



Thursday, October 5, 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.

We dodged a bullet last week when Mayor Berkowitz withdrew a plan to move a 120 school bus yard next door to the Totem Theatre. Northeast and Scenic Foothills residents used Nextdoor and Facebook social media to inform neighbors. We must not assume the bus drama is over and become complacent.

Mayor Withdraws MOA Plans To House 120 School Buses Beside Totem Theatre

The Municipality of Anchorage developed a plan to rezone residential land owned by Anchorage School District to build a transportation facility for 120 school buses next to Totem Theatre's lot. The land has been held in reserve for a number of years as a potential elementary school site.

Angry neighbors from Muldoon and Scenic Foothills turned out in droves September 21 at Northeast Community Council's public meeting to oppose the plan, citing air, noise and light pollution problems, traffic concerns and worries about loss of value to their properties. NECC passed a resolution to oppose the bus plan. Scenic Foothills residents attending were not eligible to vote.

The Anchorage School Board was slated to vote on a resolution in support of the plan September 25, but a few hours before the meeting started Mayor Ethan Berkowitz withdrew the plan, saying he recognized that the transportation facility plan lacked the community support it needs. He said the Municipality will work with the Anchorage School District to find another location for the "bus barn." More upset neighbors turned out to testify against it at the School Board meeting anyway.

The October 5th SFCC meeting will begin with discussion of the "bus barn" experience. We will start at 7 p.m. Please be on time. We think many people will want to discuss "bus barn" issues.

Jonathan Lang, professional land surveyor, Lang & Associates, Inc. will present on the public process, how the process should work, versus how the process failed with the bus barn. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion after the presentation. SFCC Vice President Karen Bronga will present a resolution opposing establishment of a "bus barn" at the Totem Theatre site.

Muldoon Farmers Market extended; third successful season concludes Saturday.

Our East Anchorage farmers market will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this coming Saturday, September 30, at Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive. The market is a non-profit community project by volunteers from Scenic Foothills, Northeast and Russian Jack Community Councils. Next year, the market will move to Muldoon Town Square in Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.

Neighborhood concerns: As always, the Council floor is open to discuss any matters of concern. Earlier in the evening you can ask questions of your Assemblymen, School Board and State representatives. The latter part of the evening is always open to hear any other comments you may wish to make.

Please attend this meeting to help us, through our discussions, make Anchorage a better place to live.

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 1,320 Nextdoor neighbors (30% of households), far more than the number on the SFCC e-mail list and with less than 25% overlap. Many 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.

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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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