

**HALO Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019**

- I. The meeting was Called to Order by President Katie Nolan at 7 pm. Board members present: Pat Abney, Peter Johnson, Marc June, James Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Rodney Powell, Frank Pugh, Kurt Rein. Absent but excused: Sarah Denson, Brena Doolen, Albert Fogle, Susan Richards.

- II. The Agenda was accepted.

- III. Presentations
 - A. AFD- John See; Forester. Introduced and explained the “Firewise Alaska” program- *How to Make Your House Survive a Wildfire*. It encourages neighbors to cleanup around homes to make them "FireWise". Incentives are being offered. Additional information can be accessed at the Muni firewise site. They promote the idea of “Ready, Set, Go”. Ready means hardening your home and creating a defensible space. Set means practicing evacuation. Go is actually evacuating. Q. How flammable is Trex decking? A. It is flammable, another product suggested. Q. Use of drones to carry water for difficult locations? A. Working on a UAV for surveillance to identify fire location before crews are dispatched. Q. Evacuation routes - published? A. AFD to use Nixle - sign up for it if you don't already have it at Nixle. Q. Neighbors burning - what should we do? A. Call hotline #267-5020 to find out burning status - then follow procedure for that status designation. Further questions, call John See at 267-4902.

 - B. Assembly - Adam Lees, Suzanne LaFrance's aide addressed two important issues: 1) Secure trash “*bear ordinance*”. You can get information via email to municipal office or by calling #343-4243. Dave Battle with Dept. Fish & Game will give presentation at Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting on June 13th at Rabbit Creek Church, 3401 Rabbit Creek Road, 7 P.M. 2) Suzanne is drafting ordinance to address issues of propane tanks, gasoline cans, fire starters to chip away at health & safety hazards at entrenched homeless camps. Additionally, she's also writing ordinance to give police extra powers, but progress is slow. Q. Any more updates on property crime? A. ADP does not have the manpower to monitor social media for crimes. Call 911 for emergencies and call 311 for non-emergencies, or file a report online. A. Crimes aren't being reported, increased incidents across hillside, but resources limited. APD Deputy Chief of Police Kenneth McCoy wrote to Suzanne LaFrance that “hopefully in the near future, APD officers will become regular attendees at the community council meetings and will be able to interact directly with the citizens in their patrol beats”. In the meantime any patrol beat related questions or meeting requests can be directed to Captain Sean Case (786-8747), the Patrol Division Commander.

 - C. Legislative - Kari Nore, Senator Geissel's aide stated special session will end next week. Senate everyday this week, and House on Friday to deal with budget issues (PFD, operating budget, and capital budget). Kim Skipper, representative from Senator Birch's office, stated that hopefully more information will be available on the 14th.

 - D. APD Hillside Patrol. Officer Christopher Wright was unable to attend. He is the primary Hillside midnight shift officer. He reported to HALO that other shifts will soon be implemented; meaning that we will have dedicated Hillside officers on all shifts. He has been active in school summer programs and attending neighborhood events. He

encourages your questions and can be reached at 786-3152 or cwright@muni.org. He works the midnight shift, but will reply to phone messages promptly.

IV. Minutes of May were accepted.

V. Treasurer Report shows a checking account balance of \$1,363.18 as of May 31st, and \$15,602.12 in the savings account.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Website (Monette) is current. Draft minutes will also be posted on website. Monette has added current list of Board members to the website.
- B. Board Development (Nolan) - Still looking for new faces. Board can accommodate up to 20 people.
- C. Boundary (Abney, Monette, Morrison & Nolan) is working on ideas to present later. Will make decisions on what to present for a vote following the 2020 Census. Kenney agreed to join the committee, as the idea of updating our boundaries to reflect reality makes sense.
- D. Land Use & Parks- Need person to Chair that Committee Group. Pugh volunteered. June volunteered to serve.
- E. HRD TSA (Powell) - Powell volunteered to chair.

VII. Community Council Reports -

- A. Abbott Loop - Picnic Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th @ 4pm at Abbott Loop Community Park.
- B. Bear Valley - Crime, clean-up, presentation on Pebble Mine.
- C. Hillside - Discussions about crime: J Kaufman reported multiple car break-ins at Hilltop ski area that did not show up on the Muni link Crime Map database. Adam Lees replied stating that those particular crimes were not reported. Road Service issues were also discussed: the effects of heavier traffic flow to trailheads at Parks causing accelerated deterioration. Solution proposed was a possible grant to offset costs. Future discussions will continue.
- D. Huffman/O'Malley - Held elections and have a new Board.
- E. Rabbit Creek - Pugh stated Resiliency Committee Folder was prepared and can be accessed online for additional resources about Firewise. Diane Holmes discussed septic tanks problem. Steel tanks are no longer allowed - only plastic or concrete. Weddelton is working on issue since plastic and concrete are not as good as the steel. Holmes recommends holding off on your septic work until resolution.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Audit has been performed. The audit shows our major expenses remain our PO Box, our Candidate Forum, Annual Fees to the State and HALO website expense. The Board has worked towards reducing expenses.

IX. New Business

- A. Motion Powell, second Abney, to add Nancy Kaufman to the split seat G-2 Seat A; motion unanimous. N Kaufman has agreed to serve as Secretary. Discussion following included the request for new individuals to read our ByLaws.
- B. Joan Priestly presented an update on the Lewis & Clark subdivision. The neighborhood has filed an administrative judicial appeal at the Superior Court. This follows the Assembly approving the application. Interested parties are invited to attend the next RCCC meeting. Location change for this meeting will be at 12-100 on the Old Seward Highway. Discussion included a recap of the March 5th Assembly meeting where this application was approved.

X. Open Forum

What is the status of O'Malley Road Upgrade Phase 2? It has been delayed until next year.

The Anchorage Public Library Strategic Plan has been completed. This is the result of the community survey that HALO participated in last year. Booklets on the plan were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaufman, Secretary

Reminder - No July meeting! Happy Independence Day!