



**GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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Cassandra Willis, Secretary; Nate Jenkins, Treasurer  
Kyle Stevens, FCC Representative  
Mavis Hancock, Donna Rymut, Greg Miller, At-Large Board Members  
Stephanie Kesler, Past President

January 19, 2017  
Minutes

The GHCC meeting began at 6:37 and introductions were made.

**Agenda**

The agenda was modified to include UAA School of Nursing and Colin of Mercy Tree of Alaska. The minutes were moved to review after the FCC Update.

**Legislative Update**

Senator Tom Begich updated the GHCC that he will be working with MOA and DOT to finalize the agreement for the Government Hill Commons. Senator Begich noted that Susanne Fleek-Green has been a big help thru the process. Senator Begich noted that \$28 million has been earmarked for the Knik Arm Bridge. The community will need to look on how to use the money for other transportation projects. If you have an idea, email [tom.begich@akleg.gov](mailto:tom.begich@akleg.gov). Senator Begich has been appointed to sit on the Education and Health & Social Service Committees. Senator Begich discussed with the community the following: Budget, PFD, oil taxes and oil subsidies.

Representative Les Gara noted that the State of Alaska has a \$3 billion deficit and no capital budget. The house caucus is working on adopting a fiscal plan. Representative Gara discussed with the community the following: Job losses, what steps Representative Gara is taking to remove the Knik Arm Bridge project, and earmarks.

**Port of Anchorage**

Captain Jim Nesvick introduced himself to the community and described his role in security for the Port. Captain Nesvick noted that if you see or smell anything around the Port, call 343-6034 (Port Security).

Sharen Walsh confirmed that the cameras would be up by the boat launch by May.

**Assembly Update – Patrick Flynn**

Mr. Flynn updated the community on the following: “Green cards” for property assessment came out on Friday, ASD bonds have been approved, new AMATS plan will be going out within 1.5-2 years and GHCC should request that the Knik Arm Bridge project be removed. New drone rules were also discussed. Mr. Flynn noted that GHCC should work on creating relationships outside of their district.

**FCC Update – Kyle Stevens**

Mr. Stevens presented the following updates to the community: FCC is focusing on growing council attendance; bonds are on the MOA website for your review, bus service for seniors, AEDC survey, artist looking for a community space, SB91 and Victims for Justice presentation.

The community expressed concerns that the \$215,000 parks bond has been titled Government Hill "Community Center." It was noted that Government Hill does not have a community center. Ms. Gant expressed that she will bring this to Mr. Flynn's attention in order to update the language.

### **Minutes**

Stephanie moved to approve the September, October, and November minutes. It was noted that several errors were noted on the minutes and Mavis Hancock would review for correction. The minutes were approved with the corrections noted by Ms. Hancock.

### **UAA School of Nursing**

Students presented to GHCC that they are conducting health surveys for the Anchorage area. The students noted that the results would be published online and can be shared with GHCC. Survey information is on the flyer.

### **Mercy Tree of Alaska**

Colin Koenig presented his marijuana business to the community. Mr. Koenig noted that he will be located at 1648 N Post Road and it will be a cultivation shop. The following was discussed: Long-term studies on the use of marijuana, seeds and type of strains, type of license, and type of filtering system.

### **2017 Elections**

Ms. Kesler moved to approve the following 2017 candidates : Melinda Gant, President; Kyle Stevens, Vice-President, Cassandra Willis, Secretary; Nate Jenkins, Treasurer; Kyle Stevens, FCC Representative; At-Large Board Members: Mavis Hancock, Donna Rymut, and Greg Miller, and Stephanie Kesler, Past-President. The candidate slate was approved unanimously.

### **AKRR Update – Tim Sullivan**

Ms. Gant updated the community that a housing and retail project by the Petersen Group will be breaking ground 2018.

### **Port of Anchorage Update - Sharen Walsh**

Ms. Walsh updated the community on the following: North end restablization project will begin again with the addition of sheet pile, building, and underground power lines; repair/rebuild boat launch and sheet walls will be added, and Iron Dog will be happening again this year. The community discussed the following: Tote presentation history, AKRR infrastructure on Port property, and connex regulation.

### **Parks Committee – Resolution 2017-01 Stephanie Kesler on behalf of Bob French**

Ms. Kesler reviewed the progress that the parks committee made and presented the committees' recommendations. Ms. Kesler moved to approve Parks Resolution 2017-01. The community reviewed and noted a grammatical correction. The community approved the resolution with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained.

### **Knik Arm Crossing & AMATS Committee – Bob French**

No update.

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**Safety Committee – Kyle Stevens**

Mr. Stevens noted that funds are needed for cameras.

**Trash Committee – Thomas Pease**

No update.

**Executive Committee – Melinda Gant**

No update.

**Other Business & Neighborhood Concerns**

Jared James from MOA updated the community on the following: Due to the responses from the community, APD will begin late night patrol in the residential areas, walk/bike the trails during the summer, and assign an officer to each community. Ms. Kesler thanked Mr. James for his help on the Mavis & Howard Hancock Memorial.