

## HALO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 7 pm On-line Meeting

**I. Call to order and Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Katie Nolan, President.

**Board Members present were:** Pat Abney, Sarah Denson, Marc June, James Kaufman, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, Frank Pugh, Susan Richards.

**Board Members absent:** Brena Doolen, Albert Fogle, Rodney Powell, Kurt Rein.

**Board members absent but excused:** Peter Johnson, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison

**II. Agenda.** Addition of AO 2020-85 under New Business; agenda accepted.

### III. Presentations

**A. Assembly - Suzanne LaFrance.** StormWater Utility Advisory Commission almost fully staffed - 9 of the 10 confirmed. The 10th appointee is an attorney - meeting on 15th will know more then. Public hearing about ending the tax exclusion on vaping and e-cigarettes on 11/15. Busy trying to respond to many emails. Texting may be the best way to reach her @ 907-351-7199 regarding the proposed property purchases with Cares Act Funds. Looked at the purchase of Northway mall back in March, but they did not want to rent out since it was related to homeless services. Also, damaged roof and other cost of repairs projected at \$15 million to convert and prepare the facility would not be cost effective. Regarding AO 2020-85; the AFD likes that idea of sprinklers since it would be cheaper than to extend service of hydrants. Q. Think building Ordinance be postponed or reworked? A. Back to committee to postpone it to 9/15. Q. Where are these ordinances coming from, and what is the urgency of all these ordinances? A. No answer. The timing is difficult - sometimes held up in legal issues and reintroduced. Q. What is your response/defense as far as restrictions on public participations? (EO-15) Resolution to pull that back - did vote in support of that. Don't think we need to shut everybody down with larger square footage facilities. Disagree with blanket emergency order.

**John Weddleton** - Concerning AO 2020-85, the Ordinance proposes that sprinklers be required on new Hillside homes if not at least 600 feet from a fire hydrant. Weddleton is still reviewing and believes it should be optional. Q. Do you support this, and can we count on you and Suzanne not to vote for this? A. Don't feel comfortable with the price, but would probably vote for building code in general. Comment: seems like there are a lot of things you and Suzanne support that aren't supportive of Hillside values. Q. Is there a handout circulating on this case - would like to see it. A. The PPT will be sent to Nolan who will distribute it. Comment: We need it pushed back further than 9/15 - A. May be able to do it in October.

**B. State - State Senator Cathy Geissel** and her assistant **Kari Nore** stated that small business relief funds have been distributed and there will probably be more applications than there is money. Still required to be an AK business with less than 50 employees. Also, Senator Geissel's Newsletter sent out today. Q. What's the position of the state federal aid to state & local governments - in the next Cares act? A. There are still negotiations for federal aid. Hoping that the money coming forward will not have strings attached.

**C. ASD - Andy Hollemann** - Schools are back in session with a bumpy start; issues with credentials and logging in. The IT dept is overwhelmed. A lot of feedback about athletics; people want more latitude to function and students not following protocols for safety. If teams don't follow protocols, they will be shut down for a week. Q. Heard that struggling students are

not doing well and should get back into classrooms soon! We're seeing districts open, then they close again. We are avoiding that confusion.

**IV. Minutes of August 6th, 2020.** Minutes of August 6 with a minor spelling error were accepted.

**V. Treasurer Report.** As of September 3rd, savings of \$ 15,621.78 and checking account balance 1,475.46.

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

A. Abbott Loop - No report.

B. Bear Valley - Scott Paxton stated they are having their first meeting since February on 9/9 - Zoom meeting and their August newsletter on the webpage. Focus of next mtg - anticipate guest speakers Parks & Recreation. Q. Any resolutions involving Stork Issues? A. May be addressed at that time. Comment: Other locations are being looked at. Comment: Site selection committee feels that Stork Park is the best place for remote flight control. Criteria was limited to "Community Parks", so Stork Park is considered the best park.

C. Glen Alps - Parking issue for back side entrance to Glen Alps - has been a parking issue especially this summer.

D. Hillside - Next meeting this month in September, will continue discussing Lewis & Clark Subdivision.

E. Huffman/O'Malley - no report.

F. Rabbit Creek - tried doing an outside meeting but it was rained out. Discussed the Windy Point project and its effect on highway traffic. Are taking steps to fix our bylaws concerning electronic connectivity. Presented issues involving S4 River Hills 6-7 lots subdividing questions; basically, connectivity to the trails. Also 156th street; how it connects to Bear Valley.

