

Minutes for HALO Board Meeting , November 4, 2010
Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Anchorage

President Wayne Westberg opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Other board members present were: Judy Moerlein, Beth Terry, Steve McKee, Rodney Powell, Dianne Holmes, Pat Abney, Susan Olsen, Katie Nolan, Peter Johnson. Excused were: Robin Holm, Chris Hamre. Absent: Kurt Rein

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Abney and Moerlein to approve the September, 2010 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account: \$3,470.87; Legal account: \$18,887.18. Motion by Holmes and Olsen to accept Treasurer's report. Passed.

Legislative/Assembly report: None

Reports:

President: The Hillside District Plan Implementation Committee (HDP-IC) has had two meetings. The committee met with the MOA's onsite representative and learned the city is not moving ahead with the Ground Water (Well-Water) Protection Program per the HDP and the MOA was not aware of how many public wells were on the hillside. Westberg would like to see the program in operation. He suggested selecting the public wells plus a few private wells to monitor in certain areas where nitrates have been reported to be higher than other areas. The MOA uses certificates of occupancy to monitor well water quality. Westberg will outline how the program might function (where and what to monitor) and give it to the MOA for evaluation—budget-wise and otherwise. Westberg said there are a lot of baseline data on wells available and it should be in spreadsheet form for the MOA to use and then the gaps in our knowledge can be determined.

Old Business:

Candidates' Forum feedback: Abney would like to have had the same question asked of each candidate; Holmes explained that in the past we have tried to take one topic and make several different questions out of it but have shied away from asking the exact same question to each candidate to avoid them feeding off the other candidate's answer. Westberg would like to have known more about each candidate before making up the questions. Moerlein and Holmes will begin to outline the HALO forum process in a "How To" report from start to finish and other board members can contribute suggestions.

E-Newsletter: Moerlein reported that at least four people have commented positively on the e-newsletter. Question—how often should the NL be published—monthly, quarterly? Olsen thought monthly was too often. It was suggested that each board member should contribute an article about three times a year. Nolan believes we should have a column devoted to answering neighborhood's questions. Motion by Johnson and Abney to have thee- NL each year, to contain at a minimum the agenda, link to the HALO website and past minutes, date of the next HALO meeting, other pertinent topics and questions with possible attachments. Passed.

Question of ownership of the e-NL was discussed. Holmes felt the president should be the owner. Nolan said the president would then have to start each e-NL and then transfer it to others to finish. Abney thought if the president was the owner, then there might be continuity between future HALO administrations.

O'Malley CEA Sub-station update: there was discussion on the public hearing in August and the reconsideration by the P/Z Commission which turned out not to be a public hearing and the confusion that resulted. Huffman/O'Malley Community Council would like HALO to help them address the MOA procedures for P/Z public hearings. There is a need for a better notification process. HALO will write a letter to the Assembly and Planning Director, Weaver, once we know what the written codes are for hearings.

New Business:

Huffman/Pintail intersection issue: Nolan said there have been many accidents at this intersection since it was upgraded to accommodate the Grace Christian School. There are no students who walk to school there, but the upgrade has resulted in faster traffic and accidents. DOT suggested a signal or a round-a-bout for a solution; residents think a school zone designation is likely the best and cheapest solution. But the laws don't provide for a school zone at a private school. Abney suggested asking our new state senator to change the law on this point. Motion: by Abney and Powell to ask the Alaska Legislature to change the law and allow school zones to apply to private schools as well as public. Letter should be copied to the MOA Assembly so the request can be put on the MOA's legislative project list. Passed. Nolan is to draft the letter for Westberg.

Official Streets & Highways Plan: The Country Lane designation in the OS&HP may be deleted. Holmes reported that this designation includes gravel roads and roads with scenic values. It is unclear how this will effect the HDP where gravel roads are to be allowed in certain circumstances. Holmes will send the list of roads with the Country Lane status to the board. Motion: by Abney & Powell to invite a MOA Public Works representative to HALO's December meeting to discuss this issue and also how LRSAs fit within the OS&HP. Passed. Later it was mentioned that Jon Spring might be under contract to speak on the OS&HP.

Hillside District Plan: Westberg doesn't know when the final HDP report will be published but we should be prepared to read and edit it. John Weddleton arrived and said the HDP website is dead but that we might buy the name and allow the plan to be accessed that way. Weddleton will speak to Beck and Tyler Robinson about this; the HALO board can vote on it next time if desired.

Weddleton spoke on the need to do education and PR of hillside residents on drainage and road issues before the issue comes before us for a vote for the creation of a service area. Otherwise people will not understand the issues. It was suggested that LRSAs write their problem areas for roads and drainage for the e-NL.

MOA Budget & Fire Station #10: the proposed 2011 MOA budget calls for essentially closing FS #10 (Rabbit Cr) and leaving only a tender with one person and some medical equipment available. It was pointed out a tender cannot fight a fire alone. It was said that we pay the same tax as others but we will have less service. Also mentioned were the budget forums that the mayor held through View Point Learning this past summer and how the participants agreed that they did not want a reduction in services! Motion: by Abney & Moerlein for HALO to write a letter to the MOA about keeping FS#10 open. Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:58 PM

Submitted: Dianne Holmes, Sec