

HALO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 7th, 2021 7 pm Zoom & In Person Meeting

I. Call to order and Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Frank Pugh, Vice President.

Board Members present were: Julie Coulombe, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Lizzie Newell, Katie Nolan, Frank Pugh, Susan Richards **Board**

Members absent: Pat Abney, Sarah Denison, Brena Doolen, Marc June, Rodney Powell, Peter Johnson, Carmela Warfield

II. Agenda. October Agenda - no changes or additions

III. Presentations -

A. Assembly - none present

B. State - James Kaufman, State Representative, House District 28.

Akrepkau.com website has been upgraded with new content, links and other information. Recent update includes this outline:

<https://akrepkaufan.co/special-session-4-update/> of items being considered in Special Session number 4 and links to referenced legislation. Has been informed that appropriation limit (spending cap) resolution HJR 401 and HB 4006 get a hearing with the House Judiciary next week, so we continue to make progress on key fiscal policy legislation. Having spent so much time in Juneau has limited time to discuss capital projects with community councils. Have been wanting to interface with all the CC but haven't been able to, so delegating that to my Chief of Staff Matthew Harvey to make the rounds and follow through on getting advance notice of project wants and needs in District 28.

Contact: Rep.James.Kaufman@akleg.gov or call #907-465-4949 and 907-538-5262
newsletter: akrepkaufman.com

Link to my special session 4 notes: <https://akrepkaufman.com/special-session-4-update/>

Roger Holland, State Representative, Senate District N. A lot of moving parts, we'll know

more by next Thursday; looking for resolution on PFD. **Contact:** #907-465-4843 or

#907-351-8277 Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov

Josh Revak, State Representative, Senate District M. Rep. Kaufman's write up is great - check it out! Several years ago, we tackled crime by repealing SB91 and now crime has decreased 22% in property crimes (no more catch and release), so that's working! Feds passed leases in ANWAR and now they are trying to shut them down again; I've submitted comments for public hearing. My staffer Dirk and I - we are pushing resources to poor environmental stands because we will develop responsibly compared to other places - we made statements about that - please let us know your thoughts. Q. Immediate needs are here with Covid and do you have any relationships with the Mayor to help us with these issues? A. James Kaufman stated yes we are involved. C. A visitor to local hospitals thought things were underwhelmed - a lot of the hospitals talk about rationing care because they may be losing staff and other factors. C. We need to understand the root causes and address it that way.

Contact: #907-465-3879 and cell #907-764-4280 Senator.Josh.Revak@akleg.gov
Randy Sulte - Running for Assembly District 6. Provided an overview of his past experience and wants to get his community back to a better place. Wants to improve crime, homelessness, drug related problems. Q. What do you consider yourself? A. A fiscally conservative Republican. Q. What do you think of the homeless shelter building on Tudor? A. Still learning Q. Watching assembly meetings this week - your opinion? A. Watched them online - sensitive issue against any type of government mandate. Q. Stats going up everyday; remedy that? A. Push some of the other treatments, not just masks or vaccines. Hospitals should reconsider some of their actions and reach out further for help. There is a lot of prevention that we are not doing. C. Hospitals should write up something in the paper about the cost of ICU for 3 weeks for COVID.

Contact: Randy Sulte info@sulteforanchorage.com <http://www.sulteforanchorage.com>
(907) 229-2977. I will be at Kaladi's on Huffman this Saturday from 9-11am

C. ASD - none present

D. APD - none present

E. AFD - none present

IV. Minutes September - no changes

V. Treasurer Report - Current savings/legal account balance is \$15,138.70. The current checking account balance is \$875.96. 1 outstanding check to Shepherd of the Hills for donation.

Reminder: Membership dues of \$10.00 can be sent to: P.O. Box 110096, Anchorage, AK 99511 Q. \$500 withdrawal from law fund; what was that for? Transfer was put into the savings account to be able to better manage expenses. Q. Do we have a cap on that? A. don't think we have it in our bylaws.

V. Community Councils

A. Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell - Mtg 9/30 held annual elections. We have a street manhole problem we're trying to resolve. Scooter academy keeps getting delayed. Still working on the dog holes. There was an Eagle Scout recruitment at Ruth Arcand Park-information is posted at the 1st entrance off Abbott at 1st parking lot. Midnight Sun Brewing put in for special youth for alcohol distillery. Car went out of control out of 88th street and crashed. The driver died - we are working on a traffic barrier so it doesn't happen again.

