



# GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## GHCC Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes Submitted by Peter Partnow

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Jody Sola.

1. **Introduction of Attendees:** Attendees identified via Zoom appearance and roll call conducted by Stephanie Kesler and noted on the virtual sign-in sheet provided with these minutes.

2. **Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Stephanie Kesler  
Second: Bob French

**Motion unanimously approved**

3. **Approval of January 20, 2022 meeting minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes: Bob French

Second:

**Motion unanimously approved**

4. **Legislative update:** Mercedes Colbert, aide to Senator Tom Begich reported on various bills status. Addressed various capital projects for Government Hill that are currently included. List should be ready by March 3.

**Tristan Walsh, aide to Representative Zack Fields discussed** subcommittee activities and bills Zack is working.

5. **Assembly update:** Chris Constant noted several big items passed unanimously by the Assembly dealing with land use and building safety. Discussed status of Municipal reapportionment and the various maps under consideration. Noted upcoming town halls and Assembly meetings to deal with this issue. At least two more

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public hearings and perhaps a third. Information can be found at [www.reapportionanc.org](http://www.reapportionanc.org) Chris speaks highly of the work being done by the Municipal snow plowing crews to try to keep up with the weather. Various attendees also noted the good job of snow removal being done on the Hill this winter.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** **Susanne DiPietro** reports \$719.30 in checking and \$2319.02 in saving. Notes that the \$50 deposit noted at previous meeting was actually a correction for a bank charge that was corrected.

**7. JBRR Update:** Joy Boston reminded that Arctic Thunder will be this coming summer. Requests input from GHCC regarding where we prefer to have the F4 relocated. Joy can be contacted at [joy.boston.2@us.af.mil](mailto:joy.boston.2@us.af.mil)

**8. Anchorage Fire Department:** **Nick Glorioso** discussed the potentially dangerous situation that has arisen due to Municipal administration's cap on overtime which has led to equipment being subject to rolling closures particularly for the late shifts. Impacts the response time for addressing emergency and potential emergencies on the Hill from the fire station downtown. Longer response times create risk of less saving property or lives. Provides examples and notes so far it has been lucky that no one has died because of delayed response time. Chris Constant notes the Assembly added 200k back in the budget to cover this situation, but the administration has not used the funds as authorized for this purpose.

**Motion to issue request the Muni Administration to release the needed funds to cover this overtime issue: Bob French**

**Second: Susanne DiPietro**

**9. Anchorage Police Department:** Officer Lampert discusses the community crime map-- <https://communitycrimemap.com/> Notes there has not been a big increase on the Hill. Jody Sola notes the identity of APD officers "assigned" to the Hill can be found on the FCC web site.

**10. Community:** **Anchorage Equal Rights Commission: Megan Moffitt**, an AERC investigator explains what the AERC does to enforce Title 5 of the Municipal Code. Information can be found through [Megan.Moffitt@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Megan.Moffitt@anchorageak.gov) or [aerc@muni.org](mailto:aerc@muni.org)

**Seward-Glenn Mobility Study PEL—Taylor Horne and Kelly Summers the DOT project manager. Taylor is with HDR—the consultant.** Comment period now open until the end of February. Goes through the information that can be found on the web site: [Sewardglennmobility.com](http://Sewardglennmobility.com) Lots of information there including videos, the project library, maps, etc. GHCC, as a stake holder is on the

advisory committee. The area under consideration includes access to/from the Port of Alaska. Study will address pedestrian and bike travel as well as motor vehicles. Currently in stage to i.d. the transportation problems that need to be solved. Then to do a purpose and needs study. Plan is for a final document by winter of 2024. Questions and comments by Stephanie Kesler and Chris Constant regarding if there are pre-conceived conclusions, the accuracy of traffic numbers and projections and whether the study will truly address the needs/interests of people living along the major arterials.

**11. Business Reports: Alaska Railroad: Tim Sullivan** gearing up for the summer. Ticket numbers looks like it might be a good passenger summer. Barge to Whittier is overbooked. Steve Leiter has approached the Railroad about tree cutting to improve the view on the East Side. Tim requests input from GHCC and the various homeowners associations on the tree cutting issue before taking actions which might create complaints.

**12. Committee Updates: FCC/AMATS Update: Bob French** –FCC meeting last night. Taylor and Kelly provided information similar to what was provided to us at the meeting tonight. Bob noted it is time to about summertime activities in our parks and requested folks to contact him if they are interested in doing work on the parks or trails this summer. Also noted we should check to make sure of status of funds due us relating to the demolitions of the Square and Round Dance club building. Thomas Pease emphasizes that point.

**13. Other Community Comments: Ron Clarke** suggests we check on available funding to improve/update/replace the signage on the Hill, which is getting pretty long on the tooth.

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimously passes.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**