

**HALO Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2022**  
**7 pm Live & Zoom Meeting**  
**Shepherd of the Hills Church (Elmore & Klatt)**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome by President Katie Nolan. Board members present: Peter Johnson, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, David Michael, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison, Lizzie Newell, Joan Priestly, Rachel Ries, Gretchen Stoddard, Carmella Warfield, and John Weddleton. Board Members absent: Pat Abney, Sarah Denson, Brenna Doolen, Frank Pugh, Marc June.
- II. Agenda was accepted as published.
- III. Presentations
  - A. Assembly -

Randy Sulte, District 6 Assembly Representative

AO 2022-60 referendum 8/4/22 Development. The Assembly designated ARPA Funding, including the following: Park & Rec received \$1.2 to address beetle kill trees in municipal parklands; \$770,000 to south Potter March visitor site. AO 2022-75 property tax relief increased from \$50K to \$75K. AR 2022-208, 2022-221 grant to United Way (rental unit rehab) \$2.5M, AR 2022-22 purchase of Guest House \$2.2M.  
Suzanne LaFrance, District 6.

Kurt Parkan, aide, was present to answer questions but had no report to give.
- IV. Minutes
  - A. June 2022 - received just prior to meeting. Will be addressed next meeting.
- V. Treasurer Report - \$559.85 in account.
- VI. Community Council Reports
  - A. Abbott Loop - Winchester park toxic superfund site. Proposal to have it removed. Vote at the next meeting. Proposal to put Senior and Veteran housing by Revive in Independence Park. Significant community council concern about quality & placement of housing project. Revive not aware of Stakeholders in the community. Main *against* group wants no neighborhood change/housing. HUD funding Revive in part (proposed) - moving donated barracks from JBER. Proposed Municipality funding of \$1.6M fell through. Concern(s): quality of JBER housing donation?
  - B. Bear Valley - no rep present
  - C. Glen Alps - no rep present
  - D. Hillside - no June meeting. Twice in July - special meeting for traffic report (O'malley and rockridge). Draft response to Municipality in final edits in response to minu assessment. Shortage of 75 bus drivers for ASD. Requesting reconsideration for

pedestrian improvements re: O'Malley Elementary. Chief Schroge (sp?) (AFD) main guest for July meeting - open format meeting. Community feedback on Anchorage woodlot fees. Reviewing next year with no fees on the woodlot. Proactive concerns for pedestrian safety.

E. Huffman/O'Malley - On Summer break, no meetings. Significant increase in building at Abbot/O'Rabbit-Holy Transfiguration area causing resident concern. No official concerns/complaints currently. O/Malley road project - PM conversation re. lighting conduits every 16ft, installation concerns. PM assured no lighting scheduled minus Birch/O'Malley, Elmore/O'Malley and 2 new intersections with lighting at Lilac; conduit installations are for drainage/future projects.

F. Rabbit Creek - Rained out meeting. No new items. Question: \$700k for road improvement project? Re-asphalt and minimal shoulder improvement. No sidewalk/Trail improvement for Old Seward.

## VII. Committee Reports

A. Firewise/Resilience - needs + committee members. Meets on Zoom last Mondays monthly.

B. ByLaws - no meetings yet, needs +1 more committee members. We should correct minor errors, ensure consistency. Peter Johnson volunteered.

C. Land Use - no updates

## IX. Old Business

A. Property Tax Appraisals Update - property tax appraisals presentation recap. Request for an updated cost estimate? Specified comps for property value assessment location/availability? Online forum open to all MOA Community Councils. Q: What is the end goal of the project? A: Intent is to be leaders in disseminating understandable tax appraisal information. Instrumental to MOA website updates. Educates property owners with tools for redress.

B. October 6th Fall Candidate Forum - Expected location: Alaska Zoo. Date: TBD. Volunteers needed.

## X. New Business

A. Anchorage Fire Explorers Open House, 14-18 year olds, August 29, 2022.

B. August 16 - special election and regular primary.

C. Early voting is open. 2525 Gambell St. has all district ballots (division of Elections office)

D. Workers needed for all polling locations, including observers and poll workers.

E. Elections - absentee ballots report instructions/process is "origami"; high likelihood of ballot not counting for improper folding, no "cure" process for improperly folded ballots.

## XI. Open Forum

A. Walter Featherly is running for House District 11, AK House - see

attached handout. CONTACT: Email: [walter@alaska.net](mailto:walter@alaska.net), phone 907-802-9087

B. Cathy Geisel is running for Senate District E, AK Senate - online attendee.

CONTACT: not provided during presentation

C. David Schuff is running for House District 9, AK House - online candidate

CONTACT: not provided during presentation

D. Joan Priestly - Land Use presentation. Assembly amendments passed for expanded development. Appeals process update ref. fees. Fee has been updated from the cost-bond flat fee of \$750.00, to a preparation fee of *actual cost, estimated*. Further update for successful appellants is 50-100% of filing fee and \$0 of the preparation fee. Title 21 was previously silent on the date when citizens were personally served. Previously service was completed upon the date of mailing. Updated amendment to the service is complete upon the date of receipt. The Board of Adjustment can hold meetings without notice of open meetings. Never presented for citizen review. Adopted on August 2, 2022 meeting. Written synopsis pending receipt from Joan Priestly to Katie Nolan, HALO Board President for consideration to propose amendment changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Ries, Secretary