

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council

September 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roger Shaw, who clarified his role as Acting President. Former president Alex Monterrosa has officially stepped down. The Anchorage Assembly's default bylaws are in play until new, conforming bylaws can be adopted. New proposed bylaws will be introduced at the next meeting, discussed the following month. If we find new officer candidates, an election to fill vacancies will be held at the next meeting.

The May meeting minutes were approved as written.

## **Municipality of Anchorage Report – Pete Petersen, Assemblyman:**

The Assembly voted on AO 37 ordinance and it will be on the November ballot. They formed a new committee to deal with alcohol and substance abuse in Anchorage. Meeting on the first Thursday of every month.

Assembly is working on budget. He is on budget committee. There was a surplus last year, but officials are thinking there might be a shortfall for this year. Mr. Peterson informed us that hotel tax is up, tourism is up, and house sales are up. He is hoping this means there will not be a deficit.

Many road projects are behind due to wet summer. Pioneer project will get mostly finished by October. Question about Baxter Bog road area and the finish date estimate.

## **Legislative Report – Rep. Lance Pruitt:**

Baxter/Apollo area roads are part of one bid. They will continue this project next year. Northern Lights road work is happening at night to help with the interference of traffic.

Bartlett had their first varsity football game on their new facility. It is a great asset for our side of town. Bartlett made \$120,000 for their scoreboard. Booster club members stepped up to show their dedication.

Reviewed some of the meetings he is involved in, including Judiciary committee. Looking at sentencing and the cost of incarceration.

Be a part of the process for the Muldoon overpass remodel to get your input into design.

## **School Board Report – Kathleen Plunkett:**

There is a timeline on budget.

Meetings will be held about 6th graders in Middle School vs. Elementary School.

There had been 20 schools with free and reduced lunch, mostly on East side. Added schools to include East High School, Begich Middle School and Bartlett High School.

Working on discipline policy and drug and alcohol suspensions.

Questions about English as a Second Language (ESL) students' impact on classrooms and whether there are ways to transition them into the classroom.

Question about Bartlett students crossing the Muldoon overpass on their way to school instead of the pedestrian path.

### **FCC Report – Mark Hill:**

- We are working with default community council bylaws
- Education – will have to cut programs, bring your own device (BYOD), cut medical costs; buses are free to East (to increase attendance and allow students to participate in after school programs)
- Alaska railroad land issues for those encroaching on their property.
- Alaska waste is going to increase rates for trash pickup
- Free food for all kids takes the stigma from receiving free food. What kind of message are we sending to parents about being responsible for seeing that their children have meals?
- Totem Theater – still has no plan on a change, unless property values go up.
- Foothills Storage – old office removed, drainage, and landscaping added. Looking for another vendor for the property.

### **Old Business:**

Pioneer Drive project: Brian Crewdson gave an update; they are pouring sidewalks, expect to pave next week. Will stripe later but lines need to be ground down and material is put into the grooves. Planning on top soiling. New planter going in with a park sign. Irises to be replanted there. Sub-drain system installed almost all the way to the median. Parking lot for 25 cars.

Resurrection Drive AWWU project: John Rescobar reported that there were challenges with the project but that it is now complete. Michele Pamer reported that a Resurrection Drive celebration party will be held 9/7/14.

Eagle Scout Project of a viewing platform at Little Dipper Park: Brain Durr reported 164 hours put in. Still need a bench and railing. Expect to be finished by the end of the month.

### **New Business:**

East Anchorage District Plan (EADP) has been amended by Planning and Zoning and they will transmit the amended EADP to the Assembly 9/8/14,.

The SFCC proposed bylaws will be looked through at the October meeting with discussion and voting scheduled for the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.