



GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Jody Sola, President

Stephanie Kesler, Vice President

Peter Partnow, Secretary

Zoe Lowery, Treasurer

Bob French, FCC Representative

Pete Murphy, Belinda MacIntire, Ron Clark, At-Large Board Members

GHCC Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Peter Partnow

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Jody Sola.

1. **Introduction of Attendees:** Attendees identified via Zoom appearance and noted on the virtual sign-in sheet provided with these minutes. Noted a high school student was attending for class assignment.

2. **Approval of agenda:** Motion to accept agenda: Bob French
Second: Susanne DiPietro

Jody Sola noted the correct date for the Parks Planning meeting is February 15.

Motion unanimously approved

3. **Approval of October 20, 2022, meeting minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Stephanie Kesler
Second: Pete Murphy

Motion unanimously approved

4. **Election of officers:** **Stephanie Kesler** introduce slate to re-elect current officers unless others wished to be considered. Susanne DiPietro nominated Zoe Lowery to replace her as treasurer. (As “swan song,” Susanne reports the balances with no activity in the two GHCC bank accounts.) Stephanie moved for acceptance of slate of officers as amended. Bob French seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

4. **Legislative update:** **McKenzie Pope**, aide to Senator Loki Tobin who could not attend, reported Loki’s committee assignments and several issues on which Loki is working. Contact information:

Senator Löki Tobin: office phone is 907-465-3704, and her email is sen.loki.tobin@akleg.gov and Mackenzie.pope@akleg.gov

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Representative Cliff Groh noted that the House was finally organized and discussed his various committee assignments. Contact information: 907-465-4998 or by email: Cameron.Ebersold@akleg.gov / Cillian.McDonagh@akleg.gov. Encourage anyone to sign up for Cliff Groh's newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/iizG0X>

5. **Assembly Update:** Due to Assembly meeting in executive session, neither of our assembly members were present.
6. **Alaska Railroad:** **Christy Terry** could not attend, but Jody passed on email from Christy that no meetings are currently set regarding the former Tesoro property.
7. **Girdwood Request:** **Brooks Chandler** reported there is an Assembly meeting scheduled for February 7 to consider the disposal of three large Heritage Land Bank tracts of land in Girdwood. Discusses alleged irregularities in the process and reports Girdwood request for GHCC to support/resolution to the Assembly to vote no or to postpone approval until the various issues are addressed. Susanne DiPietro moves to issue resolution to the Assembly to postpone. Pete Murphy Seconds.
Motion Unanimously approved. Susanne indicates she will draft the resolution.
8. **Parks Plan:** **Nicolette** Reports the open house on the plan will be held at the Government Hill Elementary School on February 15 from 5:30 to 7:00. After the meeting, P and R will come back to us with the Plan before approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning and Zoning. Notes that public notices of the planning meeting are being mailed to residents of record.
9. **Anchorage School Board:** Pat Higgins had to sign off before reporting due to illness. Contact information: at 907 952 5871 (cell). email is Higgins_pat@asdk12.org.

10. **Fire Hydrant Project:** Discussion of request for residents who live near fire hydrant to clear snow and ice build up so that the hydrants are readily accessible should they be needed. Chief Schrage provided information. Steve Gerlek noted there are broken hydrants at various locations on the Hill. Project information:

awwu.hub.arcgis.com/apps/898210b001cc47c5934c2ff57eca5a3d/explore

<https://www.awwu.biz/home/showpublisheddocument/2132/637952125946900000#:~:text=AWWU%20encourages%20residents%20to%20adopt,to%20the%20Anchorage%20Police%20Department.>

Various individuals volunteered to be responsible for certain hydrants:

Daniel Sager—on East Manor

Janet/Rae/James—Degan Street

Doug Schrage—North Bluff (closest to Ivy) and East Bluff (just East of Ivy)

Miles Baker—Anderson between Manor and Cook.

Stephanie Kesler and Peter Partnow—corner of Harvard and Delaney.

11. Emergency Plan: Steve Gerlek discussed issues regarding ingress/egress to the Hill in the event of an emergency, primarily at the Port or at the Railroad. Suggested there are groups we could contact that would provide assistance in developing an emergency plan.

12. JBER: Joy Boston had to leave early but left the following information in the Zoom Chat for all attendees:

January is the best time to renew your iSportsman permit. Annual permits are \$10 or \$5 if you are a disabled veteran (50% rating or higher) or a senior citizen (over age 60). Remember permits are for the calendar year, so get your permit now to maximize its use. Go to <https://jber.isportsman.net/> and click on “Register” to get your pass.

Military training ranges will be used frequently in January and February. Please excuse the noise and concussive impacts of the training. Noise complaints can be submitted at jber.pa@us.af.mil or by calling (907) 552-5387

13. Anchorage Fire Department: Chief Schragge identifies three main goals and 11 strategic initiatives:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://vimeo.com/110900496>

14. Port of Alaska: Steve Ribuffo reports the committee for 1% Art has been selected. It includes Susan LaGrande. Reported on the record volume of freight in 2023. Reported that the decision in the Port litigation is on appeal with briefing still underway.

15. FCC: Bob French reports that the property value “green cards” should be out soon. (NOTE: we got ours the day after the meeting and it is white this year, not green!)

Motion to Adjourn: Susanne, second by Pete Murphy. Meeting adjourns 8:20.

