

Hillside Community Council Meeting
Minutes for Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:30 pm
Draft
Location: Held via Zoom

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

1. **Board President Warfield opened the meeting at 6:33 pm.**
 - Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Call to order & welcoming remarks.
 - Membership & voting requirements.

2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - President Warfield requested a motion to approve the agenda:
 - Moved: Zac Johnson, Seconded: Robert Redlinger.
 - President Warfield advised the May HCC meeting minutes and the July HCC special meeting minutes would be presented next month.

3. **Business Updates:**
 - FCC Delegate:
 - Zac Johnson announced the FCC annual picnic would be this Wednesday at Valley of the Moon Park.
 - Treasurer Redlinger Report:
 - No new spending to report.
 - HALO Delegate Redlinger:
 - HALO had a meeting in June, but not July.
 - Pros and cons of the ballot measure for a Constitutional Convention were discussed.
 - President Warfield:
 - The HCC special meeting on July 7th reviewed the consultant's report regarding the road crossing at O'Malley Road and Rockridge Drive, and a draft response. The approved letter from the HCC will be sent out once suggested changes that were requested at the meeting are made.

4. **Reports from Elected Officials and Community Representatives:**
 - Representative James Kaufman:
 - Currently campaigning for Senate.
 - There has been a change to the revenue forecast, down approximately \$0.8 billion. The state budget should still be okay, even with this revision.
 - Robert Redlinger asked what the forecast was for oil prices?
 - Current futures are at \$92 per barrel.
 - Portia Erickson for Mayor Bronson:
 - July 1st marked year one for the administration.

- Hoping to get additional state and federal funding for the Port of Anchorage.
- New voter ID cards will be arriving in the mail soon and will include updated district information.
- Assemblyman Randy Sulte:
 - Centennial Park homeless camp:
 - Have visited the camp several times and was pleased with what he saw.
 - Additional trash and restroom facilities have been added.
 - Some Assemblymembers have put forth a request for \$20 million to address homelessness.
 - The Mayor vetoed AO 2022-60. The Assembly will meet Friday to discuss.
 - There will be a work session Friday to address ARPA funds.
- Joy Boston (JBER Community Liason):
 - Arctic Thunder open house will be on July 30 and 31.
 - Boniface Gate and Richardson Gate are access points for the event.
 - The DOD has a grant program, authorized \$90 million.
 - A grant proposal for \$9 million was submitted for resiliency, including a battery backup.

5. **AFD Chief Schrage, MOA Anchorage Fire Department Update:**

- The fire danger is in the low category for the first time this summer.
- Want to acknowledge Hillside residents being vigilant on fire safety and promptly reporting any fires.
- Have met with both US Senators. Interested in assisting with beetle kill mitigation.
- Parks and Rec has been out removing thousands of beetle kill trees.
- Last year there were 22 wildfires within a five-week period. There have been 77 in the same period this year.
- Division of Forestry helicopter is on standby.
- Burn ban has been lifted. Assembly approved a measure to make burn ban violations a misdemeanor.
- Go to Muni.org or the AFD website to see daily fire danger.
- Have been responding to roughly one call per day to Centennial Park, which is comparable to the call rate at the Sullivan Arena.
- 988, the Alaska Care Line for suicide prevention is live.
- President Warfield thanked Chief Schrage and AFD for their prompt response to fires in the area. Capt. Davis was very helpful and appreciated at the Firewise event. Question received from community member, would Wood Lot ever be open without fee for spruce beetle kill?
 - The south Anchorage Wood Lot has a fee to cover cost of transportation of materials, and to honor contractual agreement for this year with service provider operating the Lot.
 - Looked at opening additional woodlot in south Anchorage. Committed to doing it for free next year.

- Mayor has asked AFD to find way to open lot without a fee for use in 2023. AFD is working on this.

6. **2022 MOAA, HCC Capital Improvement Program Projects:**

- Link on HCC website to see CIP surveys for 2022.
- Survey helps provide feedback on items.
- The CIP outlines community priorities. Building information and support for projects. When funds are available at state or local level, it shows priorities.
- Highest priorities in the HCC area are related to fire safety. Also, items to address pedestrian safety at Rockridge Drive.

7. **Community Information:**

- President Warfield recognized the JBER Community Engagement team's assistance answering a resident's question regarding Base access.
- The Board did not support 2022-60 (the Board's letter is posted on our website).
- The Greek Festival will be coming up; traffic on O'Malley will be heavier as a result.
- New HCC meeting date for August will be determined and notice sent. Moving to a date that does not conflict with other District 6 meetings.

8. **Candidate Forum:**

- James Kaufman for Senate Seat F:
 - Next event will be August 3rd at Midnight Sun brewery (tentative).
 - Portia Erickson, as a HCC member, asked how can individuals get involved?
 - Go to the website, kaufman4alaska.com, fill out a form, get added to list, or ask for yard signs.
- David Schaff for House District 9:
 - Democratic candidate.
 - Has been an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board for 20 years.
 - Looking to reinvest in our future; not cutting teacher, firefighter, or police pensions.
 - Having an event on July 31st. Still figuring out specifics.
- Julie Coulombe for House District 11:
 - Running as a Republican.
 - Has lived in district for over 20 years and has raised 4 children.
 - Trying to open up Alaska's economy and keep government out of the way.
 - Improve the education system.
 - VP of the Huffman CC and HALO board member.

9. **Open Discussion:**

- Joy Boston announced UAA College of Business and Public Policy is having an event at 5:30 pm on August 18th. Open house, fundraising, and informational. There will be food, beverages and silent auction.

10. **Adjournment:**

- President Warfield thanked all who attended the meeting.

- President Warfield requested a motion to adjourn:
 - Moved: Robert Redlinger, Seconded: Zac Johnson.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.