

Hillside Community Council Meeting
Minutes for Monday August 16, 2021, 7:00 pm
Draft
Location: Held via Zoom

Board Roll Call: Present: Carmela Warfield, Robert Redlinger, Zac Johnson, Todd Brownson

1. **Board President Warfield opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to order & welcoming remarks.
- Membership & voting requirements.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- Motion to approve the agenda.
 - Motion to amend the agenda to reorder agenda items to allow School Board member Lessens to present later in the meeting due to scheduling conflict with Girdwood BOS meeting.
 - Moved: Brownson, Seconded: Redlinger.
 - Motion carries.
- Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
 - Moved: Brownson, Seconded: Redlinger.
 - Motion carries.
- Motion to approve the minutes from the July HCC Meeting.
 - Moved: Redlinger, Seconded: Johnson.
 - Motion carries.
- Motion to approve the minutes from the December HCC Meeting.
 - Moved: Brownson, Seconded: Redlinger.
 - Motion carries.

3. **Updates and Reports from any officials in attendance:**

- Senator Roger Holland
 - Uupdate on special session provided
 - Cellphone: 907-351-8277.
- Representative James Kaufman
 - Supporting a bill that would include an appropriation limit, tied to GDP, based on five year trailing performance.
 - Working with HALO and Community Councils on awareness of capital projects.
 - Cellphone: 907-538-5262
- Assemblymember John Weddleton
 - Sky Hills rezone up for consideration at the next meeting, next Tuesday.
 - Spending a lot of time on the homeless committee and facility consideration.
 - There are 400 or so persons in the Sullivan and several hundred in hotels.

- There is insufficient funding for a large shelter, as proposed by Mayor Bronson.
 - Hope to have a way forward in time for the next budget cycle.
 - The Assembly is working well with the new administration, contrary to media narrative.
 - President Warfield asked if a mediator is helping facilitate the process and discussion? Weddleton said yes, two facilitators are working well with all parties.
 - Question about appointments, can more background be provided to community, specifically on opposition to Sami Graham? Assemblymember Weddleton said he has gotten more mail regarding Ms. Graham than for any other appointment. Hearing is scheduled for the coming Tuesday. Key issue the Assembly is focused on is having Masters in Library Science and seven years experience; Ms. Graham has two Masters but not in Library Science.
 - President Warfield asked if an exception has been made before? Assemblymember Weddleton was not aware if prior exception has been made.
 - Cellphone: 907-770-0685
- Portia Noble for Mayor Bronson
 - Director of Purchasing, Library Director, and various Boards and Commission Appointments up for consideration next Tuesday.
 - Happy to share Ms. Graham's resume and qualifications with anyone.
 - Extended the COVID testing sites, free testing. The Alaska Airlines Center being underutilized in its capacity as a testing site.
 - The Business Relief Grant Program was passed by the Assembly. Provides rebate on property taxes for small businesses impacted by COVID.

4. **Business Updates:**

- President Warfield:
 - CIP. The survey for HCC was completed and submitted in June. Will put a link to CIP info on the website.
 - Fire mitigation was a priority for the HCC area, safe access for fire equipment.
 - Birch Road, between O'Malley and Huffman, has poor drainage, lighting, and frost heaves.
 - Maintenance for bike trails and road resurfacing.
 - Looking at possibly having a hybrid meeting in September, with Zoom or in person option. Currently considering venue options.
 - The HCC Treasurer is not present. A microphone to facilitate hybrid meetings will be about \$100; will follow up with more information.
- FCC Delegate Johnson:
 - No FCC Meeting in June or July.
- HALO Delegate Redlinger:

- Could not find login info for the HALO meeting.
- President Warfield advised the meeting covered a debrief on the Firewise event, which was considered very successful and provided helpful information & resources.

5. **Community Information:**

- Trevor Bird for Hilltop Ski Area
 - Bike park is open Wednesday through Sunday; everyone is encouraged to come down.
 - Applying for a recreational site license to serve alcohol, beer & wine only, in the restaurant//eating area. Currently making major food and beverage upgrades, including a real kitchen. Hoping to have it open for the ski season.
 - The HCC Board feels confident Hilltop will be responsible, and the Community Council is available for any community members should concern arise. Hilltop has a good track record as a community partner since 1983; for example, their support for the Special Olympics Alaska and other local non-profits.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - President Warfield read draft Resolution 2021-03, a resolution in support of a liquor license application for beer and wine service only, at Hilltop Ski Area.
 - Moved: Carol Waters, Seconded: Redlinger.
 - 11 in favor. 0 opposed.

6. **Announcements:**

- School Boardmember Kelly Lessens
 - School starts tomorrow.
 - Palpable excitement to have everyone back in school.
 - Plan for layered mitigation strategies for COVID; there is strong consensus to keep kids in classrooms. Masks are required on buses and inside ASD buildings; exemptions for kids with qualifying disabilities.
 - Please keep kids home if they have COVID symptoms.
 - There is a School Board meeting tomorrow. Working on a five year plan to move the District forward. There is also an item to rename Fairview Elementary School.
 - Many people are surprised emails do not count as written testimony to the Board. Please review ASD website for information on submitting public testimony.
 - ASD Board's [New Board Goals & Guardrails](#) guidance document was discussed; includes Board guardrails for outcome goals as a part of the Strategic Plan.
 - President Warfield asked why the new guidance referenced not allowing deficient employee performance, wouldn't this already be addressed by existing ASD procedures for deficient performance in employees?
 - Boardmember Lessens answered there are protocols in place; this reference is additional, to connect it to student outcome-focused goals.
- Joy Boston (joy.boston.2@us.af.mil), JBER Community Partnerships
 - The Boniface Gate is open again.

- Masks are required indoors regardless of vaccination status
- August 12-27: Red Flag Alaska Exercise with 1,800 service members operating, maintaining and supporting over 80 aircraft from JBER and Eielson, including the Royal Australian Air Force and their F-35s.
- September 10, 11am-12pm: 9/11 20th anniversary remembrance ceremony at Arctic Warrior Chapel.
- September 19: 9th Army Band performing at UAA Alaska Airlines Center grand re-opening.
- President Warfield – Community Updates
 - The Greek Festival is this weekend, portion of proceeds will go to support Beacon Hill, local nonprofit. There may be extra traffic congestion on O'Malley near Lake Otis intersection during the Festival. If you're not attending or accessing the Festival, Abbott or Huffman may be better East – West access roads during this time to alleviate & avoid traffic.
 - Anchorage Public Library has returned to south Anchorage. There is a new non-staffed branch at Dimond Transfer Center, including a book drop.
 - AFD Firewise Home Assessment Program is still accepting applications; grant program allows for credit up \$500 for fire mitigation based on assessment and criteria.
 - 9/11 events will be posted on the HCC Facebook page.
 - Open time slots for candidates, none presented.

7. **Open Discussion:**

- Rep. Kaufman noted it is great to see more involvement at HCC meetings and more attendance.
 - Redlinger advised President Warfield is leading the charge on that.
- Brownson said it is great to see Rep. Kaufman here.

8. **Adjournment**

- President Warfield thanked all officials and members that attended the meeting.
- Motion to adjourn:
 - Moved: Brownson, Seconded: Redlinger.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.