

General Meeting MINUTES *final*  
Huffman-O'Malley Community Council  
Thursday, May 16, 2024@ 7:00 PM

WE ARE IN PERSON THIS MONTH with a Zoom option

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

- 1) Call to order at 7:04 PM 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- Rachel requested we add draft response to W24-45 & 45(s)- Rachel 1<sup>st</sup>/John 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 4) Minutes
  - a. Approval of March and April 2024 minutes- Gretchen 1<sup>st</sup>/Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 5) Political Representatives' Reports (4min each speaking, 4min questions)
  - a. Legislators

Senator Cathy Giessel- District E- Not 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

Senator James Kaufman- District D- Matthew Harvey present

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  - 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. Recap

- a. Passed balanced budget
- b. Got 9 priorities passed personally
- c. PFD will be ~\$1500 this year
- d. Many CIP's are in the budget but still needs to go to the Governor for approval

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. O'Malley school issue – funding secured to resolve
3. HB400 Correspondence Schools- will hold for a year, stay through June
4. Fentanyl bill passed
5. Property tax assessors- there are now guardrails around the process
6. Planning a town hall with Kauffman this summer

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. Working on:
  - a. 2024-45 zoning code (title 21 amendments)
  - b. Chugach State Parks funding
  - c. Eklutna project
  - d. 2024-53 changes title 23

Assembly Member Zac Johnson- Present

1. Contact: [zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:zac.johnson@anchorageak.gov) , (907) 206-0753
2. Capital project survey is due 6/15
3. APD Chief Kerle retired, Bianca Cross hired
4. Approved funding 300 acre park Watershed Potter's Marsh
5. Abatement notice changed from 15 to 10 days for homeless

d. School Board Representative- Andy Holleman- Present

1. Contact: [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org)

2. So far budget works for ASD, state budget needs to go to Governor still, CIP's for ASD
3. Graduation week is this week!

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

- 6) Reports (2 min ea.)- Please announce if you have anything to report
  - a. Treasurer's Report- T Lovdahl- \$307.86 total
  - b. HALO – K. Nolan- HALO is meeting with Anna Brawley and John (Zaletal's assistant) on zoning issue
  - c. Traffic Calming Report – new volunteer requested
  - d. Crime Report – New Volunteer
  - e. Outreach- Nick- HOCC Garage sale is this Saturday!
  - f. Attendance questions- Nick- No questions
  - g. FCC – Gretchen- Gretchen is no longer Chair of FCC, new chair is Amanda Mosher
- 7) President's Report
  - a. Incoming Correspondence- Madeline would like to discuss drainage issues she is having on Baywind- see New Business
  - b. Outgoing Correspondence- None
- 8) New Business
  - a. Madeline (see incoming correspondence)- Was referred to HOCC by Muni Project Management and Engineering. There are no drains by her house but ice forms and causes dangerous conditions for children walking/waiting for the school bus in the winter. Per Katie, will require a bond to fix. Need to submit as a Capital project and put on the capsis list. Gretchen and Rachel will work on this.
  - b. HOCC Yard Sale Update- Bring items to Nick's house on Friday between 5-10pm evening before the yard sale
  - c. Year ahead- Topics & Speakers?- no discussion
  - d. HOCC Elections- It was unanimously voted to keep everyone the same on the HOCC and add Jason Norris. There are changes (unanimously voted on) within the executive board as follows:

President	Rachel Ries (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Vice-President	Shannon Wileman (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Secretary	Gretchen Stoddard (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Treasurer	Trina Lovdahl (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)

The Board Members now include: Nick Mazzoli, Lisa Huffman, Katie Nolan, John Yeafoli, Marcy Tompkins, and Jason Norris.

e. Planning and Zoning Committee- letter created to represent HOCC re: zoning changes. Everyone agreed unanimously to change letter to read “seems to be a rezoning proposal not just a text amendment”

**f. Next meeting Thursday. August 15, 2024**

**g. Introduce Candidates for elected office – 2 minutes plus Q&A if time allows-**

**1. Janice Parks- running for District F Senator, [www.janice4alaska.com](http://www.janice4alaska.com)**

**2. James Kaufman- Got a 2-year seat due to redistricting,  
[www.kaufman4alaska.com](http://www.kaufman4alaska.com)**

**9) Open forum for Other New Business- None**

Adjournment at 8:52pm

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