

## HALO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 4th, 2021 7 pm Zoom Meeting

**I. Call to order and Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Katie Nolan, President.

**Board Members present were:** Sarah Denson, Brena Doolen, Peter Johnson, Marc June, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Frank Pugh.

**Board Members absent:** Rodney Powell.

**Board Members excused absence:** Pat Abney, Susan Richards.

**I. Agenda** was accepted.

### II. Presentations

**A. Assembly** - John Weddleton and Suzanne LaFrance. **LaFrance** stated there was a special meeting last night where we received the 2nd round of corona relief funds; \$2 million for the communities over 200,000 - but, only for rental relief. There will be seven bonds going before the voters; more info to come totals approx \$60 million. In addition there is a bond to fund APD body cameras. Also, a pretty robust policy discussion about safety laws and its format and how to engage the public. Strong support across the board for protection for police. Discussion also about changes to Title 17 regarding loose animals in public and trails and how it may restrict animals in public - still taking public comment through Friday, Feb. 5th They can also be reached at:

[animalcontrolcodechanges@anchorageak.gov](mailto:animalcontrolcodechanges@anchorageak.gov)

**Weddleton** - He has submitted an ordinance to change mandates into normal ordinances in regards to mask mandate. Further discussion on Tuesday. Another ordinance is to make it possible to place homeless services in B-3 zoning districts. These are currently only allowed in PLI zoning. He also wants to create a license that requires certain ways of operating to avoid becoming a neighborhood blight. Draft will be formed by early March. Comments thanking Weddleton for the spectacular job at the Zoning 101 seminar.

**B. State - Senator Roger Holland** - Chairing the Education committee - off to a good start. Difficult to form a Republican majority. House just voted pro temp speaker Josiah Patkotak. Erik Gunderson legislative aid to House Representative Calvin Schrage District 25 and Seth Duggan legislative aid to State Senator Josh Revak District 25 also present. AK about to receive 60,000 doses of the covid vaccine - the virus is on a two month downward trend. Chair of resources committee - akleg.gov and contact information there. As of 12/21/2020, PFD Value \$71.8 billion dollars.

**IV. Minutes of January, 2021** were accepted as presented.

**V. Treasury Report** - Current savings/legal account balance is \$15,628.33 The current checking account balance is \$1,190.76.

### VI. Community Council Reports submitted to the Board

**A. Hillside** - Bob Crockett reported they will hold their meeting next week.

**B. Huffman/O'Malley** - Julie Coulumbe discussed the upcoming platt for the proposed Sky Ridge Subdivision and an application to subdivide a 5 acre lot into three individual lots of not less than an acre each. HOCC will be supporting the application that maintains R-6 zoning. HOCC will not support the Sky Ridge rezone.

**C. Rabbit Creek** - Mike Kenny stated that developers made presentations about subdividing lots 28-29 to do in phases. Report from Heritage meeting founders that own 88 acre lots and want to do something with it. Another issue on Snowflake where six or seven houses around cul-de-sac with lighting trying to get that lighting issue out of the plan. Spinell location off 156 from Middle school. Q. Is that where there is a new road with a round about? A. Yes. Q. John was pushing through for this road so now Spinell has a new road to build a new subdivision. John: No road exists that I can push through. Mountain aire extension priority for Hillside district plan and their normal road that afd requested for access. Not sure if it connects to Mountain. It will be a full public process.

## **VII Committee Reports**

**A. Communication (Monette)** - Hoping to have assistance with the FaceBook page. Julie Coulumbe will be putting up the Zoning 101 meeting from Tues 2/4.

## **VIII. Old Business**

**A. Sky Ridge Estates rezone** (Cases 2021-007 and 008) going to the Assembly for approval; Sky Ridge Platt with ROW Vacations to Platting Board (Case S12602) President forming an ad hoc committee to address this at the Assembly level. Morrison agreed to chair. Committee will take the info from the Tues night seminar and put it to good use regarding the proposal. We would like members and a Co-Chair. Members will take one of the nine points and go with it and find the other argument to the story and submit comments. Get your contact information to Morrison. Monette will co-chair.

**B. Candidate Forum** Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 4th 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. We've heard back from most of the candidates. We have a challenge because there are about thirteen mayoral candidates and four contested school board seats. Will do it all on Zoom. Nolan thanked everyone who contributed questions for the mayor race but now needs additional questions to present to the School Board candidates. Email them to her. Q. Are candidates all in one place, and asking questions virtually? A. All on Zoom with a moderator and with the audience muted. C. Need more support in technical knowledge or money. A. If you have Zoom technical knowledge, please contact Nolan. Q. People really want to hear from the more likely candidates. A. There are thirteen; six registered with APOC who plan on raising money; seven exempt from filing APOC.

## **IX. New Business**

**A. Case 2021-0025 Title 21 Amendment to allow "Homeless and Transient Shelters" in the B-3 (General Business) District.** Q. Has anyone had a chance to share their thoughts on it? C. My challenge is if we are putting services, are we going to increase transient shelters for people who don't generally have transportation - bus service is difficult at best. C. Develop a homeless shelter; it has to be on a bus route. C. City is broke so shelter should be on a bus route already where we can get them to services? C. John Weddleton stated that PZC to decide with a 2 phase process. Q Specific areas they already have targeted? A. Hearing? President asked for a motion to address our thoughts on this ordinance, namely that homeless services must be on established public transit routes, that easy access to other social services create the

best opportunities for a successful transition and that existing PLI zoning requirements are best. Peter Johnson made the motion, Gail Morrison second. Motion unanimous. Johnson will write the rough draft. Q. Date for the hearing? A. John - First meeting will be in March. Q. PNZ at this point? A. Yes.

**B. Create Ad-Hoc Committee to address Sky Ridge Rezone at Assembly** was addressed under Old Business.

**C. Area G1 Seat A Board Vacancy.** Lizzie Newell has agreed to fill that vacancy and was appointed to the Board to serve until our next election.

## **X. Open Forum**

Comment: Gail stated that standardization is needed for the data used in the platting process. Presented in front of the Planning Board 2/6; developers and their subcontractors can submit anything they want to fit their needs - providing falsified information. Some of these lots are unfit for building - some of these lots are swamps. Occasional streams observed going across driveways - who allowed this? Cities GIS department can catch these errors if given this opportunity. Platting board can provide last minute changes. Has to be a standardized process. C. Suggestion - rewriting code at least a month between admission and the hearing. John - don't think some limit like that is unreasonable and these are serious issues.

Comment: David Michael is recuperating and we'll have to live with the new normal covid 19.

Laura Bonner missed the rebuttal concerning the zoning meeting. Will make sure to get comments in sooner next time.

Lizzie Newell - redistricting that's coming up? A. A new Redistricting board challenge is the census data that won't be out until after the time limit is up. Also, Anchorage has lost population out of state and to the valley.

Peter Johnson shared some vaccination information. Help elderly sign up for Corvid Vaccine if you are able.

John Yeofoli - lots of dates available for vaccination appointments.  
<http://covidvax.alaska.gov>

Comment from Julie Coulumbe - super frustrated, lack of response from Assembly regarding Skyridge - we are in a housing crunch and Hillside District Plan old news - how do you respond when they lessen the impact of the Hillside District Plan? A. Show up and show up often. Idea is to watch the seminar; the nine points that the platting department uses for greater understanding.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary

**Action items:**

- *Mail in questions for school board candidates to [presidenthalo@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthalo@gmail.com)*
- *Need to set a new date for committee meeting*
- *Need volunteers willing to submit comments for the new Sky Ridge Committee. Please contact Morrison or Monette.*