

Minutes for HALO Board Meeting February 2, 2006
Holy Spirit Retreat Center

Vice-President Judy Moerlein opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. Other board members present were Dianne Holmes, Bill Lameroux/Beth Terry (sharing a vote), John Weddleton, Katie Nolan, Dan Stone, Jim Barnett. Excused were Chris Hamre, Ryan Stencel, Sharon Clawson. There was no quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Judy passed out a report from the treasurer: Dues account has \$5,870.65; Legal account has \$11,550.

Legislative and Assembly Reports:

Neither Assembly member was present. An Audio-call in to Juneau included: Rep. Bob Lynn, Lauren, aide for Senator Con Bunde, and Julie, aid for Rep. Mike Hawker. Issues discussed were: the secrecy of the meetings between the administration and the oil companies on the gas line; an initiative filed to limit the length of the Legislative session to 90 days and the resultant problem with getting all the bills passed; holding PFDs until college students and military return; need to improve the safety of the New Seward Hwy to Girdwood; Homestead bill that would allow cooperating cities to defer taxes on low-income residents/seniors until they sell their land or die, and the accompanying HALO suggestion that the state-mandated senior reduction in property taxes be increased from \$150K to \$300K.

Comments/Suggestions: The lack of a quorum is a frequent threat to conducting business, and it was suggested that provisions should be made to have more than one person share a position.

Regarding the HALO Bylaws, Jim said he would look at them because they need updating. This could be finalized at the May annual meeting with the necessary information provided ahead of time for review.

Large Animal Ordinance: Update on recently passed LAO--some sections may conflict with one another. The Assembly voted to reconsider the ordinance at a future date.

Hillside District Plan: HALO received a reply to our letter to the Planning Dept director, Tom Nelson, regarding the progress and process on HDP. Attendees commented on the points of the letter that implied the MOA would continue to discuss 'commercial' business on the hillside despite opposition expressed at the HALO-sponsored Sept. 29th HDP meeting, potential public utilities extension, a future survey that will include higher density areas on public utilities (but which should be tabulated to reflect the different areas), and the statement that the MOA will not let HALO be a partner in defining and organizing the HDP process. MOA's request for a HALO representative to help select the lead consultant was discussed; it was agreed that Hamre should be that person with Weddleton as a back up and this should be conveyed to the MOA. One member looked at MOA's organizational chart for the HDP and reflected that HALO/councils have no input or control and that we should try to stop the whole HDP process because it is going in the wrong direction and we will not like the results. This information should be conveyed to the councils. Weddleton will help get the letter and chart put on our website.

Title 21: Weddleton suggested looking at the latest draft on-line as one can see the changes made since the first draft. Comments are due early March. It was stressed that the Land Use Plan Map which is a slightly different but a companion issue to T-21 needs to have council input ASAP. This map will be the guiding document for density development. Attendees agreed that a committee composed of councils needs to be working on T-21 and the LU Map!

Baronik Church plat: DOT has given approval to have the entrance off O'Malley with an emergency exit on Baronik. The owner and architect have been invited to the Feb. Huffman/O'Malley council meeting.

Traffic problems on Goldenview/Rabbit Creek Road: the 3rd accident in as many weeks occurred today. The MOA is not pursuing the 1st of 2 critical Sub Area Transportation Plans for the area (let alone the 2nd one which is needed to funnel traffic to Potter Rd and the hwy). The P/Z Commission is taking control of the 1st plan with a task force meeting Feb. 9, 5:30pm at the RC church.

Candidates' Forum: Attendees definitely felt a forum should be held and March 23 was the preferred date. Jim Barnett will help get O'Malley's for the location once the date is set with the candidates. Judy will contact potential donors for food and each council should be asked for a donation.

Other Business: it was suggested by Judy that HALO minutes be put on the web. Discussion ensued as to whether the minutes should only be posed after being approved or whether "unapproved" minutes could be posted as such. Further discussion and a vote should decide this issue.

Adjourned 9:00 pm

Submitted: Dianne Holmes, Sec