B. Bear Valley - none present

C. Glen Alps- none present

D. Hillside - Bob Redlinger - Mtg 9/20 at Hilltop, Capt. Casey Johnson made a presentation about the Fire Station. Residents also want to get lights placed on the gasline trail. Q. What's going on O'malley road near Birch? A. GAP Asphalt and Paving meeting with DOT this coming Tues. looks like O'Malley road widening up to at least to Birch. Also, road being put in off DeArmoun just before Hillside Drive - but don't remember the name of the subdivision (maybe Lewis & Clark development).

E. Huffman/O'Malley - Julie Coulombe - Still getting our by-laws worked on and voting on that this month. Also tip recommendations-the criteria they use to rate capital road projects. Finalized and voted on the resolution for Holquist development Sky Ridge development - believe in neighborhood sovereignty. Q. Situation with water and the wells. A. Concern the pressure on their wells.

F. Rabbit Creek - Mike Kenny - We also did the tips on funding - 4 or 5 criteria they will be looking at. Discussion about earthquake damage on Rabbit Creek road with inquiries to

FEMA when it will be fixed up. Tough to get funding from the City but a big need for trails and roads. So much of our area is steep so students must be going up some steep hills in the winter. Also looking at the Sky Ridge; would be nice if people would all get together on the HDP. Rep Kaufman and Sen. Holland gave us reports and gave us updates. Ky had some resilience talks with Sen Revak to get some things off the planning board and into reality.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience Committee - Ky Holland has the most current information. He is doing Zoom meetings. C. Regarding our last snow storm, Julie from Chugach spoke about unexpected events and planning. Also, last weekend in April 2022, they are going to have a presentation similar to what we had last summer in July - may occur in Hilltop ski area. C. Reach out to friends and neighbors if and when needed during emergencies.

B. Sky Ridge Rezone - Julie was on agenda 9/28, unfortunately, was at the end of the meeting with the Assembly. A0202024 R6 to a R7; sure thing that was going to happen, but Weddleton made 4 amendments - 2 of them passed. Last month they revised the HDP, the well, and firegate special limitations. Onward to platting. Q. Will they be writing a new platting application? A. Yes. C. Amendment to HDP was premature, particularly the wells; to protect the existing wells in the areas those tests needed to be done before there is a change in the plan. C. You can submit written and verbal testimony to the Assembly; it is encouraged. A. I was signed up, but they did not call me. Wayne (a well driller) stated that there is no common aquifer in that area. We need to know further in advance before it goes forward for acceptance. C. The next battle is platting - draw down tests are required. C. If the process includes any more public testimony, I would like to be informed. C. Why did the HDP amend prior to them dealing with water? What people don't realize is that their intent is to bring city water and sewer all the way up Hillside. This sets a dangerous precedent - we need to be more aware of events happening in our neighborhoods because high density is their goal for the Hillside.

C. Land Use - Comments made in September meeting: "Purchase of Heritage in Stolle subdivision to access the Honey Bear Roads. Some people worried about rezoning and trails on private property". C Any more interest in joining this committee? A. Still looking for volunteers for this committee. Contact Frank Pugh.

VII. Old Business

A. Property Tax Appraisals - Ian Moore: Regarding property assessment, HALO made a public information request back in May. Muni came up with a cost of \$1,000 but no guarantee it would be everything we were hoping for. Weddleton through the Economic and Development committee thought he could get the information without the cost. But, at this point we still have not gotten any information. Put in several different requests and hopefully this new administration may be more agreeable to providing information. Every lot in Anchorage - we want to know the perimeters used to value the land - but super inconsistent especially on the Hillside. They have not provided us that information yet. C. The more times we ask, the more likely we are to get an answer.

B. HALO signs, business cards, promo materials - further discussion in November.

C. Validity of area and district plans including HDP - ongoing

D. December 2nd Founders Forum - Enlightening and enjoyable to learn about our city's history,so reach out and try to locate folks to speak

IX. New Business

- A.** 2022 Firewise Saturday Event Saturday April 30 at Hilltop Ski Area; joint event with Hillside CC.

IX. Open Forum

Comment: Can we reach out to ASD and AFD reps to attend the HALO Meetings again to keep us updated on what's going on. C. Yes, we once had Officer Wright appear and other School board members have shown up and yes it's always good to have representation. C. Mayor Bronson has had his rep Portia Erickson show up but Assembly still taking testimony at the library this week.

Action items:

- Design HALO media material - have prepared for November Meeting and also send your ideas to presidenthalo@gmail.com.
- Contact Frank - volunteer help needed on Land Use Committee
- Members reach out to elders to present at our December Founders Forum ● President and Vice President: Reach out to ASD and AFD reps to attend HALO meetings.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary