

Mid Hillside Community Council
Meeting Minutes-Draft
October 24, 2013

1. Minutes from the September 19, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. Federation of Community Councils report: The main two topics discussed were the proposed 2014 budget which was increased by approximately \$25,000 over last year to cover personnel costs and the community council bylaw revisions regarding allowing 16 and 17 year olds to participate. Dick Traini gave an Assembly report and noted the mayor's inclusion of \$8 million in the MOA budget for 2014 to relocate the downtown bus station to Tudor and Elmore. A visitor, Mr. Peterson presented briefly on homelessness in Anchorage and challenged those present to come up with ways to address homelessness in their neighborhoods.
3. Assembly member Jennifer Johnston reported that the Assembly is working on next year's budget and encouraged us to review the proposed capitol improvement projects on line and provide any comments/corrections asap as the second hearing would be held November 5th. Jennifer also discussed the rural lighting ordinance currently before the Assembly .
4. State Senator Kevin Meyer's chief of staff Susanne Armstrong provided an update :
 - The Service High School Track & Field improvements are on schedule and should be done by the end of August 2014.
 - The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and School Principals are meeting with Sen. Meyer to identify unmet needs, this should be done by December 2013.
 - Nov 9th Rep. Lynn and Sen. Meyer to hold a constituent meeting at Huffman Elementary to listen to community concerns.
 - Nov 1st Sen. Meyer to co-chair a Finance meeting in Fairbanks to discuss the liability of unfunded state employee and teachers' retirement accounts.
 - From Nov 11 – Dec 2014, Legislative Information Office will be in a temporary location at 733 W 4th Avenue, Anchorage.
5. A representative from State Senator Cathy Giessel's office also attended and took notes on items presented/discussed.
6. The MHCC Treasurer reported that there is currently \$981.08 in our bank account and the last expenditure was a check in the amount of \$25 last April.
7. Cindy Guilder, ADEC presented information on USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Grants that are available for projects addressing water pollution problems associated with agricultural run off, which can include chicken, horse and dog waste containment, etc. These

projects that follow best management practices to design and build improvements to mitigate agricultural runoff can be eligible for up to 90% of cost reimbursement.

8. Ryan Stencil, Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District provided information on projects that this agency is involved with:

- Ruth Arcand trail improvements - \$200,000
- Working with MOA code enforcement on agricultural property specifically dealing with large animals.
- Operation of the Wood Lot off Klatt Road and C Street.

9. Also Discussed:

- HRDTSA: 5 members currently seated with 2 more coming.
- O'Malley and Commodore Intersection. Jill Missal from ALCC attended and after presenting a brief history: Commodore is a neighborhood street designed to carry no more than 2000 cars per day, which now experiences over 7,000 per day, Jill has been working to get the MOA to address this for years but as it is fed by OMalley Road, which is a State DOT arterial, neither entity is willing to do anything. A recent AMATs study of 9 intersections of concern in the south Anchorage and Hillside area does not include the Commodore/OMalley intersection despite that fact that it has higher traffic counts than any of the other intersections being considered. It is hoped that a meeting, to address concerns about this intersection, with the MOA, ADOT and the affected Community Councils can be facilitated through Senator Meyer's office.

10. Election MHCC Board and Selection of Officers:

Lance Powell, President, Treasurer

Mark Miner, Vice-President

Mary Miner, Secretary and MHCC Rep to FCC

Don Fall, Board Member

11. Meeting ended at 9:15pm.