

HALO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 7 pm
Shepherd of the Hills (corner Klatt Rd & Elmore Rd)
Zoom Meeting ID 455 419 5765 Passcode HALO

I. Call to Order and Welcome by President Katie Nolan. Board Members present: Marc June, Mike Kenny, David Michael, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Lizzie Newell, Joan Priestly, Rachel Ries, Carmela Warfield, Jason Warfield, and John Weddleton.
Board Members absent but excused: Peter Johnson, Frank Pugh
Board Members absent: Sarah Densen.

II. Agenda was accepted.

III. Presentations

A. State

Senator Cathy Giesel

- Talking w/ Gov on how to incentivize more NG out of Cook Inlet
- Importing NG would be cheapest alternative
- To get Furie or Bluecrest is a few years out
- Pension bill is moving through the

Representative Julie Coulombe

- Enstar - problem is high demand; some storage tanks had sand in them;
- Childcare bill sent to house finance; tax credits for corps that supply child care for employees or help pay for employee child care
- Education funding
- SB140 - headed to house floor
- Gov's State of the State - priority around energy and education
- Finance Comm - julie is on th eDept of education, public safety, and
- Mayor - listened to his priorities and city concerns
- Sen. Kaufman - looking for common ground on issues
- Anc. meeting in March @ Cuddy Hall - when all ANC delegation comes into town to meet at UAA campus
- Julie and James - Town Hall Feb. 10 @ Shepherd of the Hills from 10 - 12 pm
- Sat March 9 from 2 - 4 Cuddy Hall - House and Senate will be there

Senator James Kaufman

- Hoping NG will make it through these sub zero days; what can we do to enhance existing Cook Inlet supply?; there are some market constraints that make it challenging for producers to grow the supply organically; acute crunch right now; utilities trying to generate energy via diesel; there is a lot of work to be done on a long term solution (produce, distribute, storage); Anchorage is in severe NG shortage; producers say they have enough gas to meet their contracts; producers are interested in sharing resources to keep NG flowing; Anchorage should be ok for a few years but it's iffy after that; it's time to find alternate heating modes
- 2nd session - lots moving
- Senate transportation with DOT - update from DOT to manage snow removal on State roads and in partnership w/ Muni to decide on who plows which roads; get snow removal contracts in place earlier; the big snow dump early in the year happened a few days before the contracts

- were signed
- Akleg.gov for more info

B. Assembly

Assembly Representative Randy Sulte

- Energy - Susuuta ; small energy reactors
- Special assembly on Eklutna Hydro restoration -
- Jan 16 - Cross resigned from District 2
 - A special election in April
- Feb 8: comm economic devel comm: a lot of P&Z questions come up and are discussed
- Feb 13:
- Randy is at Kaladi's this weekend and next weeks
- Short term rentals - legislation in the works
- - it is an act of rezoning
- Potential housing project Independence Road off O'Malley towards the golf course - swampy - the large empty lot by the soccer field
- 23rd and 24th - Holton Hills passed; 1 multi family lot;
 - No STRs available
- 2024-05 - cemetery issue on the ballot
- O'Malley LRSA might need to be created - rockridge road is maintained by upper O'Malley; no funding.
- 2024 temp snow dumps w/
- Chu State Park - Canyon Road only - part of COSA package. \$4 million project
- -136 - Structural design for commercial buildings
- Cold weather shelter extended for another month
- Don Young Port of Alaska (Port of Anchorage renamed)
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C. AFD

Assistant Chief Brian Partch

- Hiring the new position; will liaise with community groups
- Lots of fires - homes, tent shelters
- Mayor 14 day weather emergency shelter for houseless - Stops Feb 9; asking Mayor to extend the date
- Make sure your homes are up to code, have CO2 detectors
- Try to eliminate "innovative" wiring (daisy chaining electronics) and "alternative" heating methods, that cause most fires.

