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June 2008 Newsletter

GROWTH BRINGS NEW BYLAWS AND BOUNDARIES

By Jim Barnett

HALO is one of the oldest community-based organizations in Anchorage, older than any of the community councils. HALO was formed nearly 35 years ago when there was no "Municipality" and Anchorage was still split between the old city and borough governments.

Like any mature organization, HALO's governing documents needed updating. Last year, the Board of Directors updated the corporate structure by amending HALO's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to reflect the way it currently operates. Among other things, we dropped the old "G" designations from the borough planning days and created new districts for our Board of Directors. This means that, in addition to the 5 officers elected each year, there are 10 people on the board representing 5 districts from around the Hillside. These Board members are elected every two years. It also permits "seat sharing" to allow two people to share one seat, to guarantee board attendance in spite of our busy schedules. These changes were approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in May 2007.

During the past year, our membership chair and past president, the ever-inspiring Judy Moerlein, urged the board to redefine the district boundaries to more appropriately reflect changing demographics in the upper Hillside. This meant the districts to the north had to be enlarged to recognize the growth of population in the districts to the south, particularly the area south of Rabbit Creek Road. The proposal was advanced to the Board at its March meeting, and was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in June 2008. As a result, the Upper Hillside district was enlarged to include all of the area north of Huffman/Upper Huffman roads, and east of Birch Road, including Glen Alps. This moved the adjacent district to the south to encompass the area above Birch Road between Huffman/Upper Huffman and Rabbit Creek Road, including all of Bear Valley. The result was that the growing Rabbit Creek district could become smaller, in recognition of its new residential developments and increased population.

These Bylaw and district boundary changes were adopted to modernize our governance and, at the same time, to ensure fair representation, after the population growth being experienced in Southeast Anchorage. Hopefully this means we are ready for another 35 excellent years representing the best interests of our Hillside neighborhoods!

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The following are just a few excerpts from the Newsletter put out by
Agnew::Beck Consulting:

April Workshops & Next Steps

The April Workshops were fairly well attended. Thanks to all those who came to them. Notes from the workshops are available on the Hillside District Plan website and by clicking the link below.

Hillside April Workshop Notes

At the workshops, a Summary of Stakeholder Meetings was requested. This document summarizes the meetings that Planning Team members have had with various individuals and HDP stakeholder groups.

Thanks also to those who sent us comments after the workshops. Some very helpful input was submitted. Copies of the comments are also available on the Hillside District Plan website.

Comments Submitted on the Hillside Framework Alternatives

Additional comments received as of May 16

A brief summary of **What We've Heard** is also available.

Throughout May and June, preferred alternatives from the **Framework Alternatives** document (distributed at the April Workshops and available online) will be selected and refined, considering public opinion and working with the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Draft Hillside District Plan will be released for public review in July.

May - June 2008

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July 2008

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[See the complete Events Calendar](#)

Pilot Watershed Plans Ready for Review

The **Pilot Watershed Drainage Plan for Little Rabbit and Little Survival Creeks** is available for review. Please send comments to **Mel Langdon** at the MOA by June 30.

Annual Meeting

HALO's annual meeting and elections were held at the June 5th meeting. The annual membership meeting--as usual--included refreshments and the much anticipated door prizes. Elections of officers and four board positions resulted in: Chris Hamre, President; John Weddleton, Vice-President; Judy Moerlein, Past-President; Dave Cottrell, Treasurer; Dianne Holmes, Secretary; Sharon & Kathy Clawson (shared position), Seat 1A; Jim Barnett, Seat 2A; Cathy Giessel, Seat 3A; Jeanne & Steve McKee (shared position), Seat 4A. The Rabbit Creek seat (5A) is unfilled and HALO encourages interested persons to contact a board member.

**Watch for HALO's
Election Year
CANDIDATE FORUM
Coming up this Fall!**

Legacy Pointe Site Plan Appeal By Donna Van Flein

HALO has filed an appeal of the Planning & Zoning Commission's approval of the site plan for the Legacy Pointe Senior Housing development on the south end of Goldenview Drive. The main focus of the appeal is that an exclusive, private condominium development is not allowed on land zoned for Public Lands and Institutions. Other arguments in the appeal question the standards applied by the Commission to approve this plan and the collector road from Goldenview to Potter Valley Rd.

The owners of the property have filed intent to file an Appellee brief, which is due June 26th. HALO has an opportunity to reply to that brief which is due in the beginning of July. The briefing and record will be presented to the members of the Board of Adjustment who will hold a hearing to discuss and make a determination on the merits of the appeal. No public testimony will be allowed at this hearing, it is solely based on the record before them. As soon as we know the date of the hearing, we will let everyone know. Thanks again to all who donated to this legal fund, it was a very expensive appeal.

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District 4: Jeanne/Steve McKee, Gerry Guay
District 5: vacant seat, Rodney Powell

Newsletter Editor: Cathy Giessel

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**HALO meets monthly
FIRST THURSDAY of every month
Holy Spirit Center, 10980 Hillside Drive, in the Loyola Room
7-9 PM
(For more information: Judy Moerlein 346-3784)
NO JULY MEETING
Next meeting: August 7**

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