

Scenic Foothills Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2012

Call to Order: Treasurer Harry Crawford 7:14pm. October minutes unanimously approved. Crawford introduced executive board.

Personal Initiative for Neighborhood Change: Jerrienne Lowther, Publicity Chair, discussed how the SFCC web site was created to make information easily available to our community. The web site shares the existence of SFCC and local event information with the community. The I Love Muldoon website [blog](#) and [calendar of events](#) covers ongoing community events for all of the Muldoon and Scenic Foothills area. Also, [SFCC](#) and [I Love Muldoon](#) are now on Facebook to help reach the younger generation.

Foothills Storage Facility Update: Joel Fuller said Foothills Storage has completed its first phase storage building. The second phase has been delayed due to expensive drainage issues. The second phase will include retail space along Muldoon Road. O'Brady's Restaurant will not be filling a portion of the retail space. Fuller expects to have a permit for the second phase by June 2013 in order to begin construction. The second phase will require twice as much parking for the retail units. Fuller says they have had no success with DOT on securing a right hand turning lane off Muldoon Road onto East 36th Avenue. Mark Hill asked when Foothills Storage estimates progression of construction phases. Fuller said they hope to build the second phase in 2013 and the third phase/additional storage facility would be constructed two years later. Paul Honeman expressed gratitude for Foothills Storage's progress. Harry Crawford asked how long the fence along Muldoon Road would be in place. Fuller said the southern 250 feet of the fence will be removed with the retail construction and the remaining northern 100 feet will remain for some time.

Municipal Budget: Assemblyman Paul Honeman updated SFCC on current budget discussions. The Assembly is working on Budget B plan which would leave an \$18 million deficit. Honeman expressed concerns for cuts to AFD's Eagle River Truck 11 and possibly cuts to Trucks 9 and 10, which allow firemen access to winding roads in the Eagle River area. If, after the first quarter, funds run low, cuts may also be made to East Anchorage Stations 6 and 14. Honeman said Alaska Youth Court is asking for \$200,000 in funding. Roger Shaw expressed concerns about eliminating vacant positions leaving services cut in Anchorage. Honeman said surplus funds from these vacant positions do ultimately result in a reduction of services.

Assembly Redistricting: Assemblyman Paul Honeman discussed the Assembly's plan to redistrict Assembly representation in Anchorage. The Council expressed concern for a redistricting option that would leave SFCC being represented by only one assemblyman. Honeman expressed three concerns, including needing public input for changing district lines, concern for April's mishandled election and nonpartisan representation.

Education: School Board member Kathleen Plunkett discussed the [Anchorage School District Destination 2020 Plan](#) to attain 90% proficiency in reading, writing and math, as well as a 90% graduation and attendance rate by the year 2020. ASD has partnered with United Way and are continuing to move efforts forward. Schools in East Anchorage are seeing a slight improvement. Plunkett encouraged SFCC members to attend ASD budget meetings scheduled for November 5th and 15th. ASD's legislative priorities include financial stability and curriculum updates.

East Anchorage District Plan: Roger Shaw encouraged community members to attend a public workshop on the [East Anchorage District Plan](#) at 6 p.m. November 14th at Begich Middle School.

Emergency Watch: Mark Hill discussed Emergency Watch and a smaller scale community patrol that serves as eyes and ears for a neighborhood. Hill encouraged members to attend the upcoming Brown Bag Lunch on Severe Weather Emergency Planning at 12 p.m. Friday, November 2, at the BP Energy Center. Hill also shared that volunteers gave more than 800 hours from June through October to remove more than 400 dead and downed trees from Arnold L. Muldoon Park for wildfire mitigation and trail safety.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.