

Minutes for HALO Board Meeting August 5, 2010
Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Anchorage

Vice President Rodney Powell opened the meeting at 7pm. Other board members present were: Judy Moerlein, Bill Lamoreau, Beth Terry, Robin Holm, Jeanne & Steve McKee, Dianne Holmes, Pat Abney, Scott Pexton, Matt Moore, Susan Olsen, Christine Monette, Peter Johnson, Wayne Westberg via telephone. Excused: Chris Hamre. Absent: Kurt Rein, Dave Cottrell.

Approval of Agenda: add Campbell Cr Estuary issue; Chugach Electric Sub-station; Budget meetings. Motion by Pexton and J McKee to accept revised agenda. Passed.

Approval of Minutes: postponed because not enough members had read the June minutes.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,078.07 in checking account; \$18,775.34 in legal fund. Motion by Abney and Powell to pay the \$161 bill to Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. for submitting a federal e-postcard on our behalf that continues our non-profit status. Passed without objection. Motion by Holmes and Holm to donate \$200 to the Holy Spirit Center for use of their facilities.

Legislative/Assembly report: none.

Old Business:

Title 21 update: Dianne reported on 21.07.130B—vegetative buffers for non-residential facilities in large lot zones. The Assembly T-21 committee did not include everything that HALO requested, but at least now there is a section that provides some protection from large facilities in our large lot areas. BOMA has issued a long list of complaints with various T-21 regulations at this 11th hour.

Hillside District Plan: update by Wayne (via telephone)—calls to the city didn't produce much information but the final report should be out soon. Question as to whether HALO should press for the implementation phase to be completed or perhaps the service districts? No one seemed to know the details of the service areas so they will be discussed at the Sept. meeting.

New Business:

Candidates Forum: planned for our Oct 7th meeting date at O'Malley's-on-the-Green. Last time we secured coffee service and a sound system. Motion by Abney and Monette to have the forum on Oct 7th. Passed. Motion by Holmes and Olsen to spend up to \$310 for the room rental, coffee service and microphone at O'Malley's for the forum. Passed.

There was discussion on who should be invite to the forum: candidates for governor, Lt governor, US congressional candidates, State Senate and Districts seats in HALO's area: L, P, 30, 31, 32 (maybe 29, Independence Park?). Judy wanted to invite everyone now, before the primary, so they could calendar the event. It was agreed that Hamre should moderate the forum. Motion by Moerlein and Holm to write all the candidates for our area now. Judy will write the draft letter. Passed.

Budget: HALO might want to send out a notice to members about the mayor's meetings that are being held about the city budget; he contracted with a San Diego firm to conduct the meetings.

Park trespass: this is an issue that Huffman/O'Malley Council tried to bring before the city a year ago regarding a homeowner who has appropriated park land in the Turnagain View Subdivision. The city has not responded. The Park Dept does not have code enforcement abilities and asked Code Enforcement to help but they have to be paid to handle Park's issues and they are very busy with their own work at the moment. It was suggested the media should be contacted. HALO will write a letter to the mayor, Assembly, and the newspaper. Motion by J. McKee and Abney to help HOCC by writing a letter. Passed. Wayne suggested that Abney and Monette coordinate in writing a draft letter.

New Liquor License at Huffman Business area: there was a special meeting held by the Old Seward CC regarding the conditional use (CU) permit that is being sought for a liquor license location at Huffman. Joan Diamond spoke on the impact of liquor stores and the process the owner must go through. She said there are five package stores now from O'Malley to Huffman. While the holder of the license can buy it from someone else who holds one, or from the state if they are available, the location for any liquor store must go through a local public process. The city will ultimately decide (Assembly?) if the CU is granted for a specific location. Joan will put together information for HALO's website on the issue.

Business by e-mail: Peter Johnson says e-mail is good for discussion but misinterpretation is rampant via that method. The Bylaws say we can have teleconferences. There was no decision.

Campbell Cr Estuary: the issue of the gift of 60 acres to the city (by Great Land Trust) was briefly discussed along with the fact the mayor does not want to accept the land worth nearly \$7 million.

Chugach Electric Substation: the issue will come before P/Z for a Conditional Use permit (along O'Malley Rd near the Greek Orthodox Church). HOCC is concerned about the impact.

Newsletter: Motion by Moerlein and Abney regarding the need for a hard copy newsletter before the candidate forum. Passed. The newsletter could contain articles on the park encroachment, liquor store location, Chugach substation. Undecided was how much money should be spent on it including how widely it should be distributed.

Meeting adjourned 9:07pm

Submitted: Dianne Holmes, Sec