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GHCC Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes Submitted by Zoe Lowery

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:30 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.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Bob French moved to accept the agenda. Pete Murphy seconded. **Motion unanimously approved.**
3. **Approval of February 2023 meeting minutes:** Pete Murphy moved to accept the February 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Ron Clark seconded. **Motion unanimously approved.**
4. **Treasurer's report:** Zoe Lowery reported that there has been no income or expenditures in the last month.
5. **Legislative update:**

A. Kayla Epstein appeared on behalf of Senator Löki Tobin. She announced a Constituent Coffee event on March 18th with Löki Tobin, Cliff Groh, Chris Constant, and Daniel Volland at the Pioneer School House from 10-11. Discussed recent bills introduced by the senator.

Senator Löki Tobin's contact info: office phone is 907-465-3704, and her email is sen.loki.tobin@akleg.gov. To sign up for newsletters, go to <https://lgtobin.substack.com>.

B. Representative Cliff Groh discussed his recent activity, including introducing HJR 9 as part of his fiscal plan. He also mentioned that there will be a public

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hearing for HB65 (re: increasing the base student allocation) on Tuesday, March 21st at 5:15pm in the House Education Committee.

Representative Cliff Groh's contact info: office phone is 907-465-4998, email is rep.cliff.groh@akleg.gov / Cillian.McDonagh@akleg.gov. To sign up for newsletters, go to <http://eepurl.com/iiRRtr>.

6. Assembly Update: Dan Volland and Chris Constant discussed the ballot for the upcoming municipal election. More information on the measures can be found at <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/pages/ballotinfo.aspx>.

Nicolette Dent from the Parks Department encouraged people to go to <https://arcg.is/0jCXzC> for more information on Prop A.

Chris Constant and Dan Volland discussed regulations re outdoor dining permits, triplexes and four-plexes, multiple housing units on one lot, getting rid of facial recognition tech in law enforcement, updating election code, and making Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day municipal holidays. Chris Constant and Austin Quinn-Davidson will be going to Washington DC to discuss the port, among other things.

Chris Constant's contact info: Chirstopher.constant@anchorageak.gov.

7. Anchorage Fire Department: Captain Minkler discussed the bonds on the ballot relating to the Fire Department. He encouraged people to go to Muni's Fire Department website or stop in at Fire Station 1 if they have questions. He and Chris Constant also talked about the features of PulsePoint and encouraged people to download the app.

8. JBER: Joy Boston did not attend.

9. Alaska Railroad: Christy Terry is in Juneau working with Senate and House on new cruise ship dock project. Mentioned Alaska Railroad's annual open house will be on May 6th.

10. Port of Alaska: Steve Ribuffo reported no cargo problems over the winter. Lots of work on foundation of the new admin building. When they started working, they found debris from 1964 earthquake that went about 10ft deep. Despite that, everything is on schedule.

Steve is going to DC and will miss the April meeting.

11. APD: No one from APD attended.

12. ASD School Board: Pat Higgins discussed: feedback the board has received on classroom size; discussions on changing start times; moving 6th graders to middle school – the board is leaning towards yes; changing the reading curriculum – the board is leaning towards yes; and focusing on improving and maintaining current schools over building new ones.

13. Parks Plan Resolution: Nicolette Dent discussed the neighborhood parks and trails plan and feedback received at the open house last month. Sought a resolution from the Council. Steve Gerlek read the resolution, Bob French moved to adopt it, Pete Murphy seconded. **The motion was approved by 13 residents, with 0 residents opposed.**

Nicolette left this information in the chat:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/GovernmentHillParksandTrailsPlan.aspx>
Please email comments to Nicolette.Dent@anchorageak.gov. Next opportunities for public comment: Public Hearing and Approvals at Parks and Recreation Commission (April 13, Spenard Rec Center or on Teams) and Planning and Zoning Commission (tbd, Jul/Aug).

14. Neighborhood Emergency Plan: Steve Gerlek has made contact with the local Emergency Planning Committee, which has made emergency plans for many Anchorage communities, but mostly those on Hillside. We are on their list, and when they get to us it would be helpful to have residents assist with making the plan.

15. Wireless Building: Tom Davis and Bryce Klug discussed the wireless building on behalf of Kristine Bunnell, who could not attend. Building inspection will happen later this year, provide priorities on best ways to maintain and rehabilitate the building. They will want input from the community on ideas for future uses of the property. This is a key step in requesting MOA restore the building.

Contact info: Kristine Bunnell, (907) 343-7920, Kristine.bunnell@anchorageak.gov,
<https://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/pages/historicpreservationcommission.aspx>

16. FCC/AMATS/Parks: Bob French reported that a couple of resolutions on the Seward to Glenn Highway Planning and Environment Linkages Study that the AMATS Citizen’s Advisory Committee had passed in January and February were returned to the CAC by the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee.

17. **Community Concerns:** **Mark Blair** has concerns about snow clearance (or lack thereof) on the sidewalks in his area on the east side of Government Hill. **Nicolette Dent** linked to a map (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/991f3019f8104dfa951678b98476f5e3>) that shows where the different agencies are responsible for snow clearing.

Irene Boll is running for school board and encouraged everyone to visit her website at ireneboll.com. She is also active on Facebook.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.