

MID-HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mid-Hillside Board

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Mid-Hillside Community Council Meeting

Minutes: November 21, 2013-Unapproved

7:00 Call to Order

1. Introductions/welcome

Lance Powell, President Mid- Hillside
Mark Miner, Vice-President, Mid Hillside
Pam Massey Hillside East Council Member
Christine Smith, Senator Meyer's office
Gale O'Connell Smith, O'Malley Elementary School Principal
Bill Evans, Guest: Running for Chris Birch's Assembly Seat
Melinda Meyers, Resident MHCC
MOA Fire Station 8 Personnel

- 2. Assembly Update: Jennifer Johnson and Chris Birch were invited to attend. Neither attended.
- 3. Legislative Update(Christine Smith):
 - Budget news: Capital projects budget dropping from \$3 billion to \$1 billion Operating budget dropping from 11 billion to \$8 billion.
 - Belt tightening to be expected.
- 4. MOA Fire Station 8 Personnel:
 - DeArmond and Lk Otis location approved for new Station 9 with construction in 2015.
 - Tender trucks must haul ,water from hydrant locations on Elmore Rd. to temporary bladders set up on site when fire occurs. Tenders respond to Hillside fires from Stations

- 8, 9, 10 and 14. However the Station 9 tender truck is often off line due to budget constraints.
- 911 Calls: 1st go to APD and then are routed to AFD, resulting in 3 minute delay in response time. APD dispatchers over- the -phone assistance is limited. AFD dispatchers are trained to provide assistance over the phone, providing a higher level of service.
- 5. Gale O'Connell Smith, O'Malley Principal: Ms. Smith is new to O'Malley and provided a brief bio and update on the school: there are 330 students and 14 in-class teachers. On the plus side, the school has a very involved PTA. On the minus side, the traffic in/out on Rockridge at peak times is a challenge.
- 6. Bill Evans: Introduced himself as labor lawyer who also worked in the past as a police officer. Mr. Evans stated he is "on the side of management" and is in support of enacting Anchorage Ordinance 37, limiting the rights of workers.
- 7. Rural Community Councils "organization" Working to secure modified MOA standards on lighting, etc. for Hillside. Local developers are involved. Some of the changes benefit the public.
- 8. MOA Ordinance for Community Councils: Must go before the Assembly, which has other priorities. The main changes involve the CC Bylaws which must be updated within 7 months after the Ordinance is approved by the Assembly, CIP Project Lists also must go to Assembly as well as MOA Administration and 16 year olds will be allowed as members but cannot hold positions of fiduciary and approval authority
- 9. HALO: work continues on the Commodore/O'Malley traffic issue and comments are being sought on the South Anchorage Intersection Study. The main one being: why was the Commodore/O'Malley intersection, which met all of the published criteria for inclusion, not studied as part of this report. HALO has information about the ongoing Hillside Parkland dedication efforts.

9:00pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Mary Miner