#### **VII. Old Business**

A. Stork Park Issues (Powell) See comments above (VI. B - Bear Valley).

B. Candidate Forum (Nolan) Best idea is to have a room, tentatively at O'Malley's. Candidates 6 feet apart, and run the meeting on facebook live and zoom. Have questions presented to candidates. Only the HALO Board and Candidates need to be present at O'Malley's. Will try to get the discount for the room - call Katie if you can help organize. Comment: We should do a trial run on this. Will shoot out email to members with more information. Q. What does Muni require on public spaces? A. At the moment, 60 people max in a room or 50% capacity @ 6 feet apart with no food service.

#### **IX. New Business -**

**A. Castle Group Setback Vacation Lake Otis & O'Malley (June).** Still pending with an application online. The issue is whether to have the 50 feet setback vacated because the stream this year is not a stream. Final point is that the law says mandatory setbacks. If we have established that standard and there shouldn't be any exception. Process is still pending and it's not too late to weigh in. Look under the current planning Hillside area at the Muni website. People interested should make a comment on it.

**B. Rabbit Lake Trailhead (June).** Glen Alps considering something on that - discussion about expanding the park area there.

**C. AO 2020-85 -** Have not seen the ordinance but several of the aspects of changing

the building code. This would require roughing in vehicle charging stations and mandatory interior sprinklers if the house is not within 60 feet of a hydrant. Mandatory water pressure of 1000 gallons per minute. Estimates for sprinkler systems of a home measuring 2300 sq. feet would add \$28,000 to the cost of a new home. While this is for new homes only; fear is that this will creep in and eventually affect everybody on Hillside. Comment: This is not practical! Q. What is the use of the sprinklers? A. The idea is tied into wildfire prevention. Comment: that doesn't make sense. Why mandate interior sprinklers to prevent wildfire? Comment: would like to see more information about this. Comment: have a presentation that staff made and will email that to Katie. Comment: Most important issues, lack of committee involvement and time frame is too short for appropriate action. President offered to entertain a motion to write a resolution or letter requesting a postponement in time to get speakers in time for this. Motion by Kenny, second by June. Hearing should be after mid-November. Discussion: Need presentations to Community Councils first so we can understand the pro points on this. Vote was unanimous. Q. Write in letter or resolution format? A. Letter is fine. Forward to our assembly people for them to determine. Best if Nolan emailed Bob Dole with a cc to Weddleton and LaFrance asking for a presentation next month.

## **X. Open Forum**

Several candidates were present throughout the meeting.

Roger Holland, candidate for Senate District N. Holland invited all to Krispy Kreme on Sunday afternoons for coffee and donuts. Q. Why are you running? A. Have felt that the people's real issues are not being heard, and that there are real issues concerning the management of our Senate, even with our most conservative senators. Governor Walker's swipe at the PFD and Senator Geissel neglecting the spending cap were major factors. The size of our government is disproportionate in size and we simply cannot pay for everything. We have a spending problem and must look for efficiencies. Senator Geissel commented that we want to have our roads and ferry systems, and we need services, not a big fat PFD. Important priorities must come first, and the PFD does not produce safety. Holland can be reached at [Roger@HollandForAlaska.com](mailto:Roger@HollandForAlaska.com) or called at (907) 351-8277

James Kaufman, candidate for House District 28. Kaufman discussed fiscal accountability and spending as key issues facing Alaska. Zoom audio issues prevented further comment. Kaufman can be reached at [james@kaufman4house.com](mailto:james@kaufman4house.com) or called at (907) 538-5262

Andy Holleman, candidate for Senate M stated that the budget can be trimmed but the Governor responded to those with great pushback. We can raise rents in the Pioneer Home but a sustainable budget includes using the PFD and taxes. Holleman can be reached at [VoteAndyAk@gmail.com](mailto:VoteAndyAk@gmail.com) or called at (907) 301-7004

Suzanne LaFrance, candidate for House District 28 can be reached at [info@votesuzanne.com](mailto:info@votesuzanne.com) or (907)351-7199

The meeting was adjourned: 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kaufman, Secretary

***Action Items:***

- *Contact Nolan with ideas for an upcoming Candidate Forum*
- *Nolan to distribute PPT from John Weddleton*
- *Nolan to email Bob Dole with cc to Weddleton & Lafrance requesting a presentation next month to HALO*