

HALO Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 5th, 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, Peter Johnson, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Lizzie Newell, Katie Nolan, Frank Pugh, Carmela Warfield

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

II. Agenda. May Agenda - no changes or additions

III. Presentations -

A. Assembly - Randy Sulte - April 26th meeting certified the election. Also went through budget revisions, passed the 2022 central operating budget. Short term rental study for Girdwood. Mayor did veto some parts of that budget though. Delayed voting on Navigation Center - set to come up on the 10th. Working on ARPA funds - link on Muni and meeting again next Friday - special election for the 12th Assembly member for District 1 AO2020-155 vetoed resolution to suspend purchasing rules. This Tueas 2022-60 new section 3 how to remove the Major.

Suzanne LaFrance - Regarding the ARCA funds; there is a form online (around 50 million) to submit proposals. Survey will end around the end of June. Reapportion - Hillside still in District 6. Regarding the Port; proposed finance - 350 million to fund the stabilization process - should be done in June. Program Moving forward - great if we could get the state money. Port does not get funded by property taxes. Navigation Center/Homelessness - Julie and Carmela with Hillside Community Council are greatly involved. Clear and Abatement issues and clearing up land - ongoing issue; although the Muni is a small role in funding. Emergency shelters needed and owners do not want to rent out their space for that. Getting people plugged into public shelters when they come in - Nav issue on Tudor & Elmore....it could be as much as 13 million not including operating costs. Really expensive but needed and logical/practical approach. Would like your feedback - please contact me about your concerns and ideas. Q. How many people are you talking about? A. 150 and 50 more when temperature drops for the most part. Q. Why aren't the Native Corporations financing this problem with 76% are Natives? A. In Anchorage an econ and social services HUB believe a statewide approach is a better approach. John stated that SCE 750 thousand along those lines of funding. C. \$750 thousand is a drop in the bucket; someone needs to look into this further. C. deadline for those who want to declare their candidacy? A. Will have to reply to you...election 6/21. Q.AO-69 concerning removing the Mayor from office? A. Brought forward by Chris.Constant also includes other members not just mayor intent is to fill in some of the sections that are missing from code. Q. Why does Constant care about VRSA members and why is this coming forward now? A. Not sure why it is being addressed now. Just from reading - it's not just about the Mayor being removed from office. Q. Golden Lion hotel - wasn't that purchased? A. Purchased for substance abuse facility with stipulation terms put could not be used for homeless shelter but emergency shelter. Q. If it costs \$5-7 million a year, then that comes out to approx. \$33 - 47 per person, per year - this money could be spent far better elsewhere. A. Isn't the Navigation Center sort of a triage center? A. Yes. C. Money for the Port \$200 million, discussed total of 4000 the 25 is in the senate. When in House listen in tomorrow in Finance Committee Fri 5/6. Port of Nome Port of Alaska (Anc.) people also wanted a Port built at Mckenzie. Q.Can we tap into any federal infrastructure money for the port? A. Complicated question; call me to discuss.

B. State - Roger Holland, State Representative, Senate District N.
Contact: #907-465-4843 or #907-351-8277 Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov

Regular committee meetings scheduled and got the budget from the house. A little dispute in the

Senate; Steadman has rolled all the budgets up in the omnibus. Big problem: I don't believe the House has had a chance to address the budget. Yesterday, PFD battle spirited group who believe in the 50/50 compromise; probably won't get the statutory pass. Education bill caught up in the Education committee - lots of issues rolled up together - Governor will probably not pass it. Happy to help James Kaufman with carrying his bill today. Q. The other Hillside Senator did not vote for the PFD? A. Revak? Yes, almost certain that he did not vote for it.

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

Contact: #907-465-4949 and 907-538-5262 Rep.James.Kaufman@akleg.gov

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Tip of the hat Senator Holland for carrying our HB187 on the Senate Floor which passed unanimously! HB187 is a Bill to reduce the quantity of documents produced in the Executive branch, with a bi-ennial review to reconcile with what really needs to be produced. Not many Freshmen bills are able to pass both bodies of the legislature, and in this case, an actual improvement and cost reduction bill.

Currently in Anchorage on an excused absence to present legislative citations at Goldenview Middle School and to appear on their GV-TV program. The citations were also co-sponsored by Sen. Holland and Rep. Shaw, to celebrate academic achievement and inspired teaching.

While at GVMS, spent time with the students discussing the legislative process, how to get involved in the public issues and communicate more effectively in the public arena. Comment made to Rep. Kaufman: "Federal Government is huge on spending programs to stress STEM interim. Rep. Kaufman noted it is sometimes also referred to as "STEAM" with the "A" for Arts being incorporated into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math". Stated that it was so much fun spending time with the kids.

Right now the big battle is with Capital funding, the difference between funding in the Senate vs. House budgets relative to the funding for the port that the Mayor is seeking to obtain. Involved with the Anchorage delegation House and Senate for Port funding. The senate now has 25 million but the Mayor is looking for 0.6 billion. An evolving situation - stay tuned.

Q.How do I get involved in helping on the project- have experience- should I send you a resume? A. Send your resume to my rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov email account. Part of the challenge that the port project is facing is Reputation damage from previous history and past failures. New manager at Jacobs is good, has a great deal of Port experience so that's encouraging. What matters now is getting funding and then how capable is the Muni team to provide competent oversight of the contractor. Project management skills are necessary. Funding for the project will be in layers - local, state, increased tariffs. C. Offer a suggestion/advice....look at the Jacobs contract (the fine print may include additional costs)! C. If you like, send whatever public contract to me and Joan and we'll take a close look at it. C. shoot me that comment to my rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov and we'll start a conversation about it.

