

**HALO Meeting Agenda\
Thursday, November 4, 2021
7 pm Live & Zoom Meeting
Shepherd of the Hills Church (Elmore & Klatt)
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I. Call to order and Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Katie Nolan, President.

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

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

II. Agenda. November Agenda - no changes or additions

III. Presentations -

A. Assembly - none present

B. State - Josh Revak, State Representative, Senate District M.

Contact: #907-465-3879 and cell #-764-4280 Senator.Josh.Revak@akleg.gov Attended the National Conference State of Legislatures. Vice Chair Military task force. 8 states suing Biden admin over ANW; our state owns those leases and Feds made a moratorium on those leases. Also, National Veteran land allotments regarding Vietnam veterans weren't able to select lands in native allotments because they were at war. BLM just notified they will now allow selection of those land allotments. Also, Ky Holland 40,000 reapprop from Muni for Firewise - will tract those funds so those funds get where they should get to. Special session in Juneau is over - talks about Fiscal solutions for next session but didn't have the votes to do anything this session. Q. Any talk about those who have passed - their family being able to choose the lands. A. Some provisions for descendents - send us contact information - will have to contact individuals directly. Q. This \$40,000 where are those funds? A. Reappropriated, Dirk stated they are granted from Dept of Commerce to Muni not sure it is listed there yet - will follow up again tomorrow. Please remember that Ian Moore is our GIS expert and he can assist with the mapping.

Roger Holland, State Representative, Senate District N.

Contact: #907-465-4843 or #907-351-8277 Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov

Take on the 3rd 4th spec session - think house leadership and finance ran the clock out on us. Talk about getting the budget done earlier next year. 45 or 50 Leg. in favor of the working group program. Crazy year coming up with redistricting. Q. How much do all these special sessions cost us: operation office buildings, per diem, etc? A. Leg. paid year round a bit more for our staff, building open year-round.

C. James Kaufman, State Representative, House 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/>
Addressing the earlier comments about the cost of special sessions; many of the legislative

costs are "fixed" and not affected by being in or out of session. Staffing levels are not changed, and the overhead costs of the Capitol are not affected. The biggest variable is probably the cost of travel and per-diem, but many legislators including Sen. Holland and I have not been taking per-diem, or only taking a few days of it per special session. Per-diem charges are public information and often reported by the ADN and other news sources, so it's easy to find out that information. I even had a fellow Representative sleeping on my couch for a while to help him hold down costs and reduce the need for per-diem.

On the legislative front, we have had some success in moving legislation, getting hearings on our spending cap and gaining support for our "Remember the Fallen" commemorative license plates. There is still lots of work to do, and public support will be key going forward. I plan to keep pushing for a spending cap and will sponsor it again in the upcoming session. The "Remember the Fallen" bill is a simple little bill that would be great to get through.

More information can be found here

<https://akrepkaufman.com/special-session-4-update/>

<https://akrepkaufman.com/remember-the-fallen/>

<https://akrepkaufman.com/spending-cap/>

Also, we are having a meet and greet at Bell's on November 9th starting at 5:30 until about 7:00 PM and then I will be going to AMAC to give a presentation about our GDP based spending cap.

I joined the National Council of Insurance Legislators NCOIL.org and will be attending their annual December conference. It may not sound exciting, but insurance cost is an important subject.

Questions/Comments?

Q. Spending limit that you are talking about is linked to the state GDP? A. Yes - worked on spec session; start over in January, put link in the chat.

C. Glad to thank James personally for attending the extraordinary conference last Saturday, sponsored by AK Covid Alliance - posted video at their website.

Q. On a bill for law enforcement, can you include a correctional officer? A. Absolutely, it's not too late; it's stuck in committee and that could be a friendly amendment.

Rep. K C: Julie, I am still working on your insurance cost increase question, I am in contact with our Department of Insurance director.

ASD - none present

APD - none present

AFD - none present

IV. Minutes October - no changes; will address again in January meeting.

V. Treasurer Report - Current savings/legal account balance is \$15,139.99. The current checking account balance is \$875.96. No account activity in October. **Reminder:** Membership dues of \$10.00 can be sent to: P.O. Box 110096, Anchorage, AK 99511 **or** go to the website and pay through the paypal account.

V. Community Councils

A. Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell - Met on 10/28 - the manhole cover problem temporarily fixed. Meeting 11/23 Hilltop regarding liquor license. Q. CC supporting that? A. Haven't talked about it much yet. Q. Traffic study being done on Elmore -

what section? A. Don't have that information yet.

B. Bear Valley - none present

C. Glen Alps- none present

D. Hillside - Bob Redlinger - Next meeting 11/15. C. Re: Hilltop liquor license; falls within HCC beer & wine license only. They are a non-profit and want to enhance their service offering. Still want to continue on with a family focused environment. We feel confident with their agenda.

