

General Meeting MINUTES *draft*
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council
Thursday, March 21, 2024@ 7:00 PM
WE ARE IN PERSON THIS MONTH

Please visit <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/19.html> for ZOOM link

Location for the in-person meeting is Huffman Elementary at 12000 Lorraine Ave

- 1) Call to order at 7:05PM by Rachel Ries
- 2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Rachel Ries- President, Gretchen Stoddard- Vice President, Shannon Wileman- Secretary, Trina Lovdahl-treasurer, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Lisa Huffman, Nick Mazzolini

Absent: Marcy Tompkins

There is one open seat

- 3) Agenda
 - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- Dianne Holmes with Rabbit Creek Community Council requests to speak to us about the 2040 Land Use Plan- Rachel motioned to approve, Shannon 2nd, approved unanimously
- 4) Minutes
 - a. Approval of February 2024 minutes
 - Gretchen motioned to approve, Nick 2nd, approved unanimously
- 5) Presentation- Roger Marks- Citizen Support Group to support ballot proposal for Chugach State Park bond improvements
 - a. Voting yes for ballot measure 9 will:
 1. Benefit trail groups, hiking groups, skiing
 2. Improve roads leading to trails
 3. Increase parking
 - b. \$4,000,000,000 for upgrade of Canyon Rd
- 6) Presentation- Dianne Holmes- 2040 Land Use Plan and assembly zoning proposal
 - a. 2040 Land Use Plan
 1. Title 21 implements what is in 2020 and 2040 plan
 2. 87S- text amendment to title 21
 - a. illegal because it's trying to make policy
 - b. Supposed to increase housing, but there are no guarantees
 3. Planning & zoning
 - a. Sponsors are Volland, Zaletal, and Brawley

- b. Want to create 5 zoning districts with the 2040 plan
- c. Ask questions of our assembly and ask for delays- this impacts the whole city
- d. Refer to planning and zone comments 2024-0006 from Rabbit Creek CC

7) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4min questions)

a. Legislators

Senator Cathy Giessel- District E- present

1. Contact her with any question/concerns
 - a. Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov
 - b. (907) 465-4843
 - c. www.alaskasenate.org
 - d. Sign up to receive her newsletter via email or website above
2. SB 140 was vetoed by Governor Dunleavy

Senator James Kaufman- District D- present

1. Contact him with any questions/concerns
 - a. Sen.kames.kaufman@akleg.gov
 - b. (907) 465-4843
 - c. www.senatorkaufman.com
 - d. Sign up for his email list or schedule a 15-minute meeting through his website above
2. Bills coming up
 - a. SB 34- Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas- The commission sunset in 2021 so this bill serves to reinstate it
 - b. SB 201- Creating an Office of Information Technology to help with IT overhauls of aging IT systems across the state
 - c. HB 392- Teacher bonus payment back in play
 - d. SB 140 vetoed

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11- present

1. Contact her with any questions/concerns
 - a. Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov
 - b. (907) 748-4377
 - c. www.akleg.gov or www.julieforalaska.com
2. Bills coming up
 - a. HB 29 – Child care bill
 - b. HB 282 Crime Victim restitution
 - c. HB 347 Property assessment guardrails
3. Head Start- \$5M match with Feds

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- Present

1. Contact: randy.sulte@anchorageak.gov, 907-229-2977
2. Is at Kaladi's on Old Seward/Huffman every Saturday 8-10am when he is in town.
3. 3/27- special assembly meeting
4. 3/29- meeting with ASD school board
5. 3/28- Transportation Fair at UAA 3-7pm
6. Assembly looking at changing Anchorage from 15 zones to 5 zones (187S)
7. Cook Inlet gas contracts run out in 2028- big concern

Assembly Member Zac Johnson- Not present

1. Contact: zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov , (907) 206-0753

d. School Board Representative- Pat Higgins- Present, also Katy Parrot from ASD Budget

1. Contact: higgins_pat@asdk12.org , schoolboard@asdk12.org , [907-952-5871](tel:907-952-5871)
2. Added back funds for ignite
3. Budget will not be finalized until June
4. 400 open positions, trying to get defined benefits to tempt more teachers to stay/come
5. One time funds are gone after this year
6. Katy states that ASD would have an extra \$50M (with \$680 additional BSA) for about 73,500 students. ASD is short \$100M.

e. Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- not present

8) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report

- a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- \$357.85 total
- b. HALO – K. Nolan- Working on firewise projects. Halo meetings are the first Thursday of every month
- c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
- d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
- e. Outreach- Mazzolini- Yard sale at Nick's house. Nick discussing with his HOA if there is anything special to do for making/selling food. Date of Kempton Hills garage sale is usually the weekend before Memorial Day weekend
- f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions

- g. FCC – Stoddard- FCC hired Ariana Belitzky as their new manager. Jean has given notice. Let Gretchen know if you want to volunteer for the FCC at the Transportation Fair that Randy mentioned.

- 9) President's Report
 - a. Incoming Correspondence- None
 - b. Outgoing Correspondence- None

- 10) New Business
 - a. Open Call for new business from the board or community
 - c. **Next meeting Thursday. April 18 2024**
 - d. **Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.**
 - 1. **Julie Coulombe running for HD 11**
 - 2. **Lee Ellis running for HD 9**
 - 3. **Walter Featherly running for HD 11**
 - 4. **Janice Park running for SD F**
 - 5. **James Kaufman running for SD F**
 - e. **Open forum for Other New Business- None**

Adjournment at 9:05pm

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Next Meeting-

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024