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Minutes
April 17, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions: Introductions were made by all those in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 2008 minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

Legislative/Assembly Report: Patrick Flynn discussed the Assembly's authorization for debt acquisition of \$75 million for port expansion. The north end phase of development was approved. Pieces of the expansion could be stopped and redesigned if necessary. There is concern regarding the large scope of the project, environmental impacts, and costs related to expansion. The project is currently in phase 4 with completion of the project scheduled for 2014.

West Romig Redevelopment Plan: Blythe Marston presented GHCC with a resolution in support of appropriating funds to redesign the West High/Romig Middle School campus as a center of community. The resolution calls for upgrades to the schools that will not only enrich the educational experience of students but also serve as a center of community for public use. Developing the campus as a center of community will require extensive public and private partnerships along with the State of Alaska, Anchorage School District, and the Municipality of Anchorage. A draft report and pre-planning vision report is available on line at www.asdk12.org/renewal/RomigWest.asp. A motion was passed to support the resolution.

MOA Recycling Plan: Sara Ellen Hutchinson, Muni recycling project coordinator, stated that over the next few years all solid waste customers will have curbside recycling. Currently, select neighborhoods are receiving this service. Recycling will be single streamed with all recyclables going in one bin. Glass will not be a recyclable due to the costs involved. Eventually schools and public spaces will have recycling bins.

Police Report: Police activity can now be viewed online at <http://crimemap.muni.org/>. This service provides data compiled daily by the Anchorage Police Department.

Committee Reports

Parks: The GHCC 2008 Parks Resolution was accepted. In addition to the resolution the Harvard street green belt and Sunset Park have some holes that need to be filled, possibly by the city, and a bollard needs to be replaced at Suzanne Nightingale Park. GH parks committee discussions will undertake a process to create a vision and plan for the neighborhood parks. Jeff Mathis of the Muni Parks Department would like to be included in this process.

KAB: An invitation to attend a Section 106 (historic properties and CSS) consult on mitigation to has been extended to GHCC representatives. This meeting will take place on May 15th. The final design of the project is unknown.

Northpoint Development: No new information.

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Traffic/Zoning: Runners participating in the upcoming Skinny Raven Sports 2nd annual Twilight 12K Race will be entering Government Hill around 7:10 p.m. and exiting around 8:20 p.m. A hydration station will be set-up on Harvard Ave. Balloons and volunteers will be at corners to guide the runners.

Neighborhood Issues/Concerns: The junk car at the mini-mart needs to be moved. Evening training of port security officers has been a disturbance to many residents and their dogs. Steve Ribuffo said he would look into the situation. A dog was stolen from a GH home, found in St. Mary's, and returned safely to its owners.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.