

Minutes for HALO Meeting September 7, 2006 (draft)
Holy Spirit Retreat Center

President Chris Hamre opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Other board members present were Katie Nolan, Bill Lamoreaux, Ryan Stencel, John Weddleton, Jim Barnett, Rodney Powell, Dianne Holmes, Jerry Guay.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Rodney and John to approve August's minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Ryan and Katie to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: Ashland tract sewer amendment update: The Assembly will take action on Sept 26th. The hearing is closed. About 6 citizens testified against the amendment. Evidence was given that the developer had not inquired about the use of high tech on-site septic systems, and that the Assembly denied the same issue in '01. HALO took a position against the amendment but did not testify.

New Business: Hillside District Plan. Hamre gave a historical overview of the Hillside District Plan process for the attending members of the CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee for the HDP). There was not any progress until '06. The CAC introduced themselves and the talent/experience/interests they bring to the HDP process. Lori Davey, South Goldenview LRSA; Fred Jenkins, retired from United Way, interest social environment; Neil Thomas, 32-yr resident, real estate; John Reese, hillside resident since '71, interest—outdoors; Connie Yoshimura, developer; Dave Beveridge, On-site services tech board. Hamre stated the reason this meeting is devoted to the HDP process is because when the CAC begins to meet, the pace will be fast and the CAC deserves to know about HALO's long-term interest in the HDP as well as to review key HDP-related documents.

Jenkins asked whether there would be staffing for the CAC and feels that is an important issue. Reply: the lead consultant will be responsible for that.

The Oversight Committee (OC) wants to add Wayne Westberg, well driller to the CAC.

The CAC's mission statement should be set soon by the OS. Weddleton would prefer that HALO and CAC set the CAC's mission statement and that the CAC members go to sub-committee meetings so they can be more involved in the important sub-studies of interest to them

Question regarding added sewers—what effect will the added effluent have on the Pt. Woronzof treatment plant? Hamre reported that AWWU will be a big part of the HDP process and that everyone should keep an open mind as the plan progresses and as studies are completed to discuss issues like public utilities.

Another big issue will be roads. Each CAC member should take on an issue of interest that is in her/his field of expertise, if possible.

Ideas for CAC mission statement: keep in contact with councils, perhaps have summaries on the web; be sure to uphold the policies of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The CAC will likely have a series of public meetings and should have ample opportunities to hear the public.

Connie stated that she isn't sure the CAC will have input for sub-studies RFPs. She thought each department would be drafting the RFPs and may hire their own sub-consultants. This raised another question as to who would have oversight on the sub-studies and consultants. Answer: the MOA department heads and administration and three citizen members. The decision to select the LC is being made by the OC Committee and then the LC will handle the rest of the process, the sub-studies and the CAC.

Question: how can the CAC have any influence if the OC and MOA departments are making decisions for them.

Connie believes the mayor is supportive of the HDP and neighborhood plans, but wants consensus on major issues before the HDP reaches the Assembly.

Barnett stated the CAC is advisory but department heads are writing RFPs for the sub-studies and that the sub-consultants like to please those who write the checks. Hamre replied the sub-consultants would answer to the LC so there will be an insulating level between them and the MOA departments.

Jenkins asked whatever process is set up, he hopes the CAC isn't at a disadvantage to keep up with the OC and sub-consultants' studies. Having staffing will help the CAC concentrate on real work and not things like agendas. If there are to be small sub-study groups of CAC members, they need to have access to experts' knowledge.

Connie believes staffing and expert information will be provided to CAC so they can concentrate on key duties.

Legislative/Assembly report: Janice Shamberg reported the work sessions tomorrow would be on tax exemptions (like churches, non-profits); criminal investigations, like gangs; cooperative services to save on purchases; and Title 21 new schedule.

Title 21 update: Weddleton felt it was fine to present T-21 chapter by chapter and in stages, but one point of the Assembly Resolution (on the new review schedule) deals with purpose and it does not even mention that T-21 is there to implement the 2020 policies. Motion by Nolan and Powell to rephrase the 2nd Whereas to say it implements 2020 and to eliminate core conflicts. Passed unanimously. Motion by Stencel and Nolan to reconsider the previous motion. Passed 7 to 1. Motion by Stencel and Nolan to amend motion requesting that Title 21 chapters be approved in concept but that the whole document should be brought before the Assembly for final approval. Passed 7 to 1.

Candidates Forum: October 5th. Need a food committee. Katie will help; Annie Mabry and her friend should also be available to help. Regarding which candidates to invite—Clawson is still contacting them. It was discussed that HALO should reconsider asking the gubernatorial candidates and the consensus was to invite them and the congressional candidates. Regarding newsletter articles: there should be one on the CAC and the HDP progress.

Adjourned 9 pm.