

Hillside Community Council Meeting
Minutes for Monday, September 7, 2022, 6:30 pm
Draft
Location: Held at Hilltop Ski Area and via Zoom

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

1. **Board President Warfield opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.**
 - Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Call to order & welcoming remarks.
 - Membership & voting requirements.

2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - President Warfield advised that due to a lack of Board quorum, the agenda and minutes would not be considered for approval.

3. **Business Updates:**
 - FCC Delegate:
 - FCC did not meet in August or July. Regular meetings will resume in September.
 - Treasurer Redlinger Report:
 - July Statement shows \$1,778.46.
 - No transactions for the previous month.
 - The Board is working to update the account to require two signers for checks.
 - President Warfield is working with the FCC Treasurer to update our account signers.
 - HALO Delegate Redlinger:
 - At the meeting on September 1st, Assemblymembers spoke on homeless issues and Mayoral appointments.
 - President Warfield:
 - AMATS is conducting a survey for people who travel through or within the UMed area.

4. **Reports from Elected Officials and Community Representatives:**
 - Senator Roger Holland:
 - The Canyon Road project has been drawing attention. There was a rut down the road, but was addressed with maintenance. The Assembly is meeting in September to review the project budget, with the expectation money is available.
 - Assemblyman Randy Sulte:
 - Doing more due diligence on appointment candidates going forward.
 - At the Health Policy Committee meeting the mayor presented his cold-weather plan.
 - The hope is to have the Homelessness Task Force work in conjunction with the mayor's office.

- The Public Safety Committee recently met.
 - The Sound Ordinance is being updated, to increase the fine for excess noise.
 - Regarding APD bodycams, the Assembly is waiting for a response from the union. Putting forth an RFD for bodycams.
 - The MOA is out of money for towing junk vehicles (hoping for more funding in the future).
 - Vehicle fatalities are a point of concern. Lighting has been improved at C St and Minnesota.
- AO 2022-60, passed the Assembly, was vetoed by the mayor, and then the veto was overridden by the Assembly. There is a resolution to put the item on the ballot.
- Regarding Canyon Road improvements, the Assembly met with the MOA. Funding is expected to be made available next spring.
- Pat Dougherty asked about the cold weather shelter plan.
 - Plan automatically takes effect when temperatures drop below 40 degrees.
 - Pat asked why not use the Sullivan Arena as a shelter again?
 - The Sullivan is not designed as a mass care facility. Preferable to use more, smaller facilities.
 - Pat asked what makes recreation centers preferable for shelter?
 - Would be a last resort solution, only if all other facilities at capacity.
- Janice Park asked if the Golden Lion is still empty?
 - Yes, but can only be used as a drug and alcohol treatment facility (due to funding stipulations).
- ASD Board Member Andy Holleman
 - Beginning the budget process. Looking at a structural deficit due to flat funding. State and Federal funding had masked issue for several years. Expecting \$60 million shortfall in two years. Looking at program cuts and closing schools. Goal is to get public feedback on options.
 - On track to be back to normal busing operations by mid-October. Service will improve as more drivers come online. Tourism companies offered drivers large bonuses to stay on, which added to recruiting difficulties.
 - There have been significant social media and blog postings about the content being taught in schools. Much it is erroneous; not based on factual information, but amplified by social media.
 - Carmela Warfield noted that starting Tuesday, for Trailside Elementary, access has been restricted to one driveway. This forces staff, families going to Campfire and early music practice to go through the Service High line in order to access Trailside.
 - Will pass information to the Superintendent. Acknowledged traffic is horrendous.
 - Pat Dougherty asked what were the principal components of budget shortfall?
 - Inflation, combined with flat funding. There have been a variety of different one-time funding sources that have mitigated the impact thus far.
 - Carmela asked if there is a website to look at proposed/possible cuts?
 - Still in the research phase. No specific recommendations yet.
 - Carmela asked when we will have final numbers for this year's enrollment?

- Numbers are higher this year, but down from 10-15 years ago. At about 44-45,000 right now. The final number should be available around October.
 - David Schaff asked how to decide what to cut?
 - Community feedback will be important. Question of how much harm to do to certain groups? Goal will be to impact the fewest students. Focus on essentials.
- APD Officer Matt Barth
 - July stats: 66 calls for service in Hillside area (mostly security checks). 10 alarms. Some suspicious activity calls. A few disturbances. One traffic collision. 12% of calls resulted in reports (indicative of less serious incidents).
- JBER updates available online.

5. **O'Malley Phase II Reconstruction Update:**

- Presented by Frank Lee, Project Engineer, State of Alaska DOT&PF.
- Continuing night operations this week with more excavation work. Will try to get through the Birch Rd intersection. Excavation will stop at substation, at which point there will be no more night work. Curb and gutter work planned for next week, followed by paving. Next weekend, will pave to Birch Rd.
- Carmela asked if the project will stop work for winter?
 - Will finish everything up to Birch Rd. Will try to finish the pathways. Not sure if striping will be completed. Will also cleanup ditch lines.
- Carmela thanked Frank for his diligence and responsiveness to community concerns.
 - Trying to avoid interfering with morning and evening rush hour traffic.

6. **2022 Hillside Community Council Bylaws Update:**

- Work is being done by the HCC Board.
- Working with MOA Ombudsman, Darryl Hess, on updating bylaws. Mainly looking to do cleanup. Adding language to address online, hybrid meetings.

7. **Community Information:**

- Election Day – November 8, 2022
- HALO & Community Councils Candidate Forum October 6, 2022
 - HDs 9, 11, 12 Senate E and F, at the AK Zoo. Believed to start at 7 pm.
- O'Malley Road Reconstruction, Phase II
 - Information online.
- State of Alaska Division of Elections Poll Workers Needed
 - Information online.

8. **Candidate Forum:**

- David Schaff, candidate for HD9
 - Want to hear from involved people in the community.
- Roselynn Cacy, candidate for Senate E
 - Have lived in Ocean View for 40 years.

- When her children were in school, Anchorage had excellent schools. Situation has changed, a lot of it has to do with changes in state policies.
- Problems have increased due to lack of connection between ASD and the University of Alaska. Not enough students are graduating HS.
- Senator Holland, Senate candidate E
 - Running for reelection.
- Walter Featherly, candidate for HD11
- Julie Coulombe, candidate for HD11
- Janice Park, candidate for Senate seat E
- Representative James Kaufman, now candidate for Senate seat E

9. **Open Discussion:**

- None.

10. **Adjournment:**

- President Warfield thanked all who attended the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.