E. Huffman/O'Malley - Julie Coulombe & Gretchen Stoddard- Cathy Geissel did a powerpoint on redistricting - 11/10 deadline for public comment. Passed new by-laws to accommodate electronic meetings. Also, passed a firegate resolution with all of the Representatives there. Q. Where did they meet? A. Trinity.

F. Rabbit Creek - Mike Kenny - Developer wanted to have a rezone from R6- R7 without having more lots - the profit won't be as much - the area 156th street near where Mountainair comes in; subdivision - River Hills Estates. Council working quite some time with a path from Bear alley to Goldenview for transiting. Taking the rezone under advisement. Also, the 2040 plan. Q. Water (private wells)? A. Yes I believe so. Q. Who is the developer? Mark - don't recall. Q. What was the zone change? A. R6 to R7 (2-3 units per acre with water being the big issue)

VI. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience Committee - Contact Katie if you can be on this Committee

B. Sky Ridge Rezone - Platting board 1st week in December.

C. Land Use - A. Still looking for volunteers for this committee. Contact Frank Pugh.

VII. Old Business

A. Property Tax Appraisals - Frank motioned and Gail 2nd to make this a resolution. C. Attorney not needed; Ian submitted the hand-outs to get more information on how Appraisals are actually done. 2nd attempt to get our information in. Q. Submitted while Bronson in office A. yes Q. Muni wanting to charge you for this info? A. yes, \$2,300 for each type of information. C. Thousands of parcels in Anchorage, so maybe just limit to residential and pick a few streets in each council. A. Requested electronic download. C. It's \$40.00 an hour plus costs per page. C. My property increased \$76,000 so all the property around increased. C. JK - our evaluations increased; we use comps - checked those comps valuation Muni reported - no relationship - use arbitrary comparison. C. Ian can send our letter today; not required approval by HALO. Also, Ian the key issue is his property valued highly b/c for view. C. Invite the assessor to make a presentation to us. C. HCC will try to get a presentation in January to answer those questions. Motion to adopt and send foyer request: 8 favor 2 opposed- motion passed.

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

C. Validity of area and district plans including HDP - ongoing. Katie will be distributing around again and talk to your councils about them. Julie commented to Assembly that people in the neighborhood felt they didn't have a voice. HCC supports the HDP and wants the Assembly to support

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. Everyone - invite guests to speak!
E. HALO/Hillside CC 2022 Firewise Saturday Event April 30 at Hilltop Ski Area

IX. New Business

A. Mountainair Drive connection - Was at that meeting running from Bear Valley to Rabbit Creek - seemed there was interest in it.
B. Redistricting - Katie sent out comments.
C. Fire Gates - Skyridge Platt going to the platting board the first week in December. Assembly wanted a firegate - needs to be approved by the Fire Depart and traffic. Looking for resolution for Haines Street and new subdivision. A Secondary access - a common sense solution. Q. Where can I see the protocols for the firegate and what the muni expects from us. A. The City doesn't necessarily like them anymore so a resolution will put some pressure on them C. Heard there has to be a turn-around provided. C. Fire Chief and traffic to determine if it is ok. Huffman passed a resolution in support of firegate and we'll send it to appropriate people in the Fire Depart and Fred Coy. Mark motioned and Julie 2nd the motion - Katie to prepare. C. Correct Sky Hills to Sky Ridge. Q. Katie asked for an overview of the River Hills Estate subdivision? A. on 156th, egress of traffic flow. Really a developer trying to get more lots approved by the city. Q. Questions about water? A. Assumption that there would be wells, but their engineers were not there-ideas still on the drawing board. C. As far as RCCC is concerned, no rezoning is acceptable. C. We let this slide on Sky Ridge....we need to be proactive on this one to stop developers going up the Hillside.

IX. Open Forum

Rep Kaufman folks living in the Seward Highway/Turnagain arm area contacted me regarding highway rumble strips. There may be alternatives - "mumble strips" - working with DOT on this. C. DOT spoke with RCCC about this as well, stating it was not possible because of federal funding. C. Update on Lewis & Clark: Those living on Upper Dearmoun road have noticed deliveries of dirt and gravel to the subdivision. Filed a motion for a complaint because of the traffic and noise - city has 40 days to respond. Holquist estates project: tubing on both sides of Canyon road to trap water - 2 different groups filed an appeal to the platting board for the R10 - now both in Superior Court. Q, Called Code Enforcement? A. We'll probably have to film it with a drone. C. We did not have any comments from ASD, AFD - are they invited? A. Yes, they are invited but haven't been coming.

Action items:

- Design HALO media material - have prepared for January 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.
- Katie to prepare a Resolution for Firegate - Unanimous yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary