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Minutes of the February 19, 2009 GHCC Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Approval of January 2009 Meeting Minutes
Correction to spelling of Steve Ribuffo's name.
3. Legislative/Assembly Report
Patrick Flynn encourages support of the bonds on the upcoming April ballot. Pat also discussed the \$17 million municipal budget shortfall.
4. Anchorage Community Development Authority - Northpointe
Ron Pollock & Sue Lukens of ACDA spoke to residents regarding a request for support of a proposed land swap between the Muni and the Alaska Railroad. GHCC passed a resolution to support the proposed land swap between the Muni and the Alaska Railroad. Mr. Pollack and Ms. Lukens assured residents that GHCC would have input into any future project by the Muni at the Northpointe subdivision. They indicated that Marlow's 55-year lease of the railroad land located on the property will be resolved as part of the foreclosure. The lots will need to sell for approx. \$130,000 to \$150,000 each to make the development solvent. If any subcontractors have not been paid by Marlow, their claims will be addressed as part of the foreclosure process.
6. A/C Road Closure Protocol
Steve Ribuffo addressed residents inquiries regarding how the Port Road gate opening protocol. Questions addressed at the meeting included, "Is the bluff closure even needed? The entire bluff road lies outside the port security gate and area." Steve Ribuffo said that he will take personal responsibility for making sure the road is plowed and the gate is opened in case of an emergency. The question was asked, What would constitute an emergency? Would a temporary accident on the bridge or ice be considered an emergency by the Port? Who on the Hill has a key? The Mayor's office will be invited to the March meeting to address the possibility of either a permanent opening or a new MOU.

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7. SWAT Team Exercises @ POA.
There will be 2 nights of APD training with rounds of blank ammunition fired. April 20, 21 and April 27 and 28th. APD will notify in advance.
8. Mayoral Candidate Walt Monegan
Points made by Mr. Monegan include his support of the KAB. It is Monegan's position that the MatSu area will grow substantially in the next few years and that the bridge will be needed to support the large increase in population and commerce.
9. Committee Reports
Parks- Mavis Hancock discussed the parks report cards and the call for neighborhood donations to address lower funding. Rasmussen will match public funding. Susanne expressed some concern about not understanding the Park Department's Master Plan.

KAB – Bob French discussed the cost update and shared that the design is still flawed. The KAB still has many hurdles to clear before it would be a viable project, even if the funding was available.

Northpointe Development – see above.

Port - ***The defense fuel site may include a trade with the army. Hopefully this will happen soon after many years of waiting.***

Traffic/Zoning - none

10. Neighborhood Issues/Concerns
11. Adjournment

For those of you interested in participating in our meetings by phone, our conference bridge number is 1-800-315-6338, pin digits: 5617.