

HALO minutes for July 1, 2004 (held at Moerlein's residence)

President Hamre opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Also present were Rep. Hawker, Mike Flister, Ryan Stencel, Rodney Powel, Bill Lamereaux, Judy Moerlein, Mr. Greg Groeneweg, Dan Stone, Dick Tremaine, Lauren Wickersham for Senator Bunde, John Weddleton, Matt Moore, IPixie Siebe, and Janice Shamberg.

Janice spoke on the upcoming Abbreviated Plat Ordinance amendment that will require public hearings for larger parcels that previously have been exempt. With much of the undeveloped land in SE Anchorage, it is to residents' advantage to be able to testify at hearings rather than just in writing on development issues. Some developers have apparently been using the short plat method thinking they can circumvent some regulations.

Motion by Dianne and Judy to have HALO support the Abbreviated Plat Ordinance amendment which would eliminate large parcels from being platted without a public hearing. Passed. Dianne is to write a draft letter for HALO.

Legislative Reports:

Rep Hawker reported on the special legislative session. He believes the House was a functioning body working together well but that they didn't get support from the Senate on the issues. Some of his points for a fiscal policy include: resource development, fiscal constraints, and the Permanent Fund. He said the question of the role of the PF for the long term must be answered first in order to solve the fiscal crisis and gap. Perhaps an endowment method for handling the PF makes sense?

Senator Bunde's aid reported on the survey Con sent out to constituents on solutions for the fiscal gap. Con will be working on fiscal gap solutions between now and next January.

Assembly Report:

The Firewise funding hearing will come before the Assembly July 20th.

The Hillside District Plan (HDP)—Dick spoke with the Mayor on Basher being included in the plan and he agrees. Dick spoke with MJ Michael on the Planning Dept's reluctance for an MOU with citizen groups and councils to do the HDP. But the Mayor wants Planning to participate so at least a letter of agreement is likely to be forthcoming. Funding from the State for \$300K is likely if Rep. Hawker becomes co-finance chair. Our HALO letter (that we sent to Dick and Janice) needs to be sent to the MOA.

Chris has a list of documents for possible use in the HDP and we need to figure out what is needed and what we have among us. John Weddleton said we should summarize all technical studies with when they were done and what they reported. The list, above, could be e-mailed around and people could select reports to summarize. Perhaps we could meet in 2 weeks to give the reports to people during a short organizational meeting. We have only councils and a few developers for this preliminary HDP group. For developers we potentially have Dave Grenier and Wayne Westberg (M/W Drilling).

ISO Rating & Hillside Hydrants: Greg Groeneweg of O'Malley FS #8 spoke on fire hydrants on the Hillside in preparation for the ISO testing evaluation. Part of the ability to reduce the ISO rating is to have water available. There are hydrants at Service High, Lake Otis, and Double

Tree. But Double Tree isn't maintained by the city and doesn't provide enough water on a consistent basis. He would like to see a hydrant at O'Malley and Hillside but realizes the impact it might have to the wider area (meaning sewer lines and density). Other ideas include a water line to the O'Malley Fire Station or from Hideaway Lake. There was discussion on solutions. A lower ISO rating would mean reducing the current #7 to #3 which is optimal for urban areas.

Regarding the need to have more hydrants, Greg said that personally he feels the newer fire trucks have greater speed (for our hills) and larger water capacity, which could actually take the place of a hydrant.

AMATS & Context Sensitive Design: Mike Flister gave an update on DeArmoun Rd Phase 2 project, and the July 8th AMATS Policy Committee meeting.

Title 21: information should be sent to all councils for their discussion on the Title 21 rewrite meeting that Clarion Associates held on Module 3. (who was going to do that?) Items for discussion include allowable uses in residential areas especially when these uses can occur without a public hearing, and the general nature of protection of neighborhood character. It is important to encourage councils' participation in Title 21.

Adjournment occurred at 9:24pm

Submitted by Dianne Holmes, Board Member