

Scenic Foothills Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 3, 2012

**Call to Order:** President 7:02pm, April minutes were unanimously approved.

**Bartlett High School Turf Fields Briefing. Principal Daniel Gallego:** The current ski/running trails are owned by ASD and MOA and maintained by the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage. The current track and football field need upgrades along with bleachers for observers of sporting events. The community needs a grant in order to install a baseball, soccer, and football field in the open field. One attendee commented that an open field is ideal for PE educational programs and subdivided the field into different sport usage would hinder the Bartlett PE program. One attendee also encouraged the community council to move the north boundary fence to provide for more turf field space. Jim Burkholder, NSAA member, shared concern that ski trails be maintained and usable for future skiing generations. Burkholder also stated that a ski groomer's rototiller-like blades can tear up Astroturf, thus ruining the turf. Gallego encouraged all community members to become involved in the planning process for the turf at Bartlett High School. In order for turf construction to begin, the legislature funded \$3.5 million for this project.

**MOA Assemblyman, Adam Trombley:** Trombley's assembly aide reported Trombley is working with Mayor Sullivan on the Chester Creek realignment. An independent law firm is preparing a report on the April 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Trombley's aide reported revenue from the state to provide property tax relief in Anchorage. Roger Shaw expressed concern that Trombley had not asked the mayor for a time extension for the grant for the Chester Creek realignment. Shaw shared concern that the manner in which the additional state money was applied by the Municipality will lower the Tax Cap and probably require future reductions in municipal services.

Scenic Foothills resident Fran Gregorin brought to SFCC attention **Baltazar's Tire Shop** and his recent purchase of the XXX Video store. Gregorin would like the community to be aware of the properties Baltazar owns and the "eyesore" they have become to the surrounding neighborhood.

**SFCC Elections for 2012-2013 Season:**

President: Alex Monterrosa

Vice President: Roger Shaw

Secretary: Brynn Moe

Treasurer: Harry Crawford

Public Observer: Bill Miernyk

Publicity/Communications: Jerrienne Lowther

**Representative Lance Pruitt Legislative Report:** Pruitt reports that 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Cherry Street upgrades should be out to bid this summer. UMED district will see upgrades to residential streets, drainage, and high driveways. Baxter Road improvements will be completed next year. Pruitt also reported improvement projects for Fire Station 14, Northern Lights Boulevard resurfacing, Bartlett High School Turf Field, Scenic Park, Little Dipper Park, training for teacher safety, ASD music equipment, community council funds, YMCA of Alaska, and Muldoon Interchange. Oil and Gas projects were taken off the agenda because the legislature could not reach an agreement. Crawford expressed concern that the Totem Ball Fields were not included in Pruitt's project list. Pruitt expressed spending time on the Totem Ball Fields project and concluded that ASD is not interested in the soccer fields nor are the soccer associations. The project would have to be completely rewritten due to changes over the years with parking and number of soccer fields. Pruitt is teaming up with Mayor Sullivan for the Muldoon Park Strip.

**Senator Bettye Davis Legislative Report:** Senator Davis reports that she fully supports the operating and capital budget. Davis worked on Senate bills that would provide training for teachers on suicide prevention, a change in foster care policy to provide money for college until a child is 21 years of age, and expansion of Denali Kid Care coverage.

**MOA Assemblyman Paul Honeman:** Honeman expressed continued concern for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Honeman reports a new fire chief for fire department, a new port director, and new head librarian. After the first quarter budget revision, MOA is \$.5 Million under the budget cap. APD is preparing for a police academy for spring 2013.

**East Anchorage District Plan (EADP), Roger Shaw:** EADP meeting will be held May 22 at 6pm at Begich Middle School. Shaw encourages SFCC members to fill out CIP priority list in the next few weeks.

**Communications, Jerrienne Lowther:** School Based Health Clinic at Begich Middle School is on hold until ASD has its new superintendent and newly elected school board members in place. SFCC has a web site and is on Facebook. Lowther encourages community members to send comments to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed Chester Creek realignment.

**Treasurer Harry Crawford:** Checking account balance: \$326.45. Saving account balance: \$530.60.

**Scenic Foothills Community Patrol, Will Theuer:** SFCP meets the first Friday of every month at the DeBarr Road Denny's at 6pm.

**Parks Chair Michele Pamer:** Parks is looking for a new chair; Pamer will offer guidance to the new chair. Citywide clean up will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are needed to man tables at Begich Middle School, Baxter Elementary, and Chugach Foothills Park. See SFCC website for upcoming flower planting dates. Volunteers are also needed for SFCC summer picnic. Anchorage Parks Foundation has about \$20K left from the lights and cameras security (pilot) project that perhaps could be repurposed for special handicap-accessible playground equipment for Chugach Foothills Park.

**Education/School Chair Alex Monterrosa:** Monterrosa shared letters from Baxter Elementary students thanking SFCC for their work in the community. Monterrosa would like to see next year's Education/School chair attend PTA meetings at local schools and have students come and make presentations at SFCC meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:04pm