IV. Minutes

A. January 2024 - accepted

V. Treasurer Report

Christine: checking \$1,108.84; saving/legal \$14,634.21

VI. Community Council Reports

A. Abbott Loop

Lizzie Newell

- Spinelli development off of Spruce
- Native charter school submitting a grant to put in a garden behind the

school. Comm Council submitted a support letter

B. Bear Valley

N/A

C. Glen Alps

N/A

D. Hillside

Carmela Warfield

- No Jan meeting
- Asked Higgins on middle school transition. Provided asdk12.org - click on "news". What is the capacity? Some classrooms will be shared. 6th grade classes might have extra space.
- Assessment evals & appeals process
- Rockridge Dr - Jan 9 snowfall - the road was one lane; LRSA had equipment challenges; Mayor and Sulte contacted to widen the road; road was widened to 2 lanes;
- Rockridge can't be funded thru City funds

E. Huffman/O'Malley

Rachel Ries

- S12754 - water case issue
- Feb 15th - next meeting - how to appeal property assessments
- Facebook page has hotline #
- Huffman Elementary - in-face meetings going forward

F. Rabbit Creek

Mike Kenny - have to wait until next month

VII. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience (Nolan/Ries)

- May 11th - working with MOA to get the \$200K State Grant thanks to Julie C and James K.

B. ByLaws (Johnson, Monette)

Changes are posted on the website. Please read the changes and provide feedback; send to Christine

C. Land Use (Priestly)

- Appeal is moving forward; get to refund \$5000 to
- Board of adjustments
- Can the planning director authorize a change of an entire subdivision when the driveway(s) empty on a collector road
- Subdivision near Lake Otis

D. Ad-Hoc Hillside Protection Committee (Weddleton, June, Monette)

Castle subdivision off O'Malley

- trying to eliminate the 25' stream setback; there is a pond with a spring; Case S-12754; city doesn't consider it a stream so it's a "drainage" and only a 10 foot setback; Katie has a map showing the intermittent stream and pond; the packet from the developer doesn't mention anything about stream, pond, hydrography; Great Land Trust considers this area a wetland and have submitted documents stating this; where is the drainage going to go?; potential of homeowners going bust by developing building homes as quickly as possible then the home gets condemned due to water damage, sinking, etc.; USACE - were initially involved; Public Comment is due before Feb. 7; let's reach out to USACE for more information; that water has to go somewhere!; Rachel will submit Special

Limitations on the development (special consideration and questions answered); there has been no notifications to neighbors; H'OM comm council did not get notified; development listed under wrong community council; concerns: drainage, active spring; traffic (Forest Road; O'Malley entrance/exit)

- Motion to support Huffman - O'Malley statements on the above
 - John W to write the motion; Marc J 2nd ; accepted unanimously

IX. Old Business

A. AO 87 and AO 87S update included in committee report.

X. New Business

A. Wayne Westberg recognition. Senator Giessel has offered to carry forward an official Senate Resolution regarding Wayne. The President submitted a short bio and statement for this honor.

- This is happening; our annual meeting will be a good time to present
- How else can we keep these names alive?

B. Case #2024-006 The Castle Group. Laura Hughes has been seeking info about this case and how to ensure that area wells and the spring are unaffected.

- John will draft comments to the Castle Group

C. Candidate Forum March 7th at the Alaska Zoo. Roger Marks has requested to share info re: Canyon Rd access to Chugach State Park.

- All major candidates have responded / interest
- Zoo has not responded back regarding holding the event there
- Katie will reach out to members to help support the event

D. Rabbit Creek Valley - new homes, ski slopes, complex development proposal (10 pg ppt); propose to take no action on this

E. 2023-87S - rezone into ... it's going to the PnZ in February; AO 2023-87S for Assembly to look at; new version is equally concerning. This is the HOMES case.

- 87S version - HALO said it should be consistent with existing rules, regulations, Hillside Plans
- RCCC will be reviewing the document John W referenced during the meeting
- Randy S - the push is to follow the process; follow codes
- Resolution will be emailed to everyone
- Attached is a draft resolution for AO 2023-87(S) for discussion today - John W.
- Everyone please review and provide comments to President asap.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Morrison, Secretary