



**GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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February 16, 2017  
Minutes

Meeting started at 6:30 and introductions were made.

**Minutes:** January 19, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** - Current balance is 2,977.68 and \$0 operating expenses for the past 3 months. The FCC reimbursed Government Hill Community Council \$75 for the Community Commons sign

**Legislative Update:** - Senator Tom Begich updated the community on his initiatives. Representative Les Gara did not call in.

**Assembly Update** - Josh suggested a request for a Muni report on bonds. The following was discussed: Snow removal timing, ballot initiative numbers for the bonds, and bridge foot path railing height.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SB91 Barbara Durham** – Presented on SB91 (history and where we are today). SB91 provides a more cost effective way to deal with crime prevention. Confirmed that pretrial services will start during 2018. The program is meant to free up over 6 million dollars

**AFD Station 1** – Addressed community safety concerns. Advised the community of the following: Try not to park on the street if it makes the road narrow, be aware of hydrants and try not to park in front of them, call in illegally parked vehicles, Check the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year, test monthly, & keep 1 in each room.

**Colwell Street Light Removal Request Dan Berube** – Updated the community regarding the Colwell neighbors challenge with the alley way light that was just upgraded. Discussed the following: Cover to mitigate light pollution, traffic engineers will need to be consulted before light can be removed, possible to dim the lights with a remote dimmer. Mr. Berube requested that the street light be removed. Thomas Pease made a motion to approve the removal of the Colwell Street Light. 11 votes for, 1 against, and 5 abstaining. Motion passed and the President confirmed that she will write a letter to ML&P to remove the street light.

## **BUSINESS UPDATES:**

**Alaska Railroad Tim Sullivan** - Over 50 positions eliminated internally, 44% reduction in freight over last year, passenger service increased by 5% last year, and train to and from Fairbanks will run 6 days a week during spring break.

**Anchorage Port Sharon Walsh** - National infrastructure report card came out and the port received a D and the State received a C-, Iron Dog road closures will occur during the race, small boat harbor is getting dimmable bulbs, receiving bids for cameras and boat launch repairs, over 50 piles driven this past year, modernization project contractor has been selected, and cement terminal funded.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Parks Committee Bob French** - challenge grants are being offered by the Parks Foundation Applications due March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Knik Arm Crossing & AMATS Committee Bob French** – Knik Arm Bridge project is not dead and GHCC still needs to continue to monitor. Update to the municipal transportation plan prioritizes transportation changes to transportation plan.

**Crowley Update - Greg Miller** – Refurbished 4 new tanks which will be painted this summer. Getting a truck rack in case of an emergency to move the fuel.

**Safety Committee by Kyle Stevens** - Is seeking volunteers for the committee and will be holding monthly meetings.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

Expect traffic delays during Iron Dog, Tesoro liquor license up for renewal and following up with Assembly to include previous restrictions, DOT road improvements is expected this summer, community discussed C Street bridge and degradation of the road and concerns on height of railing along bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm