

## **Government Hill Community Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2009

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

March minutes approved with no changes.

#### **2. Northpointe Update**

The community task force met with representatives of the Anchorage Community Development Authority regarding future plans. The ACDA regained possession of the land when it submitted the winning bid at the foreclosure auction. The gravel lawsuit has been settled. ACDA also controls the lease to the adjacent property formerly held by M. Marlow. ACDA is recruiting a realtor to sell the single-family lots. On the east side, development restrictions may require a condo association to be created before title to the multi-family structures can pass. ACDA agreed to change the members of the design review committee to include a neutral third party in addition to the two neighborhood residents.

#### **3. Assembly Update**

Patrick Flynn reported that the Assembly will be asked to raise the “mil rate” when it sets revenues later this spring, and more budget cuts will be coming. The Assembly sent a resolution to the Mayor’s office asking that a municipal wildlife control officer position be created. In response to a complaint voiced at the meeting about speeding cars on Hollywood near Ivy, Mr. Flynn offered to research the status of the MOA’s temporary speed bump program.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

- a. Parks: Mavis will be soliciting volunteers to do park work. She will present a resolution for approval next month regarding our improvement priorities for neighborhood parks. She also will send an email later soliciting volunteers to work on the flower beds at Harvard Park.
- b. Knik Arm Crossing: The AMATS Technical Advisory Committee still has not completed its work on a proposed amendment to remove the KAC from the Long Range Transportation Plan. The AMATS Policy Committee asked the Technical Committee to draft the amendment about 7 months ago. Also, Federal Highways still has not issued its “Record of Decision” which would be the official action choosing one of the alternatives from the Final Environmental Impact Statement. In the meantime, however, the Cook Inlet Belugas have been listed as endangered. This listing caused KABATA to have to consult with the federal agency that protects marine mammals, and that federal agency recently issued a letter saying that the bridge design described in the FEIS is not acceptable.
- c. Port of Anchorage: Steve Rubiffo reported that the POA continues with its construction focused on the north end. New cranes are scheduled to arrive in 2010. The Beluga watchers saw 5 whales in the harbor last week—two weeks early this year. The contractor is easily able to avoid disturbing the endangered animals by taking breaks when they are spotted.
- d. Traffic/Zoning: It was suggested that the speeding problem at Hollywood & Ivy be referred to the Traffic Calming Committee. A temporary speed bump might help.

**5. Neighborhood Concerns**

Neighbors expressed concern about abandoned and junk vehicles and appliances at the Sourdough Motel.

Adjourn 8:15 pm.

Submitted by S. DiPietro