

General Meeting MINUTES *final*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, March 21, 2024@ 7:00 PM  
WE ARE IN PERSON THIS MONTH

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 7:05PM by Rachel Ries
- 2) Welcome and Introductions

Present: Executive Board: Rachel Ries- President, Gretchen Stoddard- Vice President, Shannon Wileman- Secretary, Trina Lovdahl-treasurer, Members- Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Lisa Huffman, Nick Mazzolini

Absent: Marcy Tompkins

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

- 3) Agenda
  - a. Call for additions and approval of agenda- Dianne Holmes with Rabbit Creek Community Council requests to speak to us about the 2040 Land Use Plan- Rachel motioned to approve, Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously
- 4) Minutes
  - a. Approval of February 2024 minutes
    - Gretchen motioned to approve, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously
- 5) Presentation- Roger Marks- Citizen Support Group to support ballot proposal for Chugach State Park bond improvements
  - a. Voting yes for ballot measure 9 will:
    1. Benefit trail groups, hiking groups, skiing
    2. Improve roads leading to trails
    3. Increase parking
  - b. \$4,000,000,000 for upgrade of Canyon Rd
- 6) Presentation- Dianne Holmes- 2040 Land Use Plan and assembly zoning proposal
  - a. 2040 Land Use Plan
    1. Title 21 implements what is in 2020 and 2040 plan
    2. 87S- text amendment to title 21
      - a. illegal because it's trying to make policy
      - b. Supposed to increase housing, but there are no guarantees
    3. Planning & zoning
      - a. Sponsors are Volland, Zaletal, and Brawley

- b. Want to create 5 zoning districts with the 2040 plan
- c. Ask questions of our assembly and ask for delays- this impacts the whole city
- d. Refer to planning and zone comments 2024-0006 from Rabbit Creek CC

7) 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.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@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. SB 140 was vetoed by Governor Dunleavy

Senator James Kaufman- District D- 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. Bills coming up
  - a. SB 34- Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas- The commission sunset in 2021 so this bill serves to reinstate it
  - b. SB 201- Creating an Office of Information Technology to help with IT overhauls of aging IT systems across the state
  - c. HB 392- Teacher bonus payment back in play
  - d. SB 140 vetoed

Representative Julie Coulombe- HD 11- present

- 1. Contact her with any questions/concerns
  - 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. Bills coming up
  - a. HB 29 – Child care bill
  - b. HB 282 Crime Victim restitution
  - c. HB 347 Property assessment guardrails
- 3. Head Start- \$5M match with Feds

Representative Laddie Shaw- HD 9- Not Present

b. Mayor's staff- Not Present

c. District 6 Assembly Updates

Assembly Member Randy Sulte- 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.
3. 3/27- special assembly meeting
4. 3/29- meeting with ASD school board
5. 3/28- Transportation Fair at UAA 3-7pm
6. Assembly looking at changing Anchorage from 15 zones to 5 zones (187S)
7. Cook Inlet gas contracts run out in 2028- big concern

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, also Katy Parrot from ASD Budget

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. Added back funds for ignite
3. Budget will not be finalized until June
4. 400 open positions, trying to get defined benefits to tempt more teachers to stay/come
5. One time funds are gone after this year
6. Katy states that ASD would have an extra \$50M (with \$680 additional BSA) for about 73,500 students. ASD is short \$100M.

e. Other representatives from Police, Fire, JBER, or schools- not present

8) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report

- a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- \$357.85 total
- b. HALO – K. Nolan- Working on firewise projects. Halo meetings are the first Thursday of every month
- c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
- d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
- e. Outreach- Mazzolini- Yard sale at Nick's house. Nick discussing with his HOA if there is anything special to do for making/selling food. Date of Kempton Hills garage sale is usually the weekend before Memorial Day weekend
- f. Attendance questions- Mazzolini- No questions

- g. FCC – Stoddard- FCC hired Ariana Belitzky as their new manager. Jean has given notice. Let Gretchen know if you want to volunteer for the FCC at the Transportation Fair that Randy mentioned.
  
- 9) President's Report
  - a. Incoming Correspondence- None
  - b. Outgoing Correspondence- None
  
- 10) New Business
  - a. Open Call for new business from the board or community
  - c. **Next meeting Thursday. April 18 2024**
  - d. **Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows.**
    - 1. **Julie Coulombe running for HD 11**
    - 2. **Lee Ellis running for HD 9**
    - 3. **Walter Featherly running for HD 11**
    - 4. **Janice Park running for SD F**
    - 5. **James Kaufman running for SD F**
  - e. **Open forum for Other New Business- None**

Adjournment at 9:05pm

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Next Meeting-

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024