



# GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**CALL TO ORDER: May 16, 2024 6:30pm**

## **Approval Agenda:**

Approve Stephanie Kesler

2<sup>nd</sup> Margy Hughes

## **Approval of Apr minutes:**

Approve: Stephanie

2<sup>nd</sup>: Margy Hughes

## **BUSINESS UPDATES: 5 minutes each**

Treasurer's report: Zoe Lowery

\$775.30 checking

\$2324.28 savings

## **Legislative Update: Rep. Cliff Groh**

Rep Groh: Adjourned at 1:22am last night after a long week of late nights

Major allocations to childcare, infrastructure, energy, education. One time increase to BSA of \$680 + student transportation. \$1360 PFD + \$200 energy rebate. Increase in funds to snow removal. \$4M for homeless shelter this summer on E 56<sup>th</sup> in the old solid waste building.

Funding for GH school roof replacement

## **Port of Alaska: Steve Ribuffo**

Last week – first cruise ship – will have total of 3 this summer.

First of 5 cement ships is in. Requests feedback from CC RE: lights on at night. A computerized system is helping with decreasing neighborhood impact. May have night operations this winter, would like to receive continued reports on lights once it starts getting dark again.

GHCC President said it is like night and day – all good.

By end of May port offices should be out of old building, demolition will follow.

Serves at pleasure of the mayor, may not be reappointed by new mayor.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

• **Habitat for Humanity-Lieza Wilcox (Board member) & Julia Roberts (Dev Dir)-15 mins**

Gearing up to restart construction of Habitat homes.

Recruiting for board. Interested in GH, HUD grants require board members to be below median income.

Just under 120 homes constructed in Anchorage over 30 years

Next to 2-3 years plan to build 12-15 homes and interest free loans.

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Repair program – help existing homeowners to repair roofs/windows/doors – for lower income ppl who own homes but have difficulty with repair costs  
Habitat ReStore + Make It Classroom (crafty & upcycling) as a funding method. Located in old REI mall on NL between Arctic and Minnesota.  
Neighborhood revitalization – we build in neighborhoods with cheaper land. Our projects are frequently duplex/multiplex.  
Interested in board members, expecting vacancies. Fill out 2 page volunteer interest form. If not board, can participate on committee. Form on website: <https://www.habitatanchorage.org/board-of-directors>, [jroberts@habitatanchorage.org](mailto:jroberts@habitatanchorage.org), [ptaylor@habitatanchorage.org](mailto:ptaylor@habitatanchorage.org)

GHCC President requests addresses for examples of HH homes – most are Muldoon/Mt View:

- 370 Neighbor Drive – 22 homes, 2-3 & 5-6 bedroom
- 32<sup>nd</sup> and Spenard condos 3 sets of condos with 4 houses each
- 670 Lane St + a lot that
- 2 planned for this summer – one on Hoyt, and one in downtown Fairview.

• **ANC Park Foundation Grant Awards- GHCC President-5 mins**

Applied for 3 and got 2 – 1 partial, one full

\$25K from Forest Service to combat invasive species

\$14K matching grant for signage in parks. Parks committee is working on ‘Welcome to Government Hill’ sign.

**Justin Sturn with Greatland Tree Service** – spray for spruce bark beetles \$275 to set up, the \$40/tree – if everyone wanted it, it could be \$50 set up then 40 per tree. Also does injection – systemic for tree – 11\$ inch diameter and lasts for 2 years. May pencil out rather than \$50 +\$40 per tree 907-205-0300

**OLD BUSINESS:**

• **Vehicle Emission Noise Resolution-2 mins**

Discussion of letter of support. No objection to draft letter.

Approve signature Stephanie moves to adopt 2024-03

2<sup>nd</sup> Bob

Passes unanimously 13 votes

• **Traffic calming East side update-2 mins**

Have not heard back on when to have calming assessment

• **Park Comm-sign update-2 mins**

Working on Welcome to community sign in addition to other park signs. Updates should appear before too long

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

• **AMATS/Parks update: Bob French-5 mins**

Did not have AMATS CAB meeting – postponed due to lack of staff.

Interested in Park Foundation next steps – will be emailing Pres.

Tomorrow at noon – Fairview Lions Park – photo op with grantees.

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July 15 start date for AYEP between Sunset and Alderwood Parks

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

Buses every 3 minutes – May 13<sup>th</sup>

Homeless camps reporting on muni website

May 20<sup>th</sup> Home initiative goes before P & Z

Swag sale going on for commons – will be posted on website

CIP list for city – needs to be turned in by June 15th

Resident

A little concerned about appearance of neighborhood – starting on corner with streetlight, turning right going along Hollywood: abandoned store, cars on lawn, industrial car lifts.

- President has taken pictures and has reached out to zoning enforcement. Has talked to Assemblymember Constant and will be sending formal request in next couple of days.
- Old Tesoro ownership is in negotiations with DOT

Bob: CIP list requests to Jody: [ghccpres@gmail.com](mailto:ghccpres@gmail.com)

Peter: Should we send something to the mayor about Steve Ribuffo having perfect attendance?

**ADJOURN: 7:33pm**