

May 7, 2009 Minutes—Scenic Foothills Community Council

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Carte; 17 people attended the meeting.

Motion and second was made to accept April's minutes approved unanimously.

Anchorage Assemblyman Mike Gutierrez reported that the Municipality of Anchorage has a swine flu plan in place with the Center for Disease Control, in the event illness becomes a pandemic, but at this point citizens are encouraged to take normal measures, as with all illnesses: wash hands, cover coughs, and stay home if ill with a fever.

Heather Ireland, reporting for assemblywoman Sheila Selkregg: a public meeting for Long Range Transportation plan will be Monday, May 18, 2009.

U-Med road—extension of Elmore Road cutting through APU/UAA trails. Public meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at the Sports Complex in the works at APU.

Alaska State Representative Harry Crawford reported on 90 days at Juneau. Governor Sarah Palin is vetoing much.

James Street sound barrier [Tudor Road Sound Barrier Wall]—\$178,000 bid to repair damage. Insurance is paying only \$50,000. Roger Shaw said state has responsibility to repair. Harry Crawford recommended community pressure on Governor Sarah Palin to ask Department Of Transportation to make repairs. Roger Shaw drafted a letter to send to DOT.

Kim Leming: 2010 census. Volunteers will be going door to door this summer.

Joe Gallagher from Parks & Recreation: Baxter Bog Park and Alicia Iden Nature Trail—grants requested for bids to develop an elevated overlook for the park.

Jenny Satterfield: speed bump process. Needs 51% of agreement from area. Program on hold until more funding, but get the paperwork in to get on the list. The recent municipal road bond is funding three new speed bumps at three locations in the SFCC area.

Rosemary Austin discussed Far North Bicentennial Park trail improvements plan to be introduced by Parks and Recreation. Portions of the plan will improve well-designed single track trail development. This is a 10–15 year plan. Verbal Public testimony, May 14, 2009, 6 p.m., at Russian Jack Park.

Steller Drive flooding at Chugach Foothills, reported by Ken Post and Carla Jo Fargo. In April 2007, Fort Richardson repaired problem. Flooding repeated in 2008; 15 homes affected. Military and AWWU denied responsibility. Fort Richardson refuses to accept damage and won't allow residents to fix the problem. SFCC to write up a resolution. Send to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Mark Begich, Fort Richardson Post Commander.

Officer elections were held; new members voted unanimously to elect:

President—Mark Hill

Vice President—Catherine Carte

Secretary—Shannon Dunlap

Treasurer—Sue Dabelsteen

Public Observer—Bill Miernyk

Capital Improvements Projects Ranking—to be handled by the Executive Board at a meeting on Thursday, May 14th.

Meeting was adjourned.

(Executive board meeting was held Thursday, May 14, 2009, 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University. Present: Mark Hill, Catherine Carte, Roger Shaw, Bill Miernyk, Steve Million, Lance Pruitt, Shannon Dunlap.)