

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2005

The April 21st meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Stephanie Kesler with introductions of those present. Minutes from the March 17, 2005 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

Legislative/Assembly Report – There was no legislative update or assembly report.

Police Issues Subcommittee – Sgt. Stanton (ph: 786-2668) of Anchorage Police talked about a recent complaint about a group of 12-15 boys harassing neighborhood kids. She encouraged residents to call in suspicious activities. Stephanie Kesler then reported that she is looking for volunteers for a subcommittee to work with the police on issues such as speeding, noise, and zoning. Contact Stephanie if you would like to help.

Knik Arm Crossing Subcommittee – Bob French summarized the EIS scoping meeting he attended in the Matanuska Valley and outlined the 3 routes for access to the bridge that are currently being considered, i.e., down Erickson, through AT&T and Government Hill Elementary School, or around Brown's Point. Comments are due May 16 and it is important for neighbors to comment.

Bob proposed a resolution generally supporting the bridge but opposing access routes that would hurt the cohesiveness of Government Hill and requesting that the EIS scope be enlarged to include other routes as well as traffic, societal, and economic impacts to Anchorage and the MatSu. Wendy Lindskoog offered a friendly amendment to clarify that the resolution was from 'residents' since industry is still evaluating their position and is not ready to take a position on the project. There was discussion about the merits of the resolution and amendment. The resolution was voted on and the Amendment failed by many votes, but the Resolution (copy attached) passed as presented by many votes.

KABATA Update - Lindsey Holmes of RISE Alaska and Kevin Doyle with HDR spoke about the scoping meetings and ways to comment. One suggestion from the audience was that better visuals and models/3-dimensional representations showing impacts of the route on the neighborhood before and after construction would help many people understand what the impacts might be and make them better able to comment effectively.

There was additional discussion on traffic/engineering specifics and the role of the military. Col. Ruffino with the Alaskan Command clarified that their role would be to evaluate all options offered in terms of impact on the military mission. He also touched on the preferred options in the 1984 study and a 1986 study that the military did independently that is currently being reevaluated. As a cooperating agency they would not vote.

Kevin Doyle noted that this was the 1st phase of scoping and that another opportunity to comment would be in November or December. Stephanie Kesler requested that the KABATA team identify a point of contact for Government Hill. The subcommittee would be staying active throughout the summer and may have additional comment for Edrie Vinson of FHWA. There was another question about the position of the Mayor and Assembly, and Stephanie indicated the Subcommittee was trying to meet with key individuals.

Wireless Building/Browns Point Cottages and Historic Subcommittee – Gina Holliman-Hulbert with Anchorage Historic Properties, Inc. spoke of progress being made on the Wireless Building. Materials and

labor to refurbish the facility may be donated by through the local builders association. End users may include the Anchorage Opera. Gina also noted that the Brown's Point Cottage rehabilitation was going well.

Richard Stern of Stephen R. Braund & Associates described work he is doing as part of the Knik Arm Crossing to document historic buildings in the neighborhood. His discussion included mention of the Section 106 process to evaluate impacts to historic properties, which parallels the EIS. Kathleen King is the Chairman of the Historic Property Subcommittee and this group will be active throughout the summer.

Parks – Mavis Hancock spoke about the Adopt a Park program and proposed a resolution to adopt the Susan Nightingale Memorial Park. The resolution passed with many votes. We not need residents who will help with the work that is needed. The Al Miller Memorial park, Brown's Point, and Harvard Park are also available for adoption. Stephanie Kesler suggested that Anchorage Historic Properties adopt the Brown's Point Park.

Redevelopment Subcommittee – Dave Shaftel indicated that Heritage Land Bank is getting ready to issue a request for quotation for development of the Hollywood Vista site possibly this spring.

90th Anniversary Celebration – The subcommittee hasn't met yet, but is interested in a celebration on the west end of the Hill. They will be soliciting industry to participate and help with sponsoring the event.

Bridge Restaurant Liquor License – The conditional use license was approved by Government Hill at last month's meeting.

Neighborhood News -

- The Byron Birdsall prints have all been sold.
- A neighborhood cleanup will likely be organized in May.
- Bob French is now on the board of the Square and Roundance Club and will lend a voice for the neighborhood in that organization.
- See the Port website for the latest information on the Port expansion.
- Congratulations were offered to ARRC for their new Operations Center.

Meeting adjourned about 9:00 pm.

Mark Musial

Co-Secretary/Treasurer

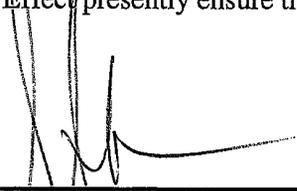
April 21, 2005 Government Hill Community Council Meeting

Subject: KNIK ARM BRIDGE RESOLUTIONS:

While we hope and anticipate that individuals and businesses in our Community Council will provide separate public comment, the following resolutions were voted on and approved at the April 21, 2005 Government Hill Community Council Meeting related to the Project Scoping Meetings of the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA).

- a) Government Hill Community Council *Supports* the principals of economic expansion and growth for the future of Anchorage and Alaska.
- b) Government Hill Community Council *Opposes* all three of the proposed routes that would impact or potentially destroy Government Hill, the oldest neighborhood in Anchorage.
- c) Government Hill Community Council *Requests* that the EIS be enlarged to examine other rational, viable alternate routes that are not in the present scope of the EIS.
- d) Government Hill Community Council *Requests* that the EIS be enlarged to examine true traffic, societal and economic impacts to the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska / Susitna Borough.

All residents of Alaska deserve to be given the opportunity to make an informed decision based on fair evaluations of the full range of alternates. The limited scope of the proposed Environmental Impact Statement and Area of Potential Effect presently ensure that will not happen.



Stephanie Kesler, President

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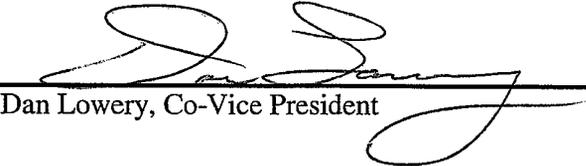
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