

Scenic Foothills Community Council Minutes May 6, 2010

Council President Mark Hill called the meeting to order at 7pm; 30 people attended at least part of the meeting; 23 signed in.

President Hill mentioned that Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvement Projects SFCC Priority List (survey) is due back to the municipality by June 1, 2010. On the SFCC website, you can find a link to the CIPs Priority List. <http://www.scenicfoothillsgcc.org/projects/cips.html>

President Hill said the SFCC has decided to adjourn meetings until September, but request volunteers throughout the summer months to increase awareness and involvement in SFCC, such as the Summer Door-to-Door Invitations to our Neighbors.

Public Observer Bill Miernyk had no comments regarding community issues.

Publicity Chair Jerrienne Lowther informed SFCC of the citywide clean up occurring May 1-8 as well as Spruce Up Muldoon efforts. Saturday, May 8, at Wayland Baptist University orange bags will be available for cleanup and can be dropped off for disposal. Unneeded free dump passes (mailed with property tax bills) to assist in disposing of roadside litter later. Safety vests are available for volunteers for citywide clean up.

Beautification efforts begin with Planting Day, 1-4 p.m. on June 5 at Pioneer Drive median flower bed, also in Chugach Foothills Park, and the Tudor Road and Muldoon flower beds. Volunteers are needed and can contact Michele Pamer (333-5334) or [sign up](#) on the web site.

FCC Advisor Lynda Billmyer reported on recent FCC meeting. Presentation by Anchorage Economic Development was done offering information for business and relocation opportunities. www.anchorageprospector.com Dick Traini is looking for Community Council flags for assembly. FCC Community Activist Officer Welch moves forward with Neighborhood Watch program. Advisor Billmyer will attend Neighborhoods USA in Little Rock, Arkansas, and informed council of Neighborhoods USA conference in Anchorage 2011.

Treasurer Lance Pruitt reported on SFCC finances. Pruitt states approximately \$400 is in council account and wants to be sure all spending and receiving is accounted for. Pruitt also mentions that donations money or supplies (i.e. flowers) can be tax deductible if accounted for correctly. SFCC is looking for fundraising opportunities.

Committee Reports

Edu/Schools Gunderson was unable to attend May meeting.

Parks: Michele Pamer

At the April meeting, Roger Shaw requested a review of the March minutes due to an incomplete resolution in regard to security cameras and motion detectors at three parks in SFCC. The missing portion of the resolution should have read:

“Now therefore be it resolved that the SFCC reiterates the high priority and officially requests of the State of Alaska’s funding for these parks’ security camera projects and motion detector lights.”

The resolution was approved by the Scenic Foothills Community Council in March. The amendment was approved unanimously by SFCC this 6th day of May 2010.

Pamer reported that Chugach Foothills resolution was approved by legislature, but awaits the approval of Governor Parnell. Pamer said adding motion detector lights and security cameras for Little Dipper and Scenic Park will be in next year’s CIP.

Pamer said she believed there had been a new arson incident in Chugach Foothills Park; a cleanup volunteer found three burnt statues. Parks and Recreation will provide an ash bin for this park. Pamer requested appreciation be shown to local businesses Kaladi Brother Coffee Co., Carrs/Safeway, and McDonald’s for coupon donations for cleanup drawings.

Pamer requested council’s permission for temporary Frisbee golf installation at Chugach Foothills Park; no motion was made for Frisbee golf installation. Pamer also requested donated hoses for watering and maintenance needs this summer.

Attendee Roger Shaw suggested starting to plan at the beginning of calendar year for the Parks meeting for Rasmuson Grants, projects under \$40K. Pamer said In Kind donations, skilled labor @ \$70/hr and common labor at \$20.25/hr qualify for matching funds.

Attendee wanted to know when summer picnic would occur. President Hill said sometime in the summer months. Roger Shaw said Alicia Iden Trail dedication/Chili Feed in the Baxter Bog Park was tentatively set for June 25th. He said they would like to have it on the birthday of Alicia Iden, for whom the trail is named, but the work may not be completed by then.

Public Safety: Assemblyman Paul Honeman mentioned assembly meeting for stakeholders and interested parties in public safety. He said mid to late June the community patrol would be reactivated; Senator Bettye Davis applied for \$13,500 in CIPs that must be approved by the governor. Honeman said the first Alaska Mobile Radio (AMR) is available. The \$13.5K will be used for training, uniforms, and a community patrol academy.

