

**HALO Meeting Agenda\  
Thursday, February 4, 2022  
7 pm Live & Zoom Meeting  
Shepherd of the Hills Church (Elmore & Klatt)  
Zoom Meeting ID 455 419 5765**

**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, Brena Doolen, Marc June, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Gail Morrison, Lizzie Newell, Katie Nolan, Carmela Warfield

**Board Members absent:** Pat Abney, Sarah Denison, Peter Johnson, Christine Monette, Rodney Powell, Frank Pugh, Susan Richards

**II. Agenda.** November Agenda - no changes or additionlizzies

**III. Presentations -**

**A. Assembly** - John Weddleton - Recently received all the addresses for tax distinct 2 - we'll get some more information on who is covering the road. Walked out on a vote on Tuesday - Not a yes or no question so I didn't vote. Crossing of O'Malley - ValliVue to Elementary; we should be getting a road for kids to walk on. Assessments are in and house values are up. We have a tax cap of \$318 million dollars - mill rate changes. Your assessment doesn't necessarily affect your tax rate. Your assessments are not your taxes. We received \$40,000 for Fire Resilience. Homelessness - making progress being matched by Philanthropies. Asked the Legislature \$15 million toward that effort. Reapportionment: big changes in boundaries such as the proposed Eagle River and east half of the Hillside. Better to keep neighborhoods together. More details of the maps at muni.org Sat. Morning 10-11:30 am to present this mapping. Contact John for more information. C. Maps 9 and 10 are a little confusing on the upper Hillside. Q. Feel on the governor joint/anchorage Mat-Su Port? A. My sense is that it does make sense to coordinate - I'm supportive of that. C. Thanks for addressing the need for pedestrian access at our schools. Carmela Warfield - please email her at the Hillside Community Council for more discussion. C. James - LARSA making bundles for the type of work that is needed....paving, Q. Who to contact A. Call my office ask for Matthew Harvey 907-465-4949

**B. State - Roger Holland, State Representative, Senate District N.**

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

**C. James Kaufman, State Representative, House District 28.**

**Contact:** [Rep.James.Kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto: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/> I've provided 3 links in the chat which will provide more information on some of the items that I will speak about, so take a look, and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

**1st - Audit Oversight:** <https://akrepkaufman.com/audit-oversight/>

We are making headway, but some of the items will be extremely difficult to correct. We have been meeting with members of both Caucuses in the Senate, House and with those representing the executive branch. My hope is that we can create something that will work like a quality action team. Won't happen fast but we are working them out

**2nd - Spending Cap:** <https://akrepkaufman.com/spending-cap/>

Have reintroduced for this session as promised, and are waiting for our next hearing in the House. We have been getting good traction once again in the Senate, with Sen. Hollands and Sen. Myers help. The Senate version of my may pass out of Judiciary pretty soon and will then be sitting with the

Senate Finance committee. Meanwhile I have been having very good discussions with community and business leaders, and have been getting opportunities to give presentations on how the cost control process works. All the supporting info is on my website.

**3rd - Cost Reduction Bill – HB-187** is our cost and waste reduction bill which I hope to get out of House Finance after our next hearing and possibly get it passed this year.

**4th-Infrastructure:** <https://akrepkaufman.com/projects/>

We continue our year-long initiative to facilitate capital projects, and are working as area-wide coordinators with our local community councils and others in the House, Senate, offices of the Governor, Mayor and our Washington DC delegation. This includes a process of “bundling” LRSA projects area-wide by type, so as to make them more appealing for funding, and sorting out which management system (state or muni) that they need to be entered into.

Q. Do you feel the state appreciates the engineering and design needs that will come with the huge federal funds coming in? Rep Kaufman: The process to apply for the money will be more like a grant process that you'll have to compete for during a 5 year competition for this money. In many cases there are project scopes and work packages that have already been designed, but are waiting for money to execute the project. Q. Aren't there matching requirements? Rep. Kaufman: Yes, but part of the process that we are working on is how to apply for the Fed money, while also seeking how to close the various funding gaps. We are also working with community councils on creating an area-wide grant-writing process where our various councils have access to someone that is skilled in grant writing that can help us seek those matching funds where needed.

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**ASD** - Andy Hollerman - bond package finalized and assembly approved for \$111 million. Renewal of Fairview Elementary School - tear down and rebuild is the best solution. Homeowners of bonds previously planned to be state reimbursed. The Governor's bill reinstates bond debt reimbursement and homeowners would like to see that too. Impact of passing bonds will be slight increase, passed out for several years so as not to overload contractors. Wrapped up the budget for the year, and it is balanced. Superintendent search ongoing. Tentative agreement with Totem and AA; optimistic there will be labor peace on the horizon. Q. Process for addressing the 67 million deficit? A. At the moment we don't have a 67 million dollar deficit. We are not conventionally financed but also federal money to use in the next year and a half. Down about 4,000 students because of Covid but believe students will return. Q. So, is there not a 67 million dollar deficit in the next couple of years? A. Don't believe that will be happening. Q. Reading articles about teachers quitting and low morale - Anchorage? A. Morale is often bad this time of year: if not feeling successful then it's very draining. With the remote system - some teachers are feeling unsuccessful. Q. In The briefing first week of December, the finance team at ASD discussed the outlook; we would be facing a deficit \$67. to retain teachers base because of CARES funds. A. It does hinge on predictions and we did about 10% of students, if we continue with decreased students, then we would have to cut programs or teachers. Q. When will we have an idea of student enrollment? A. Sept or October of each year and if they start coming back this spring.

