



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Jane Angvik, Chair, Citizen's Task Force on Public Hearings

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Anchorage Assembly created a Citizen's Task Force to advise and assist the Assembly in its development of procedures governing the Assembly's conduct of public testimony from members of the public.

The Citizen's Task Force is holding two public hearings for input on the Assembly Public Hearing Process. The Citizen's Task Force invites members of the public to share their views on this important issue. The public hearings are scheduled at the Assembly Chambers on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013 and Tuesday, October 1, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The Assembly Chambers are located in the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503.

On June 4, 2013 The Assembly adopted AR 2013-146 to establish a Citizen's Task Force to "advise and assist the Assembly in its development of procedures governing the assembly's conduct of public hearings open to testimony from members of the public." On June 18, 2013 they approved AM 349-2013 that set up the "Assembly Rules Committee" consisting of Assembly Members who have the responsibility to assist the Task Force.

Citizens who were asked and volunteered to participate in the Task Force are:

- Jane Angvik, former Assembly member and Charter Commissioner
- Jim Barnett, former Assembly member
- Bob Churchill, Federation of Community Council Board member
- Penny Goodstein, Interfaith Council of Anchorage Board member
- Joelle Hall, AFL/CIO staff member
- Andy Holleman, Teachers' union member
- Amanda Moser, Deputy Municipal Clerk
- Tim Potter, DOWL HKM
- Carolyn Ramsey, recent graduate, Anchorage Pacific University
- Cheryl Richardson, Anchorage Citizens Coalition volunteer
- Arliss Sturgulewski, former Assembly member, Charter Commissioner and Alaska state Senator

The initial gathering of the group was on July 11, 2013 where a chair, Jane Angvik, and vice chair, Bob Churchill, were elected and a schedule of the future meetings was established. (Attached) The second meeting was scheduled and held on July 25, 2013. At that meeting members discussed the public hearing process and addressed the following topics:

- a. Public Notice
- b. Sign up Sheets
- c. Time Limits for testimony
- d. Written Testimony
- e. Electronic Public Record
- f. Process for continuation of testimony

Task Force members seek the advice of the community on the elements of a public hearing process that would give the public a clear set of expectations about when public hearings will be held and a consistent process for how to have their point of view heard and considered in the deliberation of the Assembly about ordinances. If you cannot participate in the public hearings, please submit ideas to the Municipal clerk's office by email to [MoserAK@muni.org](mailto:MoserAK@muni.org), or in person at City Hall.

The Task Force plans to present recommendations to the Assembly on October 8, 2013.

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