Honeman reported on recent deaths, two at the hands of police and six others. One death involved domestic violence on the south side of town.

Honeman requested SFCC support for early 2011 police academy involving \$200K preparation funds that was vetoed by Mayor. He suggested making phone calls and sending e-mails or letters to your assembly representative to support a 2011 academy and each community council proposing a resolution in favor of the academy.

Honeman reported no significant news from Fire Department, just encouraged attendees to be watchful of hot and dry areas across the Anchorage bowl.

Attendee William Theuer moved to pass a resolution in support of Honeman's request to support an early 2010 police academy and potentially override the Mayor's veto. Motion seconded. 20 voted in Favor; 2 Opposed; 1 Abstained. Motion passed.

AK State Legislation

Representative Harry Crawford mentioned that 32nd Avenue will see improvements June 2011 for built up sidewalks on the north side, storm drainage on south side, asphalt pothole patches, frost heave prevention, and zoning for junk cars.

Rep. Crawford shared thanks for his 10 years serving the community and a good legislation session. Crawford shared in many of the CIPs that were secured during the legislative session.

Don Burrell, Jr. (representing Senator Bettye Davis) also mentioned success of legislative session and its inclusion of schools, DeBarr Road, Denali Kidcare, Medicaid, Nurse Oversight, and Security Cameras/Motion Detectors for CIP that were approved.

Rep. Crawford said the Alcohol ID is required for people with three time misdemeanor and the package stores have said they would ID voluntarily.

Old Business

President Hill said Chugach Foothills is not experiencing flooding this year so it will wait until next year to be addressed. President Hill said Foothills Storage has plans for a building. Attendee wanted to know if they were still planning on having Muldoon Road access to their property. President Hill said that was still in the plans but the SFCC would find a win/win for Storage owners and SFCC. President Hill reported on Totem Theater plans for becoming a discount theater when the new theater opens.

New Business

Tyler Robinson, MOA Planning Supervisor: Anchorage 2020/Eastside District Plan. Robinson displayed the Land Use Policy Map including major development areas, town centers, continued commercial development and transit lines. Robinson discussed specific district planning for East Anchorage will begin August 2010.

Attendee Jerriane Lowther asked what happened to the work done a year ago for parks for a five year plan. Robinson responded that the strategic planning for parks didn't fare well with Parks and Recreation Department cuts and Suzanne Little could answer that question better.

Attendee Roger Shaw wanted to know if funding originally planned for 2020 is in 2011 budget. Robinson anticipated a shortfall in funds and encouraged getting involved so people can see the value in planning.

Don Burrell, Jr. asked if East Anchorage Planning was the only district being put on hold. Robinson responded that planning is dependent on unique issues.

Heritage Land Bank: Bill Mehner, Director: Mehner explained what HLB is and what he does.

Attendee Don Burrell, Jr. asked what lands HLB maintain in SFCC areas. Mehner responded that HLB does not include parks. HLB manages Muldoon Greenhouse Land, Tudor Strip, and Bicentennial Park.

Attendee Roger Shaw asked if HLB looks for land for schools. Mehner responded that once HLB obtains land for schools it is held in the School Land Bank.

Rep. Crawford asked if the south side of Chugach Foothills intended for a continuation of Tudor is managed or owned by HLB. Mehner responded that it is an easement controlled by the state for utilities.

Pres. Hill asked if HLB plays any role in drainage problems due to wetlands. Mehner discussed the importance of wetlands for filtration. He said the Corps of Engineers is not responsible for problems that developed the land, referring to Scenic View area. Michele Pamer wanted to know who to contact in regard to trash removal in the area. Mehner said code enforcement department and Robinson said Tudor is state owed so contact Alaska DOT. President Hill mentioned that Northrim Bank is holding a meeting for the landowners and Mehner said the meeting is motivated by the Corps of Engineers. Pruitt mentioned having a file for the land.

Solid Waste Services: Donna Mears, Recycling Coordinator, talked about automated trash collections coming to the SFCC area. Attendee Roger Shaw asked if this is a mandatory service and Mears responded that it would be a required service in the Solid Waste Service area; areas served by Alaska Waste are not included.

SFCC Officer Elections: Bill Miernyk Nominating Committee Chair offered a Motion to elect President Mark Hill, Vice President Cathy Carte, Secretary Brynn Moe, Treasurer Lance Pruitt, Public Observer Bill Miernyk, and Publicity Chair Jerriane Lowther. The nominees were unanimously elected to the positions.

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. Meeting adjourned.