

HALO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 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. Other Board Members present: Gail Morrison, Christine Monette, Lizzie Newell, Marc June, Mike Kenny, David Michael, Joan Priestly, Rachel Ries, Carmela Warfield, Jason Warfield.
Members absent but excused: Peter Johnson, Frank Pugh, and John Weddleton
Absent: Sarah Denson

Note: Audio kept cutting in / out. Notes are sparse.

II. Agenda was accepted.

III. Presentations

A. State

- Julie Coulombe - in Atlanta
 - Stopped sessions May 15
 - Budget is transmitted; should be made public soon (June 12)
 - Perm fund \$1,650
 - Child care
 - Property Assessments
 - Worked with Sen. Kaufman to pass lots of infrastructure
 - Safe road passed
 - elementary school
 - Trailside
 - \$ for Evac Routes
 - LRSA \$: a list of projects submitted for all over Hillside; District 9 - 11 received some \$
 - \$680 VSA - one time fund
 - Dept of Education about \$54 million
 - READS act - is working = test scores are up!
 - Transportation

B. Assembly - N/A

C. ASD

- Gov has 20 days to sign off on a budget.
- Working on career advancement in high schools
- Starting Fall 2024, all 9th graders will take classes on technical and professional classes on different jobs - Career Academy. Working on teaming them up for mentorship. 10 - 12 graders may take university classes. Field trip to UAA and King.
- Q - at the academy, how much \$ do we need to do this? Need \$3.5 million; in 3 years, need \$6.5 million for teachers for the academy. \$3.5 is hard to come by when the ASD is being cut by \$20 - \$40 million. The rollout may be hard to happen because of the amount of funding / grants needed.
 - We don't have enough teachers or funding to reduce class size.
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- A - Hoping businesses will help out somehow.

IV. Minutes

A. May 2024

- Minutes are accepted

V. Treasurer Report

- Chk \$306.84
- Legal / Sav \$14,634.05
- Christine is going to ask the web team if they can provide more space for more documents. Web is about \$200/year

VI. Community Council Reports

A. Abbott Loop - Lizzie

- Picnic on the June 25th (Tuesday) at the Abbott Loop Community Park
- Concern on traffic - thinking of getting speed bumps
- Flooding from this winter
- The Native Charter School has moved into the Abbott Elementary school
 - Putting in a garden
 - Asking about getting spent grain from the breweries for the garden

B. Bear Valley - NA

C. Glen Alps - NA

D. Hillside - Robert Redlinger

- Hillside No meeting June or July

E. Huffman/O'Malley - Rachel

- Elections. Rachel was re-elected President
- Next meeting is August 15
- Capital projects
- Birch Road - between Huffman and O'Malley - needs some serious TLC. (Road and Drainage)
- Rachel will talk with Joe Kurtak to move this State DOT road improvements
 - Joe Kurtak is the Secretary Friends of Cross Park and Chair A of Sky Ranch LRSA
- Horse arena issue - 6 months / year is flooded

F. Rabbit Creek

- Presentation on Shang Grila - wetlands; 70 foot ROW;
- Section 36 crosses into Glen Alps
 - Single track trails?
 - Parking
- July 13 - next meeting - York Park
- Giessel - overview of budget
 - Upper Dearmoun capa funding?
 - Carbon Sequestration / Storage
 - Japan may be interested in using reservoirs drilled dry over the years; assuming they are onshore

VII. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience (Nolan/Ries)

- Through the last Muni paperwork hoop
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B. ByLaws (Johnson, Monette)

- No feedback on changes or updates
- Would like feedback on them - vote in August
- C. Land Use (Priestly)
 - The most important rezone set to be voted on Monday. Assembly by next Tuesday-ish.
 - Local issues:
 - We won the case with Superior Court on Hulquist Subdivision;
 - Turned back to the Board of Adjustment
 - Rules have changed;
 - Our notice of appeal back in 2021; went to Superior Court; back to Board of Adjustment; appeals have to be sent to the Office of the Attorney (Dean Gates) (Assembly office); Michael Rose allowed the appeal to be reinstated; have until July 20th to file any changes; need to file the same doc for the 3rd time
 - Once you win a case, you have a right to file a cost bill with affidavit with costs; Joan is gathering costs tho the judge denied the cost reimbursements; Joan is arguing with the judge on the costs
- D. Ad-Hoc Hillside Protection Committee (Weddleton, June, Monette)
 - Unsure of Mills Subdivision Status; may have gone back to the Platting

VIII. Old Business

- A. HOMES 2023-87S update and AO 2024-45 - Mark June
 - On the agenda for Assembly this Tuesday
 - 2025 is "the assembly can do whatever it wants regardless of existing zoning, etc."
 - It's important for people to consider talking points along the lines of:
 - Underlying assumption this will lead to affordable housing
 - Triplex and duplex construction (new construction)
 - Adding more hillside houses = increasing fire risk. Common sense would prevent this from happening but
 - Bear Valley, Abbott, Glen Alps, Rabbit have all filed resolutions opposing the HOMES initiative (Wondering if Hillside HCC has written something)
 - Rachel Ries - did write against HOMES
 - Q - 2 ordinances
 - 1 for June 25
 - Other is to be voted on June 11 - Tuesday
 - A - All things 2045
 - Encouraged people to show in person
 - 45 cuts community councils and platting out of the picture. We would have no voice
 - 45 is solely to "change the rules"
 - Many comments have been submitted
 - Christine - lives on Jerome / Klatt.
 - A unit has been purchased; putting in accessory dwelling units; PNZ approved; breaking ground in mid-May
 - There was no active case listed in Huffman / O'Malley CC; not listed on any city portal; city official said they went thru PNZ and have the property permits
 - Putting up a 2800 foot shop and garage
 - Cut all trees down to the propertyline

- Asked city office why CC weren't notified; official said "we don't do that"
- Marc June - suggests Christine contact the Ombudsman office
- PNZ - vote on HOMES

IX. New Business

A. Assembly HOMES template

- Gail Suggests we send out bullet points; have people fill in their own verbiage

X. Open Forum

- A. TBD on a microphone
- B. Representative Julie Coulombe is asking to be re-elected
- C. Walter Featherly - running for State House - walter@alaska.net
- D. Janice - running for senate "F" - janiceforalaska.com
- E. Kyle Holland - running for House District 9