

Minutes for HALO Board Meeting , September 6, 2007
Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Anchorage

President Chris Hamre opened the meeting at 7:12 pm. Other board members present were: Dianne Holmes, Jeff Lentfer/Linda Perkins, Jim Barnett, Rodney Powell, Beth Terry/Bill Lamoreaux, Wayne Westberg, Annie Mabry, Jerry Guay.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lentfer and 2nd by Barnett to approve August '07 minutes, passed as corrected with the inclusion of Ryan Stencel's notes on the Perkins CU discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Powell and Homes to accept treasurer's reports May through July. Passed.

Legislative/Assembly report: none

Old Business:

Perkins CU request for a Large Domestic Animal Facility: Linda Perkins went over her permit request that will be coming before the P/Z Commission next Monday. Ryan Stencel of the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District and two consultants spoke on work they were doing with the Perkins on waste management and composting; Ryan discussed differences between their agency and the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Services). In reply to Hamre's question on her work with the Perkins, she replied she is incorporating elements beyond NRCS's waste management design. Lamoreaux asked for the scientific standards used to analyze waste design and contamination. Ms McCoy discussed her own CU process for a LDA facility. Westberg said there are no recorded tests of nitrates exceeding limits in city wells although older wells have been out of compliance before new regulations fixed any problems. In reply to Barnett's questions, Perkins replied she boards some horses and that she feels she has complied with most of the standards in the LDA Ordinance.

Motion by Barnett and Mabry to support the CU request for a LDA facility and to ask P/Z to scrutinize the number of animals that should be allowed based on the carrying capacity of the land. Lamoreaux said the board had not discussed the commercial use side of the CU. Passed 5 to 3 in support.

Hillside District Plan Update: Westberg said there is some disagreement within the Citizens Advisory Committee on issues especially with on-site utilities. The White papers are being commented on and a nitrates map is being prepared. The consultant's presentation, showing a trend in increasing nitrates, was rejected for not including enough samples. There are 8K residents being served with wells as of 2005. Drainage issues are being discussed, with the CAC asking lots of questions on that plus land use and road standards.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 pm

Submitted: Dianne Holmes, Sec