

HALO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019

7 pm Holy Spirit Retreat

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Katie Nolan at 7 pm.
Board Members present: Sara Densen, Peter Johnson, Marc June, James Kaufman, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Gail Morrison, Rodney Powell, Frank Pugh, Susan Richards.
Absent but excused: Pat Abney, Albert Fogle, Christine Monette.
Absent: Brena Doolen, Kurt Rein.
- II. Agenda was accepted.
- III. **Presentations**
 - A. **Assembly.** Suzanne LaFrance, District 6 South Anchorage. Questions from last month's meeting by Monette were answered. Q. 911 systems: Do the separate police and fire 911 systems still having integration issues? A. Yes, but there is a new computer system and integrated dispatch issues should be resolved by next year. Q. AFD staffing? A. AFD feels 100 more staff needed. About 18 apparatus closures, but it is not making enough progress toward the 4 million deficit. Use fund balance next year to close out the books for this year. Admin is trying to resolve. Q. LRSA audits? A. Should be finished soon. Comment: SWU Advisory Commission - recommend people volunteer to represent this area. LaFrance and John Weddleton will do what they can to help confirm members from Hillside: Mayor appoints, but the Assembly confirms. They are expecting nominations. Need individuals who can represent Hillside property owners. Hillside can have more than one person on the Advisory Commission and expertise in stormwater issues not vital. ML&P sale. \$ 2 B dollar value to approve stipulation. Q. How did an addiction treatment center become part of the ML&P sale? A. It came from Providence conditional approval of the sale. Q. Estimate time for it to be settled? A. Regulatory Commission of Alaska must approve sale; expected resolution by 2Q 2020. Q. studded tires? Ordinance came before assembly shortened studded tires by 2 weeks with some exceptions. DOT has recommendation for a phasing out of studded tires, but Suzanne is asking for public feedback. Comment: John Weddleton mentioned animal rescue groups - ordinance to monitor animal treatment under these conditions. Looking at proper due process. State Health Department is taking public feedback under consideration. Comment: ASD brainstorming about 2020 plan.
 - B. **State** - Kari Nore, aide to Senator Cathy Giessel stated Josh Revak was confirmed by the Senate. His former District 25 seat still open. Still no word on special session. Q. Why select John Revak above Laddy Shaw? A. No information about that decision.
 - C. **ASD** - Starr Marsett discussed the Strategic planning sessions now occurring. Proposed bond will be approved by ASD on Nov. 19th; will be sent to Assembly for acceptance for

April ballot. Budget in December. Q. What about the lawsuit for forward funding? A. The State forward funded education to prevent pink slips going to teachers at the end of the school-year. It is necessary when the monies from the State are not set. Forward funding resolves this timing issue.

IV. The Minutes from the October meeting were accepted.

V. Treasurer Report: Balance of \$1,573.18 in checking account, \$15,608.67 in savings account.

VI. Community Council Reports

- A. **Abbott Loop** - none
- B. **Bear Valley** - A Chugach subcontractor to install a transformer station has impacted Little Rabbit Creek - Work was done without appropriate safeguards for creek. The Muni was notified of the situation and barriers were put into place to prevent further contamination of the creek. Unknown if fines were levied.
- C. **Glen Alps** - The Rohaley land has been sold, a total of 132 acres on Canyon Road. It will be subdivided into 1.5 acre lots. Hulquist Homes will be building in two phases in 2020 and 2021 totaling 29 homes. The Rohaley 132 acres can have up to 54 lots. The development will not involve road improvements. Driveways will come off Canyon road. The area contains mostly wetlands. Council is concerned about the effect of development on the wetlands, potential fencing on major wildlife migration routes, the lack of information about easements for walking trails, the owners are trying to vacate section line easements, and the unimaginative plan to build reasonably priced homes. According to Hulquist, the homes will be prices <-\$400,000. The information was from the first community meeting; no application is pending.
- D. **Hillside** - none
- E. **Huffman/O'Malley** - none
- F. **Rabbit Creek** - none

VII. Committee Reports

- A. **Firewise** (J. Kaufman) stated that the Firewise concept is being expanded to include "resiliency" for a variety of safety and security topics including wildfires and other potential disasters. Early October met at Station 9 with Rabbit Creek, Alaska Zoo, and Muni officials. The emphasis of RCCC is on fuels reduction, and evacuation drills; while the HALO focus is on public awareness event 2Q 2020. The 2 efforts are mutually beneficial. HALOs engagement with RCCC is providing additional input.

VIII. Old Business

- A. **Well Water Quality Report Update** - Our contractors have received the necessary records from the Muni and are working to complete the update.

