

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – May 5, 2016

Call to Order: President Mark Hill. April Minutes approved.

Alaska Legislature was still in session – no reports.

**Assemblyman Pete Petersen:** AMATS awarded \$524,000 (Federal funds) for Chugach Foothills Connector to construct a multi-use path between Regal Mountain Drive and Campbell Airstrip Road near the curve on Tudor Road. Extremely fortunate – otherwise another three years before applying. Naming panel – legal process must be followed to name playground in Scenic Park for Catherine Carte; final approval should happen on June 7th. \$425,000 is going to try to reduce homelessness in three year plan: 100 homeless per year x3 years = 300 homeless off the streets = great reduction of numbers in parks and all over Anchorage. Two new ambulances are in service now = increased response time and reduction in overtime. MOA designated \$83,000 for a Fire Inspector.

**Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar** [dunbar.forrest@muni.org](mailto:dunbar.forrest@muni.org) and [dunbar.assemblyaide@muni.org](mailto:dunbar.assemblyaide@muni.org) (Mark). Beluga Gas Field with Chugach Electric to purchase the other 1/3 of the field. Saved \$600K in one week because Muni didn't need to borrow money. Last gas field investment was very successful. Hopefully better return to rate payers. Budget vote: \$15 million "surplus" which isn't really surplus – money isn't there from the State yet: 1/3 to public safely, vote by mail; 1/3 property tax rebate in September; carrying some savings. Mill rate was set – about 1% - couldn't remember exact numbers, it's about 14.5. Writing first ordinance – naming Station 3 for Rep. Max Gruenberg – deceased less than a year means there needs to be an ordinance. Utilities committee meeting today: power plant 2A – North of SCFF – should still come in under budget. Clean up thanks – lots of stuff cleaned up behind Totem Theatre. Yes, Trust fund money from ACS sale is still there. Selling other utilities? No. Utilities are making money and everybody gets good service.

Pat Higgins (Anchorage School Board Liaison): New Superintendent approved. Ed Graff can stay or go. Summer school session issues: use money now or later? So far ANSEP is funded, and some money from middle summer school. All school bonds failed. State is capping education so more shifting to local tax-payers. Due to decreased rating, bonds will cost more next year. Fixing schools: Pay now or Pay Later – Harry Crawford again noted that easy fixes cost more if they don't get taken care of.

Chugach Foothills Drainage Improvements CIP: Overview by HDR Corp's Project Manager – Bill Spencer – the flooding issue is 15,000 years old. Our area was built on an alluvial fan and the old tidewater shoreline is approximately where our houses sit on the east side of Muldoon Road. Bill thinks it's mostly a spring icing issue that comes from around Bulldog Trail. Construction should start around 2017. Alternative designs coming soon. Still needs to go through the public process. [bill.spencer@hdrinc.com](mailto:bill.spencer@hdrinc.com) 644.2087

Muldoon Library presented by Librarian Jim Curran. