

Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council

November 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Harry Crawford. The October 2 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Bylaws Revisions

Discussion of the [draft bylaws](#) has been postponed until January 8 meeting.

Alaska Legislative Report

Representative Lance Pruitt was in an organizing meeting and unable to attend.

State Senator Cathy Giessel will chair the Senate Resource Committee again. She will hold town hall meetings. She was asked by council members in attendance:

- to keep school funding in the forefront
- about health care issues
- to keep Pleasant Valley road improvements moving forward

Alaska Highway Project:

Jean Pollard, Anchorage School District Coordinator and artists Shayla Dobson and Jim Dault, designers of the Anchorage Veterans Memorial, presented plans for installing a monument in Centennial Park, “dedicated to the African-American Army Engineers who built the historic Alaska Highway during World War II.” Anchorage School District is going to add information about Alaska Highway construction in Alaska studies curriculum.

The memorial will include bronze statues of three soldiers looking north toward the highway, a flag pole, plus photos of the soldiers. They are working with the Parks Commission for land use at Centennial Park. They will present to the Commission Thursday, November 13, 2014.

The project would cost \$250,000. They are having a special event at the Loussac Library to start off funding Friday, November 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They feel that veterans will be eager to contribute to the project. They hope to complete the project for the anniversary in 2017. Project Leaders are asking for a resolution of support from our community council.

After some discussion, a motion for a letter of support was brought forth and seconded. The motion passed.

Anchorage School Board Report:

Kathleen Plunkett was attending a conference and was unable to meet with us in November.

Municipality of Anchorage Report:

Pete Petersen and Paul Honeman, Anchorage Assembly: East Anchorage District Plan is out. A public hearing will be held December 2nd. They are hoping for people from community councils to testify and hoping for eight votes to pass it. They're in the middle of the budget hearings and hoping to pass a budget before December 10th.

The Assembly is in the midst of rewriting the towing ordinance for Anchorage. Dick Traini is writing a "Bill of Rights" for someone who finds their vehicle is being towed.

UBER is a ride-sharing group that operates like a taxi. They are having work sessions to figure out regulations for this service.

They have voted to postpone discussion on the Chugach State Park Access Plan until March. There is a lot of feedback that they are looking over.

School bonds. Schools are not bonding for more than they are paying off. April will be election for Mayor, school bonds, and school board positions.

Reports by SFCC Council Board:

Jerrienne Lowther said she is concerned with the [draft bylaws](#) language and wants to work to make them more user friendly. She is looking for volunteers. One volunteer, Michael Pankion, stepped forward.

She reminded us that there are still open seats for community council officers for the current term and made a plea for people to step forward.

Jerrienne said she is working with members of Northeast Community Council to look into the possibility of forming a Muldoon Chamber of Commerce and possibly getting a Farmers' Market on our side of town.

She also explained that under the new, required bylaws we need a physical address for each member to show they are eligible to vote on Council business.

Public Comments and Neighborhood Concerns:

We heard concerns about vandalism and wanting a community patrol. The sign at the back entrance to Chugach Foothills Park on Pioneer Drive was vandalized and has been removed.

Questions were asked about the Foothills Storage property status.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.