

Minutes for HALO Board Meeting December 1, 2011  
Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Anchorage

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm. Board members present were: Wayne Westberg, Rodney Powell, Judy Moerlein, Dianne Holmes, Kurt Rein, Beth Terry, Katie Nolan, Robin Holm, Peter Johnson, Pat Abney, Matt Burkholder/John Weddleton\*.

Excused: Chris Hamre, Susan Olsen, Steve McKee. Absent: Matt Moore.

**Approval of Agenda:** additions to the agenda include an item by Powell regarding bears; Holmes wants to discuss the hot water pot and tea/coffee box.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Abney and Moerlein to approve the November minutes with corrections (add Holm as absent). Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account: \$4,209.47; Legal account: \$22,667.52 which includes \$2,580 for well water quality report. No objection to accepting the Treasurer's report.

**Legislative/Assembly report:**

**Old Business:**

*Title 21*—the mayor's proposed changes that could potentially impact SE Anchorage were discussed: Motion by Nolan and Powell to change the wording (per the Planning Department's latest draft) for 21.03.020C (meetings) to reflect that community council meetings shall be the first choice for presenting projects to the public (rather than simply 'encouraging' the use of councils). Passed with one objection.

Motion by Holmes and Powell regarding code amendments—21.03.210—require that changes to Title 21 must come before the PZC—rather than directly proceeding to the Assembly, especially within the first two years after adoption of the plan. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Holmes and Johnson regarding 21.07.020 Stream Setbacks—maintain 50 ft setbacks, per side, per the intent of the Hillside District Plan. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Nolan and Moerlein to support deletion of the design standards for single family homes (21.07.110E). Motion failed.

Motion by Buckholder and Moerlein supporting design standards for single family homes –21.07.110E. Passed with one objection.

**New Business:**

*Turnagain View Homeowners*—discussion of South Anchorage High sports complex: Alex Slivka spoke on the homeowners appeal of the sports complex that would include lighting and usage beyond 'practice' fields which was originally a condition on the school's site plan. The group has collected significant funds to handle the appeal of the decision by the MOA and ASD.

Motion by Nolan and Powell to use \$1,000 of HALO legal funds, if needed, to support the appeal. Passed 6 to 5.

*Well Water Quality Report:* Jim Munter, Wayne Westberg, Ted and Ian Moore were present to discuss the first printing of the report which HALO supported as a project (as defined as an implementation measure in the Hillside District Plan) to demonstrate the quality of, and to form a baseline for well water quality in SE Anchorage; the report suggests actions to be taken in data collection, study and remediation for monitoring and addressing the small number of rising nitrate trends.

Munter stated a tiny number of wells have nitrate levels near the DEC threshold of 10mg/l however, more wells have upward trending nitrate curve. There is concern for 15-30 years out. Westberg felt the study should be the beginning of further water studies and action. The report suggests remedies for this upward trend.

Weddleton suggested that a PayPal account be opened so people could donate on-line to the Well Water Report. Motion by Weddleton and Nolan to set up a PayPal account on the HALO website. Passed with two objections.

Abney suggested we ask the Assembly to reinstate the free water testing program. But since the likelihood of this happening was thought to be slim, no motion was made.

**Announcements:**

Mike Kenny said that Legacy Pointe is to be auctioned off. Berggren will likely get the land back.

**Adjournment** : 9:18 pm

Submitted by: Dianne Holmes and Robin Holm