

Huffman-O'Malley Community Council Minutes - July 19, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pete Nolan at 7 pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Todd Logan.
3. Introductions of Steering Committee members were made, including: Todd Logan; Christine Monette, Vice President; Katie Nolan, Secretary; Brian Partch; Paul Rasmussen and Mark Schroeder. Absent: Matt Burkholder. Absent, but excused: Wayne Crayton, Joan Eastlack, and Melissa Schmiedt.
4. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. The Minutes of June 2012 were approved.
5. Presentations
 - A. Legislative Updates were given by Bob Pawlowski, Senator Kevin Meyer's Chief of Staff, and Lindsey Williams, Senator Cathy Giessel's aide. Williams reported on progress regarding the Elmore Road dead end issues. The current signs are being replaced, and a "no outlet" sign will be prominent. Williams stated that DOT's Scott Thomas reported that federal monies are available to move stop bars and curbs and add beacons; this is a 2 year project.
 - B. APD's Natasha Welch gave a presentation on Community Action Policing (CAP). This is a dedicated 7 person unit that is outside the 20-24 APD units on regular patrol. They are not dispatched, but able to address specific neighborhood issues. As an example, Code 880 allows APD to charge residents at 8 calls (businesses get 100 calls). After the 9th call, APD can begin charging property owners for responses. This motivates property owners to address problems that are caused in neighborhoods. The CAP tries to find creative solutions to individual problems. Welch reminded residents that they can get police reports and case numbers either online or by phone. Graffiti Busters is a free remediation program for private or public property.
 - C. H2Oasis President Dennis Prendeville and Rich Owens appeared to discuss issues with the proposed O'Malley Road upgrades. They ask for HOCC support of a left hand turn lane from O'Malley to the H2Oasis property. Current design calls for a median that will cut off all access except for eastbound right hand turns into the 46-acre parcel. Their adjoining 16-acre parcel will have no access.

The Park has received over 1.2 million visitors and has 75 employees. Prendeville reports that, while DOT approved plans before he began initial construction, this issue has since been ignored for 8 years. Proposed construction will deprive this business of access and harm economic development. He hopes that, working with the State and the community, a long-term solution can be found.
6. Continuing Business
 - A. Huffman & Elmore intersection safety was discussed, including response from DOT to switch 'horse crossing' and 'no outlet' signs for better visibility.
 - B. Title 21 is taking some time but should go to Assembly by Fall.
 - C. Resolution re: additional Huffman roundabouts was approved.
 - D. Greenbelt encroachment. HOCC will ask to meet with Tom Korosei and do a walk through of this area. Trees need to be planted in mid to late August for best success.

7. Reports
 - A. FCC: Monette reported that the Aug meeting will be a picnic.
 - B. South Anchorage High Neighborhood Liaison Committee: Monette reminded neighbors to utilize the CAP program to address problems.
 - C. By Laws Committee: Monette and Schroeder reported that the draft is up on the FCC website and will be finalized soon.
8. President's Report
 - A. Incoming Correspondence: Membership dues (Foote); new polling location information from SOA.
9. New Business
 - A. South Anchorage Bus Route. Logan reported that the Long Range Transportation Plan called for a South Anchorage Bus Route. Motion by Logan, second by Monette, to support this South Express and consider adding South High to the route; passed.
 - B. Motion by Logan, second by Rasmussen, to write resolution in support of a turn lane into H2Oasis and requesting that community needs take priority; motion unanimous.
10. Open Forum
 - A. AFD Station 9 site selection is currently being made. Top choice appears to be a 10 acre parcel next to Rabbit Creek Elementary. HOCC should ask for creative design that is aesthetically pleasing instead of existing "cookie cutter" design currently being built. This design is too industrial to fit into our rural residential area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Nolan, Secretary