

## HALO Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019

### Holy Spirit Retreat

I. Call to Order and Welcome by Katie Nolan, Chair. Board members present: Pat Abney, Sarah Denson, Marc June, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Rodney Powell, Frank Pugh, Kurt Rein, and Susan Richards. Absent but excused: Albert Fogle. Absent: Brena Doolen, Peter Johnson.

II. Agenda was accepted.

III. Presentations

A. Assembly John Weddleton. Update on bear carts (bear proof trash cans). Assembly can designate special bear safety zone. Ex: No trash out until after 5 am, maybe require bear carts. Carts only come in size large, and are more expensive than smaller ones. Trapping? People are worried about kids and pets on trapping trails. Proposal to ban trapping within 50 yards of trails throughout Muni. Public Hearing Tuesday. Stormwater Utility update: Assembly took \$450K from budget to use on crime and homelessness. Admin will try to find some other way to pay for this proposed utility, but may be delayed another year. Onsite consumption PH in two weeks. Will deal with edibles only. Q. When will Muni get serious about enforcing laws re: homelessness? A. It's against the law, but we cannot kick them out of the parks due to prior court rulings. Complicated issue. No simple solutions. Q. Must call it what it is - intoxication, drug abuse, illegalities. Must make life more uncomfortable on the street then treat underlying issue. Not an affordable housing issue. Is an addiction problem. By adding services we are creating an attractive nuisance. A. The phrase 'homeless problem' is a catchall for the actual situation. Affordable housing is for working poor, not homeless. We have 8 to 10K people that are working poor. We are spending \$\$ on camp abatement and emergency housing. No mental health solution. Q. What are we doing to inhibit the behavior? A. Abatement. Year round needed. We are doing zone abatement, where we clear large areas, not allowing them to re-establish nearby. We must give them 10 days to leave or we must store their stuff. Q. We are paying for infrastructure and the illegal use is destroying it. What can citizens do to get involved in making a change? A. Contact John Weddleton to join committee groups working to form ideas to tackle this issue.

Adam Lees - Suzanne LaFrance is new Vice Chair of Assembly. Public Comment now at RCA on ML&P sale to Chugach. Tobacco 21 Ordinance update. New version of raising age to 21 for tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping products. Narcan proving successful. High school survey found use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, prescription drugs. Cell phone in school zone ordinance upcoming. Budget is big issue. Juneau decisions won't be known until June. School bond debt reimbursement major issue. If State does not pay bond, expect significant property tax increase.

B. Muni Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Joni Wilm, Senior Transportation

Planner, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator (AMATS). If interested in getting involved, the Advisory Committee is always accepting new members, contact Wilm.

Non-motorized transportation plan in draft phase. Public comment map will be taken down tomorrow. Some users added trails across private property; these are not actual trails. AMATS gets Federal money, comes thru state, then to AMATS to plan how money is spent to work on roads. Plan updated every 4 years. Bike, Pedestrian, and Area Wide Trails plans are aging and need to be updated. Plan to include: 1. Existing Conditions, 2. Public Involvement, 3. Network Development, 4. Project Prioritization, 5. Implementation, 6. Design Guide. Hired ALTA Planning & Design and R&M consulting to help create design guide. Q. How to find info on events and timelines? A. AMATS website posts all. Q. Criteria for selection/priorities? A. Safety and Equity is priority #1. Q. In previous years how were cost estimates created and how will that change going forward? A. With Federal funding, ADOT and Muni both oversee, which cause projects to take longer, and costs are typically 5x higher. Projects in old plan did not account for this discrepancy, so they weren't able to complete as many projects as projected.

IV. Minutes of February 2019 and April 2019 were accepted.

V. Treasurer Report. Checking Account balance of \$1363.18, Legal/Savings Account balance of \$15,595.80. Outgoing Expense \$59.88 to Go Daddy but will be challenging that.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Website (Monette) Up to date with minutes, agendas and board members. Working on archived documents.

B. Board Development (Nolan) Encouraging dual seats to increase the pool of active members. Board is able to accommodate 20 individuals.

C. Boundary (Abney, Monette, Morrison & Nolan). The committee is working online and hopes to have a report to HALO in the next couple of months. Morrison brought maps including State House Districts, Senate Districts, Assembly Districts and Zoning Districts for comparison.

VII. Community Council Reports

A. Huffman/O'Malley is commenting on several new P&Z cases.

B. Rabbit Creek is doing a community work party on Saturday in conjunction with AFD and the Firewise program. They will be doing brush clearing.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of "B" Representatives/Split Seats

G-1B Sarah Densen

G-2B Albert Fogle and James Kaufman

G-3B Katie Nolan

G-4B Pat Abney and Marc June  
G-5B Mike Kenny

- B. Election of new officers. Katie Nolan, President; Frank Pugh, Vice President; Christine Monette, Treasurer. Nancy Kaufman agreed to serve as Secretary.
- C. Audit. We will need to do an audit. This is done with the Treasurer and at least two people. Rein, Richards and Joan Priestly agreed to assist.
- D. Committees for the upcoming year were announced. Members agreed to carry on those functions. Anyone wishing to get involved in a committee can contact that committee. Will also put committee info in next newsletter.

HRDTSA: Committee - Shawn Dooley, Nolan, Monette, Powell

Land Use and Parks - Denson, Fogle, Peter Johnson, Morrison.

Social Media/Newsletter/Website - Facebook - Fogle; Newsletter - Nolan;  
Website - Monette.

Historical/Archival - Abney, Denson, Peter Johnson, Monette, Rein.

IX. Open Forum

- A. Snow melting has shown many used syringes in parking lots for our parks. Please be careful, especially with your children and your pets. There is also a lot of broken glass from car windows in trail parking areas near Hilltop Ski and Prospect Heights. These are continued effects of our homeless problem.
- B. There was a homeless person in an area neighborhood. Resident discovered mail sent to multiple addresses at one location. This was the basis for a call to APD. It turned out the illegal camper was a convicted sex offender.
- C. Rabbit Creek Community Council and Fire Station 10 are doing a Firewise Cleanup on Saturday, May 4. Will provide a pass to drop off yard waste free of charge to the Muni wood lot.
- D. Door prizes were given out throughout the meeting. Thank you to Powell for gathering the prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denson, Acting Secretary

*Action Items:*

*Audit (Monette, Rein, Richards, Joan Priestly)*