

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council

January 7, 2016

**Meeting called to order** at 7:03 p.m. by President Mark Hill. December Minutes approved.

**Senator Cathy Giessel's office** / Akis Gialopsos: office is relocating to Juneau for legislative session.

**Rep. Lance Pruitt:** Office relocating to Juneau. DNR / natural gas pipeline tried starting early on it but that didn't work. Commerce: budget issues continue. Probably will take a while.

**Paul Honeman:** absent, texted; he's working on marijuana regulations and lots to say about that next month.

**Pete Petersen** / David Dunsmore, aide: Street Maintenance list with proposed list for speed humps is available. Mayor wants buy-in from the community councils before adding speed humps to communities. Deadline for it you want something – if you want them, make sure you get that information back ASAP. Pioneer Drive has issues with speeders – please relay to Pete. Cell tower permitting rules – lots of controversy. Pete is chairing a sub-committee for cell towers. Planning and Zoning will take public testimony. Stealth towers are the new big thing. FCC has rules that pre-empt local rules. Proposed draft for cell towers coming.

**Pat Higgins** School Board update: Bond rating decrease will affect our bonds in the future – this isn't good. Presentation from community group for Montessori and other option schools programs – there is a need and it's brewing out there. Buses: \$2 million more in costs for buses and new contract. Start time might change for schools because it could save a lot of money. Budget information will be coming out shortly – come talk to school board members because it's more effective during the formation stages. Roofs and heating systems need to be updated / timing issues. Academic outcomes are down but graduation has gone up. School Superintendent: three stages of questions. Everything will start February 2016 then with feedback to the public. **Karen Bronga:** Survey arrived that said not to send out. Now it's on a second phase. Did the public get it? Yes. Merging of people mover with buses? Hmm. Might be beneficial. **Harry Crawford:** putting kids on the People Mover would increase ridership on public transportation and beef up riders on the public system.

**SFCC Bylaws changes for review/approval** – Mark Hill. Has taken almost a year to finish this up with MOA. Can talk about it tonight but not vote until next meeting. Article 8: voting changes regarding requirements to vote. Article 10: officers / changes regarding qualifications. Treasurer change regarding quarterly reporting.

**Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map update** – Mark Hill. We are in the process, completed, submitted to Planning and Zoning, Assembly, then we'll look at it again. Need a new map because the old one is 30+ years old. New Title XXI land use reflection. New district plans / neighborhood plans. Late December draft. Planning and Zoning; summer 2016: Assembly.

**UACC Annexation Survey update** – Jerriane Lowther. Reflection Lake Area – are they more connected to SFCC than UACC? Would this be a good idea? Residents received survey: one weighted question. Seven responses received. Postal mailing – exactly the same with a few more responses. Responses to date: 25. Came out about even – so it was a wash. Obviously not a hot issue. Asked for answer expansion and she did get some more information: trails between Scenic Foothills and University area access. Differences between middle and high school: how much are the schools involved? SFCC has the largest Community Council email list in the city. We use more social media than UACC does. Coalition between NE, SF, Basher & UA / Muldoon Chamber of Commerce. Probably fine to keep it the way it is. Schools and marijuana were the most obvious concerns.

Starr Marsett wants to talk to her Reflection Lake neighbors. Rep. Max Gruenberg wants to walk around, too. Things are fine either way.

**Muldoon Town Square Park Master Plan** Support Request – Steven Rafuse, MOA Chief Parks Planner. Draft Master Plan provided. The whole 20-year plan, to be developed in phases, would cost a few million dollars. \$1 million Legislative grant funding expires in June 2016. We have \$1.5 million total in state grant funding but the money could go away ... no knowing when the next part of money comes through. A huge community asset to get the front part developed now. Voting form: Resolution of the Scenic Foothills Community Council in Support of the Muldoon Town Square Park Master Plan. [Resolution 2016-02](#) unanimously approved!

**Scenic Park Playground Naming Proposal and Resolution** – Mark Hill. Catherine Carte [former Scenic Foothills Community Council president] did a lot in the time that she was involved in programs and activities for kids and parks. She was involved in park upgrades. Helped with Little Dipper, Chugach Foothills and especially the new playground installed at Scenic Park. Cathy isn't here – she has a big fight right now. To pay tribute to her, this resolution is written to propose the Scenic Park playground be renamed in her honor. We can move this through as a Council together. [Resolution 2016-01](#) approved unanimously.

**Proposed Anchorage Municipal Code on Marijuana, timetable and Community Council role** – Mark Hill. Applications for licensing begin February 24, 2016. We have two roles to play: seeking to obtain license; conditional land use permit. They need to provide the community with meeting / open forum. Permitting people can form their own committees – Assembly Chairman Dick Traini said we need to have a standing committee, or it must be in our bylaws giving authority to the board to act on applications. Publish that we meet every month of the year – except summers – unless we have applications to deal with. There are four parcels of land that could go on the market. Chugach Square (South Central Foundation) and LDS church property are probably safe. Cultivation/growing/manufacturing/food products; testing facility; retail stores. Each has its own requirements – similar to liquor licenses. 21-Day notice. In motion. Public and organization input is upcoming. Alaska Marijuana Industry is ready to start building. Ordinance shows details – look those up re: cultivation.

#### **Public Concerns:**

**FCC liaison** – Forrest Dunbar is running for Assembly so he cannot be our FCC representative now. Anybody interested?

**Basher Community Council** has gotten a federal grant for their trail alongside Campbell Airstrip Road. Pete and Paul: project may also get money from road bonds so they can start fixing road and building the trail soon.

9:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.