

**HALO Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3,
2019**

I. The meeting was called to order by Christine Monette, Treasurer, at 7 pm. **Board members present:** Pat Abney, Sarah Denson, Peter Johnson, Marc June, James Kaufman, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, and Rodney Powell. **Absent but excused:** Albert Fogle, Katie Nolan, Frank Pugh. **Absent:** Brena Doolen, Gail Morrison, Kurt Rein, Susan Richards

II. The **Agenda** was accepted.

III. Presentations

A. Assembly: Suzanne LaFrance. District 6 South Anchorage. Patrick Flynn has extended an invitation to tour a marijuana retail and grow facility. Contact him directly at patrick@greatnorthcannabis.com or Suzanne. Also revenues in work session on Fri 10/4 to discuss proposals for payroll tax or a sales tax. These are ideas that may appear on Agenda in April 2020. Also, an Ordinance to create area wide access road to enable city to raise some funds for fire and life safety routes. Q. What about overtime pay of fire department? A. Instead of paying overtime, they will take some apparatus out of service. Comment: Port of Alaska - met with Port director and asked what do we need for our community, commercial, emergency response, defense? A. A preliminary report on the Port is that the Assembly hired a consultant including taking the Port Commission and adding more people from outside AK - also considering a quasi-judicial role. Aligning scope budget and financing - making sure we have at least the minimum needed. Will get final report at the Expertise and Committee Meeting on Nov. 17th. Report online - go to Assembly Committees, Enterprise and Utilities Commission to view the report. Q. Weddleton requested a report on LRSA? A. Will follow up with Weddleton to learn about results. Q. Isn't the funding for Port redo too much on the backs of people; shouldn't the state be picking up on the costs? A. Completely agree, maybe we should be accessing more federal funds. Q. What are the updates on SWU and have they passed the Rate Survey? A. No, will take that up on Tuesday. Advisory Board Commission was passed. Q. No Hillside on it? A. LRSA, but no, no one on Hillside. Q. Open seats? A. Mayor's approval. Comment: Testimony at Assembly Meeting on 9/24; we felt our comments were not welcome. Maybe that's the reason why trust in government is low. A. Sorry to hear that was your experience. Mark Schimscheimer also HALO member and Director of Engineering of AWWA, will be Project Manager on SWU will provide Scope in presentation on the 17th. Within the next 6-9 months will be starting public involvement campaign. Comment: Fees are certain, the work is not! Q. Measuring drainage? How do you convince people of its value? A. Nobody owns the system and the reason we are doing it now. Goal of utility is to make the best use of funds. Q. What way are you going to enforce utility bill? A. Not much we can do about it. **B. ASD: Andy Holman.**

Report any disturbances on School grounds to the School Board. Standardized test scores came out reflecting current educational status of proficient and not proficient students. Our numbers are not great. Comment: Seeing students bringing weapons into school - approximately 5-6 of them: but, no near miss situations. Q. Incidents defensive? A. No detailed analysis yet, and privacy issues prevent identifying adolescents. **ASD Starr Marsett:** New program with SRO officers to explain seriousness to students starting with middle school, then move onto high schools. Q. Will parents whose kids damage

property be liable for property damage? A. Not sure; but, probably not.

D. APD - Officer Christopher Wright. Mid-shift patrol officer for Anchorage Hillside. He has been monitoring the Nextdoor App. Q. Trouble after hours activity at South High School; what can be done? A. Can do the rounds around the School yard. Please continue to call on these type of occurrences to provide a record of calls - it has an effect on police coverage. Q. Greatest law enforcement issue on Hillside? A. Prowlers and property crime, mailbox thefts. Comment: Assumed these kids go up 142nd to Golden View so check that area as well when patrolling South High School. Q. Have you encountered any unauthorized campsites Hillside? A. None that he is aware of, just the one on Old Seward and Scooter campsite.

IV. Minutes of Sept 5 and Sept 21 - accepted.

V. Treasurer Report shows a checking account balance of \$1573.18 and the savings/legal fund amount of \$15,607.34

VI. Community Council Reports

A. Abbott Loop - No report

B. Bear Valley - No report

C. Hillside - Extensive SWU discussions. Overview of HALO Firewise Program. Discussion about tax implications, loss of exemption when renting out property on short term basis.

D. Huffman/O'Malley is writing a letter to the Anchorage School District requesting that they remove numerous dead and dying trees that line the boundaries of South High, as they present a real threat of wildfire and falling to both the neighborhood and to those who use South High's trails, and that the work should be done this winter.

E. Rabbit Creek - no report

F. Glen Alps - no report

VI. Committee Reports

A. Communication (Monette) If you have other items that need to be added to website, send them to Monette. Space still an issue. May change type of website to allow us to hold more data. Q. Guest subscribed but hasn't received anything. A. Will look into that.

B. Firewise (J Kaufman) - J Kaufman provided an update and overview of HALO's planned involvement in the Firewise program, including changes to the HALO website and the schedule of activities in Q4 2019, Q1, and Q2 2020. Culminating in a public awareness event at the Alaska Zoo and possibly other venues.

C. HRDTSAC (Powell) - no report.

D. Land Use & Parks (Pugh) - no report.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Well Water Quality Report Update. Nolan has reported that the Muni has been unwilling to release COSA data. Nolan sent the Muni a letter requesting the info with a cc to John and Ian Moore, who is taking the lead on the report. Weddleton stated to Nolan that it may take a week or two to prepare the report.
- B. Stormwater Utility update was in Assembly report.
- C. Homelessness. Frank Pugh has drafted a proposed Resolution regarding the homeless campers utilizing ideas presented by Ric Davidge. Will look at for the next meeting.

IX. New Business

A. Request for Monette to send a condolence card to Chris Birch family. B. Motion Abney, second June to have HALO address current issues coming from Stork Park. Discussion that Stork Park is the only location for flying RC planes. There is supposed to be an RC club that is responsible for this area. There appears to be no regulation or enforcement. Q. Have people been hurt? Is the Muni liable? Is Bear Valley CC taking up the issue? Comment: It is believed they will help. Are the RC operators from the immediate area or from elsewhere, and are there limits to the areas they can use? A. Yes, but they do not stay within those limits. Q. Is this an FAA or a Muni responsibility? Q. Can John Weddleton set up a meeting with the Parks & Rec Department? Q. Who is the RC club? Q. Why is this the only park designated for their activities? Motion passed to have President write letter and do follow up to address these unanswered questions.

X. Open Forum

A. From Mark Schshimer. Any update on the HRDTSAC? A. No Weddington and Lafrance hosted a meeting of the LRSAs feedback was all positive. Q. Why wasn't HALO invited? A. Because the meeting was about the SWU. Q. What would it take to revitalize it? A. Someone to champion this effort. Comment: when have meetings with LRSAs - emphasize that they are advertised with Minutes. Feel our LRSA is less than responsive. Every LRSA is responsible for the MS 4 Permit. Q. What can assembly do to help? A. Reach out to John Weddleton? Monette will brainstorm with Nolan for more discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaufman,
Secretary

Action

Items:

*Homeless Resolution (Pugh) Stork
Park issues (Nolan & Monette)*