



GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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GHCC Meeting Minutes May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes Submitted by Peter Partnow

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Jody Sola.

- 1. Introduction of Attendees:** Attendees identified via Zoom appearance and roll call and noted on the virtual sign-in sheet provided with these minutes.
- 2. Approval of agenda:** Motion to accept the agenda as revised: Margy Hughes
Second: Will Sola
Motion unanimously approved
- 3. Approval of April, 2022 meeting minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes: Margy Hughes
Second: Peter Murphy
Motion unanimously approved
- 4. Legislative update: Senator Tom Begich** reported the budget had passed. There will be no special session. Discussed education funding and pre-k.

Representative Zack Fields did not attend.
- 5. Assembly update: Chris Constant** did not issue report.
- 6. Community: Nicolette Dent** of MOA Parks & Rec (Nicolette.dent@anchorage.ak.gov) and others (Van Le and Ellen Devine

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(ellen.devine@anchorage.ak.go), the volunteer coordinator) reported on survey and the Master Plan. Green Belts were top choice. Sunset Park was third.

7. **Candidate forum:** The following candidates spoke in alphabetical order, stating reasons why they were running, matters in which they were interested, and answering such questions as were asked by attendees:

Cliff Baker
Tasha Hotch
Rob Forbes
Robin Philips
Stephanie Taylor
Dan Volland

8. **JBRR Update:** Joy Boston reported on Memorial Day events, June 4 Arctic Valley Run, July 30-31 Arctic Thunder. Reported that the Government Hill gate to the base will be closed from May 31 until July 8.

Joy can be contacted at joy.boston.2@us.af.mil

9. **Anchorage School District:** Margo Bellamy reported on last day of school for students. Noted summer learning programs. Noted no school board meeting for July. Reported on Board election of officers—she was re-elected Board president. Noted last day of work for departing Superintendent Bishop.

10. **Anchorage Fire Department:** Chief Schrage reported on the extreme wildfire danger

11. **Anchorage Police Department:** Officer Melissa Lambert reported on the mobile crisis line and the call volume.

9. **Old Business:** Jody Sola reports that the GHCC executive committee met regarding the State redistricting and submitted a resolution opposing the map that placed Government Hill with Eagle River. Jody also noted that there has been a change in leadership at the Heritage Land Bank. Also mentioned the resolution that was submitted regarding the zoning on the property on the East Side of the Hill. Jody also reported she had submitted a letter as requested listing our priorities for capital projects for the neighborhood.

10. **Business Reports: Port of Alaska: Steve R** reported (1) the Petroleum and Cement Terminal will be completed in the coming months. He hopes there will be some type of ribbon cutting ceremony when the facility is opened. (2) Reviewed the status of the MARAD lawsuit, with the defendants having until April 25 to file any notice of appeal. If there is an appeal, the dispute should be resolved within a year. (3) The USS Anchorage will be in port from June 7 to June 11 for the first time since it was

commissioned. Steve hopes arrangements can be made for public tours while the vessel is in port.

11. Other Community Comments:

Margy Hughes reported on the Heritage Land Bank letter and status.

Bob French reported on work that might be done over the summer on the parks. Also reported on the assessor's office report at the FCC meeting.

Discussion by several attendees regarding the status of the former Tesoro Building—to be vacated June.

Motion to Adjourn: Chief Schrage
Second: Margy Hughes

Unanimously passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.