IV. Minutes of April were accepted.

V. Treasurer Report - Received \$56.80 from Paypal account members this month. Current checking account balance \$722.35. Savings/Legal account balance is \$15,147.50. The check for the Zoo @ \$300.00 is outstanding so Christine will follow up with them. Q. Please check out the last time we made a donation to the church for meeting space? A. Yes I will. **Reminder:** Membership dues of \$10.00 per year can be sent to: P.O. Box 110096, Anchorage, AK 99511 **or** go to the HALO website www.anchoragehalo.org and pay through the paypal account.

VI. Community Councils

A. Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell - Report from DOW on Spruce Street extension to ease traffic in that neighborhood - some oppose it. Prioritizing list of projects - working with that and the Committee. Parks and Rec. discussed Spruce in Winchester Park - a sliding hill concern about

Toxins coming out of that left over from junkyard. Testing not conclusive. Q. Type of waste? A. Junkyard; possibly lead. Also, Rebecca Colvin from Rulke Schule school proposed a Picnic Shelter on Meadow Creek Park so we're looking into that. Andrew Spinelli with the proposed rezone Abbott Town Center R5 to B3 was not there to discuss at our last meeting.

B. Bear Valley - none present

C. Glen Alps- none present

D. Hillside - Carmela Warfield. Firewise this past weekend at Hillside Ski Park - thank you for all the Volunteers! Various vendors, approx 50-75 people. Finalizing numbers on expense - Hilltop most likely committed again for next year. Regarding the safety pedestrian crossways on O'Malley and Rockridge - a study will be finished mid-May. Rep from MOA stated additional time needed from the study still be on a good timeline. Construction on O'Malley the flaggers are out traffic down to one line so suggest using Abbott instead of O'Malley.

E. Huffman/O'Malley - Gretchen Stoddard. This weekend at Huffman Elem. community clean up starts at 10:00 am on Saturday.

F. Rabbit Creek - Mike Kenny. Rabbit Creek road turning lanes, Mountain Air drive still out there. Questions about Scooter Drive interchange. Also, Rep Kaufman has been very helpful to put funding on south side of Potter Marsh. Another subdivision to be tied into Mountainair Road - up by 156th street.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience Committee - See Carmela's comments above - Hillside

VIII. Old Business

A. Property Tax Appraisals - Ian was not able to conduct the short presentation - he needed to leave early. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

B. HALO signs, business cards, promo materials. Gail presented a draft HALO business card front and back - suggested a QR code in the corner. Open to suggestions. C. Ideas you had for changing the font because of 508 compliance - making documents readable to those visually impaired. C: The idea with the Banner - used bright green to mimic the bright green of HALO website - also QR code on banner as well. 3' x 6' wide. Q. Any comments? C. Maybe lighten up the green. A. OK Q. Grommets on it? A. Yes. Q. Any more suggestions or is it ready to go? A. Ready. Will order.

C. Redistricting - on hold for now

D. Firewise Saturday Recap: Hilltop Ski Area April 30th. Carmela will submit reimbursements for the expenses at Hillside. When a total is calculated they will be seeking donations.

E. October 6th Candidate Forum. Our next Candidate Forum will be the first Thursday in October before the November election. Please mark your calendars.

IX. New Business

A. Election of 2022-23 Board of Directors Seats A.

Area G-1 Seat A - Lizzie Newell and John Weddleton

Area G-2 Seat A - Nancy Kaufman

Area G-3 Seat A - Christine Monette and Gretchen Stoddard

Area G-4 Seat A - Gail Morrison and Joan Priestly

Area G-5 Seat A - Peter Johnson and Frank Pugh

B. Election of 2022-23 Officers.

President - Katie Nolan

Vice President - Frank Pugh

Secretary - Nancy Kaufman and Gretchen Stoddard

Treasurer - Christine Monette

IX. Open Forum

A. Request Agenda items for June.....update HALO board members list. Can we also update the bylaws on the website? Also, the map on our HALO boundaries appears D3 may not be accurate, but let's look at it. Bylaws reference affirming the mission. Also the G seats, not in our current bylaws. Lastly, reactivate HALO web page to increase reach and membership.

B. New visitor, Janice Park lives on E. 84th 21 years ran for state senate against Christ Birch 2018 now running for Senate Seat F. janiceforalaska.com

C. Holquist Subdivision project update: electrical boxes installed now all along Canyon Road although they encroach on public right-of-ways. Advertising 1 acre lots \$899,000 each (20 of these lots). Water standing everywhere and run-off water as well. Appealed to planning board 2021 and Board of Adjustment denied our appeals so we submitted to Superior Court.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary

Action items:

- *Adjust the current green color on HALO banner to a lighter shade (Gail Morrison)*
- *President and Vice President: Reach out to ASD and AFD reps to attend HALO meetings.*
- *Carmela to prepare an expense report for reimbursement to HALO treasurer.*
- *Christine to follow up with the Zoo concerning an outstanding check, and also look to see the last time we made a donation to the church for meeting space.*
- *Update to HALO Board Members list (Nolan)*