

General Meeting MINUTES *draft*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, April 18, 2024@ 7:00 PM  
WE ARE IN PERSON THIS MONTH with a Zoom option  
Please visit <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/19.html> for ZOOM link

Location for the in-person meeting is Huffman Elementary at 12000 Lorraine Ave

- 1) Call to order at 7:09PM by Rachel Ries
- 2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Rachel Ries- President, Shannon Wileman- Secretary, Trina Lovdahl- Treasurer, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Lisa Huffman

Absent: Gretchen Stoddard VP, Marcy Tompkins, Nick Mazzolini

\*\*There is one open seat\*\*

- 3) Agenda
  - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- No additions, John 1<sup>st</sup>/Shannon 2nd
- 4) Minutes
  - a. Approval of March 2024 minutes- not addressed, postponed until next meeting
- 5) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4min questions)
  - a. Legislators

Senator Cathy Giessel- District E- present

1. Contact her with any question/concerns
  - a. [Sen.Cathy.Geissel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Geissel@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 465-4843
  - c. [www.alaskasenate.org](http://www.alaskasenate.org)
  - d. Sign up to receive her newsletter via email or website above
2. Working on the budget and Dearmoun to Rabbit Lakes Trailhead

Senator James Kaufman- District D- Matthew Harvey present

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  - a. [Sen.kames.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.kames.kaufman@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 465-4843
  - c. [www.senatorkaufman.com](http://www.senatorkaufman.com)
  - d. Sign up for his email list or schedule a 15-minute meeting through his website above
2. Focusing on grid upgrades, carbon storage, and other related energy issues, see <http://leepurl.com/ikfyev>

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11- present

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  - a. [Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov)
  - b. (907) 748-4377
  - c. [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov) or [www.julieforalaska.com](http://www.julieforalaska.com)
2. CIP & energy bills are in finance
3. Everything is to stay the same with correspondence schools until stay is announced
4. The Stip passed

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- Not present

1. Contact: [randy.sulte@anchorageak.gov](mailto:randy.sulte@anchorageak.gov), 907-229-2977
2. Is at Kaladi's on Old Seward/Huffman every Saturday 8-10am when he is in town.

Assembly Member Zac Johnson- Not present

1. Contact: [zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov) , (907) 206-0753

d. School Board Representative- Pat Higgins- Present

1. Contact: [higgins\\_pat@asdk12.org](mailto:higgins_pat@asdk12.org) , [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org) , [907-952-5871](tel:907-952-5871)
2. Working on the budget, have 1 time funding, not sure how much they get from the state at this point.
3. 55% decreased proficiency

e. Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- Sean Fredenhagen, Senior Captain with AFD is Present

1. Woodlot on south side is NOT open this year
2. Fire academy has a graduation in June

6) Presentation- John Weddleton – Municipal How To

- a. John shared pointers on how to influence the assembly to create a new ordinance, change something in our code or in the budget, do or don't confirm someone, and/or vote yes or no or amend something posed for a vote
- b. Tools of the Assembly are Resolutions and Ordinances
- c. 3 types of Assembly meetings

1. Committee meetings- 15 committees! Most have a regular schedule, some meet as needed. Usually, general public can speak at these meetings.
  2. Worksessions- Can be scheduled on any topic. Usually Thursdays and Fridays. The general public can speak at these meetings if there is time.
  3. Regular assembly meetings- The only place where actions are taken. Every other week at the Loussac on Tuesday evenings.
  - d. General public is welcome to email the whole assembly at [wwMAS@muni.org](mailto:wwMAS@muni.org), email assembly members individually, or fill out a dreary form online at [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org).
  - e. Regular assembly meetings
    1. Special appearance requests are limited and must be pre-approved. Starts around 6pm.
    2. 3 minutes allowed per individual and 5 minutes for Community Council rep
    3. Open mic at end of meeting as time allows
    4. Don't assume members know more than you about any topic
    5. Work with others to cover all key points in a series of speakers
    6. Phone testimony- Complete the public testimony form by 5pm the day before the meeting. You will be called when the assembly reaches your agenda item. They will call you between 5pm-12 midnight from 907-343-4066. Mute your tv or live stream, do not use speaker phone, make sure you have minimal ambient noise and good cell service. Headsets work best.
- 7) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
- a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- \$302.85 total (after making previously approved HALO contribution)
  - b. HALO – K. Nolan- Halo meetings are the first Thursday of every month, trying to figure out how to open South Anchorage Woodlot, looking into Firewise guidelines and how there are HOA's with challenges to meeting firewise goals.
  - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
  - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
  - e. Outreach- Rachel- looking for a food truck for the HOCC yard sale
  - f. Attendance questions- Trina- No questions
  - g. FCC – Rachel- 20k lost out of the work force, working on a 10-year plan
- 8) President's Report
- a. Incoming Correspondence- None
  - b. Outgoing Correspondence- None
- 9) New Business
- a. HOCC Yard Sale Update
  - b. Planned speakers/topics – community input reference Zoning changes- Jason NOrris

**c. Next meeting Thursday. May 16, 2024**

**d. Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows- No new candidates**

**e. Open forum for Other New Business- None**

Adjournment at 9:02pm

Email the HOCC Chair: [HOCCPresident@gmail.com](mailto:HOCCPresident@gmail.com)

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Next Meeting-

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Thursday, August 15, 2024