

HALO, Inc Board Meeting, March 3, 2005  
Holy Spirit Retreat Center

President Chris Hamre opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Other Board members present were: Rodney Powell, Dan Stone, Katie Nolan, Judy Moerlein, Dianne Holmes, Beth Terry, Jim Barnett, Annie Mabry.

**Forum:** Discussion on the upcoming Candidates' Forum included getting notices out to councils requesting volunteers and donations to help with refreshments and renting the PA system (about \$100 total). The Forum had to be moved to Mar. 22. School Board candidates and candidates for Assembly East and South seats have been invited. Katie is coordinating the event and is trying to find speakers, both pro and con, for each proposition. Dianne will send out PSA messages to the radio stations. Potential questions for the candidates should be sent to Chris by Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>. Carol Fries is to be asked to help sort questions. Motion by Judy and Annie to pay up to \$50 for a PA system from O'Malleys-on-the-Green. Passed.

**Legislative Audio-conference:** Senator Con Bunde and Rep. Mike Hawker called in from Juneau. Con discussed the early results of his survey and budget issues. Mike discussed the educational funding package, ½ of which will have to go towards the retirement fund. Medicaid costs have gone way up. The issue of access to Chugach State Park with its safety issues was touched on. Mike says he is working on getting matching monies for the Hillside District Plan but indicated it was either Chugach Park or the HDP but not both that he could get money for.

**Minutes:** Motion by Katie and Dan to approve the corrected Feb. 3, '05 minutes. Passed. Correct date of Forum to Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Newsletter:** it should go out soon with a note that people will not be receiving future newsletters if they don't pay their dues. It was agreed to cull the list after the newsletter goes out to about 400 names. The issue of doing a mass mailing for the HALO area was discussed and since it might cost several thousand dollars to get a list from Motznik, print and mail it, that a mass mailing should be considered later. Terry will call on the costs and Basher should be included in the mailing area.

The upcoming newsletter should contain articles on Large Animal Ordinance (pros and cons) (Weddleton), Subarea Circulation Study (Dianne), Neighborhood/District Plan Ordinance (Ky), annual meeting notice, and a few survey questions which could include the HDP and Title 21 (Weddleton and Tim Stevens to do the questions in a week). All articles should be in to Chris within one week.

**Church site plan #2005-032:** a new church on 4-acres on Baronik off O'Malley is going through the site plan review process. Resident Mark Drumm spoke on the plan for the 16, 000 square foot church, its gym, classrooms, offices and 200 space parking lot. The neighbors are concerned that this facility in a residential area will cause traffic, drainage and water supply problems. The plan calls for clear cutting the 4-acres. The narrow road is part of a LRSA. The residents want a public hearing; site plans do not require a hearing according to current code. Comments are due March 15. Motion by Katie and Dan for HALO to submit comments to MOA requesting a public hearing and list areas of concern: water, traffic and drainage impacts, vegetative buffering requirements in areas of incompatible uses, need to analyze carrying capacity of the land, the 2020 policies that support neighborhood character and the requirement not to be an imposition to the neighborhood. Passed. Katie, Jim Barnett and Dianne will help draft the letter for Chris to sign.

**Sub-Area Circulation Study:** Tremaine has been trying to get the participants together for the meetings which will lay out a transportation system for an undeveloped area south of Lt. Rabbit Cr of several hundred acres. He reports that permits for well testing have been granted, so it is important to get the study done.

**Neighborhood/District Plan Ordinance, #2005-039:** Hearing will be April 4<sup>th</sup> with comments due March 21. Dianne explained that Tom Nelson could not tell us last month that this ordinance was about to be released because the Mayor had not authorized it yet. Chris read Ky's comments on the ordinance and with only a few suggestions felt it was a big step in the right direction. Katie commented on the part that says a district/neighborhood plan that is in the process of being completed can be held up if there are other planning efforts being done at the same time. Motion by Dianne and Dan to send in comments on the ordinance (and also testify at the hearing) saying basically that it is a good ordinance with a good timeframe, but to add in Ky's concerns, mention the need to strengthen the public outreach section, and respond to H-1? regarding the review/revision section. Passed.

**Bragaw extension:** Katie and Tim gave an update on the road project. It is wide; it will add one more scramble light; it has a dog mushing trail, a bike lane on the road bed, and a trail on either side.

**Council Bylaws Ordinance #2005-1:** has been saved from death and will have a public hearing March 29.

**Misc. comments:** Dianne raised the need for more people to help carry out the duties and errands instead of the same people doing everything such as picking up and returning the audio-conference equipment, bringing cookies, and getting more signers for the checks. Judy had to pay the post office box rent herself because it had been locked up due to non-payment. The treasurer hadn't sent in the check. Judy pointed out that HALO's bills don't get paid promptly. It is cumbersome having to go to the treasurer's office to do things. It was decided to look into getting more check signers.

**Annual meeting:** there is a need for door prizes and Terry will look into that. A slate of offices is needed—one that will help carry out the leadership needed for upcoming issues. Dianne will help compile that slate. Since Basher has been added to HALO's territory, there is the need to add another seat to the Board at the annual meeting. There is also the question of getting a speaker, perhaps the mayor. Tremaine will check.

Adjourned 8:56 pm

Submitted: Dianne Holmes, sec