**APD** - none present **AFD** - none present

**IV. Minutes October** - no changes. Marc Jun Motion to approve, Carmela Seconded.

**V. Treasurer Report** - There was no treasurer's report but previous months information is shown as follows: [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 and pay through the paypal account].

## V. Community Councils

**A. Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell** - June picnic 6/30 at Abbott Loop Community Park at the Pavilion. Also, residents off Pokey Circle having water problems in the basement, putting on top of the To Do list; may need pumping.

**B. Bear Valley** - none present

**C. Glen Alps**- none present

**D. Hillside - Bob Redlinger** - Met 1/24 presentation to rename suicide peaks with the local name "Heaven's Breath". Lots of chatter today in Next Door about the road conditions on O'Malley around the Zoo. C. Firewise event will be at Hilltop area. Please reach out to me to volunteer. **E.**

**Huffman/O'Malley - Julie Coulombe & Gretchen Stoddard**- Had in 3 separate tax requests to the assessors office - data package ready to proceed. Reappointment - everybody please go online and enter your comments at the municipality - no division in our community based on residential lot size. C. Next meeting a Candidate forum Weddleton and Sulte - March 3rd.

**F. Rabbit Creek - Mike Kenny** - Need funding for Port-a-Poddy. Will write a letter. Our last meeting we discussed homelessness and reappointment.

## VI. Committee Reports

**A. Firewise/Resilience Committee - Contact Carmela for further discussion**

**B. Sky Ridge Rezone** - No further update from the Platting board meeting that met 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** - Pub info requests HALO and Bear Valley - very expensive so we broke up the requests. They responded \$160, 2nd \$400 and 3rd \$400. Huffman O'Malley can cover some of it. Our first request will cost \$880.00. Emailed to Weddleton and LaFrance to see if some of this expense can be waived. Marc motioned \$400 to donate to this fund with a second motion by Gail. C. What's the return on our funds? C. Would your concerns be addressed if funds are matched by other Community Councils? A. Yes C. We've already had private conversations with other councils to cover these expenses. C. For \$800 you're going to get a huge amount of paper and who will interpret all this information. A. Ian has volunteered to assist with this data. C. City wide Commercial Industrial information? A. Yes. Q. This first request should be relatively download of property values. Funds to be withdrawn from HALO Savings Account.

**B. HALO signs, business cards, promo materials.** - no further discussion this month.

**C. Mountainair Drive connection.** no further discussion this month,

**D. Redistricting** - Attend the district meeting on saturday. I Unite on one plan that Halo will support . We are our own entity - nothing in common with Eagle River.

**Gretchen:** On Saturday February 5, 10a-11:30am, Assembly members Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton will hold an online constituent meeting to discuss proposed Assembly district reapportionment and South Anchorage. Please review background information posted here: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/ReapportionmentCommittee/Pages/default.aspxNote> that the first four maps are not truly 'proposals.' They were prepared as conversation starters. The other maps are from individuals and groups. We will have alternate maps at the meeting on Saturday. To join the meeting click on the link below. Choose 'open in browser' when you are given the option. [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZD11YTFjMWMtN2FiMC00MWFhLWJlMTUtYWY0MGUxY2NiOTIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22127a78cb-19c5-46ca-b11f-87c33c49a907%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222ba23c59-6d43-473a-bd87-7f3649108e7b%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZD11YTFjMWMtN2FiMC00MWFhLWJlMTUtYWY0MGUxY2NiOTIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22127a78cb-19c5-46ca-b11f-87c33c49a907%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222ba23c59-6d43-473a-bd87-7f3649108e7b%22%7d)

## IX. New Business

**A. March 3rd Set for Candidate Forum**

Online forum \$600.00 - in person rent space \$300.00 Q. Hybrid \$900

## **IX. Open Forum**

Reappointment - we need a strong statement to the Assembly. Statement prepared and would like to vote on it tonight. C. May want to wait until after Saturday to review the maps and also may be effective to state the cohesiveness of the community.

Suggest change to include: Regarding cohesive neighborhood comments, may I suggest: Whereas, the Hillside is a well-established, cohesive neighborhood, whose residents share many common community connections (e.g. schools, activities, parks)

Voted on yes unanimously - Will send out with final wording.

Joan Update Holquist Canyon Road project: board of adjustment denied the 2 appeals on procedural grounds. But, the board did not have a meeting on this denial, but 150 pages withheld between BOA and attorney and that was mentioned in response. Then, meeting was held and a transcript was received. The advisor didn't want to hold up progress; he wrote up the order for her Appeal. Violation of Open Meeting Act. He then sent it around for Board approval. Suggested they only communicate with her, not each other. Requesting and looking into getting Dennis Wheeler low integrity level with subverting the Open Meeting Act - also went to the recording office instead of the 27 lots opening on Canyon Road; it only has 20 lots. Both appeals are now in Superior Court.

Thank you Gail for your tenacity! Update on skyridge? Board approved moving forward. Motion to adjourn carmela.

### **Action items:**

- Design HALO media material - send your ideas to [presidenthalo@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthalo@gmail.com).
- Contact Frank - volunteer help needed on Land Use Committee
- 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: 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary