail _____

Comments & Concerns:

**Mail to: Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, 1120 Huffman Road,
Suite 24, PMB 420, Anchorage, AK 99515**

Please note: Donations in a higher amount are greatly appreciated and accepted. For donations to be tax deductible, please make your check out to: FCC (Federation of Community Councils) on behalf of "Huffman O'Malley Community Council". Please send this donation to the above

mailing address and a tax deductible receipt will be provided. Thank You!