- B. **Stormwater Utility** - Need to find someone from Hillside who would be interested in serving on the SWU Advisory Board. Speak with John Weddleton or HALO Board Members. Brief resume would be needed, and recommendation from HALO. Q. Experience? A. Someone knows how LRSA works, but someone in touch with their community, and of course an Engineer would be helpful. Q. Time commitment? A. Min quarterly meetings with commissions and probably monthly meetings to start process. Comment: We could have more than one person.
- C. **Homelessness Resolution** - Nolan has the information and suggested Resolution from Pugh; will send to Board for comment.
- D. **Stork Park Issues** - Nolan will write a letter to Parks & Rec thanking them for the meeting planned on Nov 15.

IX. New Business

- A. **AO to create areawide power to construct/maintain life/safety access roads.**
 John Weddleton addressed issue - next meeting Nov. 19th. Emergency road service access lot of disconnect on the Hillside, Girdwood. ARDA bond or through Federal Funds but needs a 10% match. With this change AMATS funds can be spent on Hillside for life and safety access roads. Can do a bond looking for X dollars to do emergency connections. The 1.3 M dollars to achieve the matching funds needed to get the process started. Comment: Difficult because it would need to be voted on as a bond. Comment: Secondary access or for development? A. At this point the standards have not yet been addressed. Comment: sell the idea or safety and access....increase development is not going to be supported because of a boom to development. Comment: Bear Valley does not want two access roads as one way in and out helps prevent crime. Q. Have these access roads been decided yet? A. No not yet. Comment: Development idea - has to be clear in its intent. Is it development or a safety initiative? Comment: lots of discussion about how this is for safety not development. Comment: If other residents think this is just a Hillside issue, may not be supportive on the vote. There are numerous roads in the Anchorage bowl that only have one way in and out. All need to be addressed. Recommend to google PBS to watch the Paradise Valley fire disaster. Q. Who is responsible for developing and maintaining Genie? Needs responsible party to maintain LRSA Introduced up for discussion and vote on Nov. 15th. Comment: All these concerns are valid. Plan is for emergency use only. Q. How would we resolve when an area wants only one way in and out. A. You are on your own. Want a high priority on life safety. Work session on the 15th 3 pm city hall, Public hearing on the 19th of November.

Motion by June, second by J. Kaufman to write a Resolution regarding this issue. Discussion about what points need statements in the Resolution. Discussion led to amendments to the original motion. Amendments: to have an intent statement making clear our desire to only improve emergency access and promote safety; to limit the road design and construction to emergency use only standards including firegates; and to constrict easement width wherever possible to a minimum necessary for emergency use, with controlled access, a minimal footprint and minimal costs. Amendments were accepted by maker of motion and second. Motion passed with two negative votes.

Discussion about emergency routes from Turnagain to Girdwood. Local roads are in place that could serve as egress during an emergency. What would be needed is signage. Also, utility easements are sometimes ideal for emergency access.

- B. The December meeting will be a special event. We will invite long-term Hillside residents to come and share their knowledge in a “round table” discussion. We are losing knowledge of the Hillside history and what changes residents have seen over the decades. Hopefully we can video this evening and make a permanent record. Nolan asks that we all identify those we know that could participate, invite them to the meeting (perhaps picking them up and bringing them) and that we bring snacks and finger food to share for the evening.

X. Open Forum

- A. Ric Castillo is a candidate for Assembly District 6 (South Anchorage, Hillside and Turnagain). He introduced himself and invited people to talk to him after the meeting. His website is rickforthe6.com.
- B. Questions for the Board about our support of the SWU. Answer that we were supporting the major changes that Weddleton proposed, but those were not adopted. Our support was for the amendments. Questions for Weddleton about the impact to property owners. Answer is that it is unknown at this time. Because the rate study amendment was not adopted, we do not know costs. The Muni can borrow \$1.5M to do groundwork for the SWU. No rate study will be required. Question about changes to Title 21 regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Answer that the changes adopted affected only R-1 zoning. ADUs have always been an allowed use in R-6 and above zoning. There are numerous accessory dwellings on Hillside.
- C. Albert Fogle has asked to be replaced on board Area G2 Seat B.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary

Action Items:

Letter to Muni re: Stork Park (Nolan)

Forward Homeless Resolution to Board (Nolan)

Create Resolution re: emergency access roads and send for Board adoption (Nolan)

Invite long term Hillside residents to attend Dec meeting to share their memories (everybody)

Bring long term Hillside residents to Dec meeting (everybody)

Bring treats to Dec meeting (everybody)