



Thursday, November 3, Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University, 7801 East 32nd Avenue (enter via Old Muldoon Road off 36th Avenue). Agenda: <<http://www.scenicfoothillsc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf>> additional copies at the door.

Refugees:

Many of our members have been asking about refugees in Anchorage. We have asked the Director of Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services to describe the process faced for immigration to the US. The Director will be able to describe how refugees have assimilated into our community. One success for our new residents has been the Fresh International Gardens in Mountain View, at which these folks have been able to grow much of the fresh produce offered at Muldoon Farmers Market last summer.

Chinese Immersion – Scenic Park Elementary School

Students from Scenic Park Elementary will sing two songs in Chinese. Their teachers would love to tell you about how this program works. The Anchorage School District language programs are listed here: <<http://www.asdk12.org/media/anchorage/globalmedia/documents/worldlanguages/New%20with%20Chineses%20INFO%20sheetWOR-540.pdf>>

*** THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO POLITICS AT OUR NOVEMBER SFCC MEETING ***
Candidates for office will not make any speeches. Legislative updates will be postponed to December’s meeting.

Agenda Highlights

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. • Welcome • Minutes Approval

Presentations:

1. Chinese immersion school program at Scenic Park Elementary:

Shi Feng and Wendy Roberts, teachers of the Chinese Immersion program, will bring some of their students to sing two songs in Chinese. They will be able to answer questions about how the program is presented.

2. Anchorage refugee process:

Clara Williams, Director of RAIS (Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services), will give a short program describing the refugee process in the U.S., how refugees are vetted, the refugees in Alaska, some of the reasons that they were awarded refugee status, and the challenges they face. She will be able to answer questions about the refugees in our area.

Assembly and School District News:

Our Assembly representatives and a member of the School Board are available to keep us informed on current issues of interest to us or that may require our input for their deliberations.

SFCC Council Board Reports:

The Board meets as necessary to address our Community issues and will report back to the overall Council.

Public Comments and Neighborhood Concerns:

The Scenic Foothills Community Council strives to introduce the most important topics of concern to our neighborhoods. We rely on your input to help design our future meeting agendas. The light agenda this month will give us time to discuss neighborhood concerns and help establish agendas for future meetings.

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Nextdoor.com is a free and private social network just for Scenic Foothills neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, information on missing pets, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better and safer. In January 2015, Scenic Foothills Community Council board members rather cautiously began an evaluation of **Nextdoor.com** as a way of interacting with more of our neighbors – the folks next door. We now encourage your participation. Several smaller neighborhoods were combined into one Scenic Foothills neighborhood along our community council boundaries. Nextdoor.ScenicFoothills has since grown to more than 725 Nextdoor neighbors, far more than the number on the SFCC e-mail list and with less than 25% overlap. More than 1/3 of our Nextdoor neighbors participated in the Capital Improvements Project survey last spring and many more have been active on park safety, bike trails, bear awareness and other neighborhood issues.



Nextdoor.com is an effective way to interact with more people who are actively involved in our neighborhood issues. If you are not already participating, we suggest you consider becoming a Nextdoor neighbor as a way of keeping up on neighborhood concerns, whether or not you choose to attend the SFCC meetings. Please join us on Nextdoor Scenic Foothills to build ourselves a better neighborhood. We also suggest you consider turning off some of the e-mail and notifications options, especially if you are using a smartphone. **E-mail newsletters:** send your e-mail address to sfcc@alaska.net to get the freshest news! Or use the contact form on the website: <http://scenicfoothills.org/council/contact-form/>

All committees are open for membership and support. Committee chair **contact information** posted on website.

Our Scenic Foothills website info is moving to an easier to read, mobile-friendly website – the legacy website remains to preserve historic information, including newsletters, minutes, etc. An updated Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) page can be found under the “Council” menu.

scenicfoothills.org (new site) • scenicfoothillsc.org • facebook.com/scenicfoothills

Our part of town—from the Tudor-Muldoon curve to the swerve onto the Glenn Highway—is named after Anchorage pioneer homesteader **Arnold L. Muldoon**. He put up a log cabin among the spruce trees near Northern Lights Boulevard in the winter of 1940. He packed the materials out on his back, along a muddy trail that became Muldoon Road. Arnold L. Muldoon Park, named in his honor, preserves a portion of his original homestead.

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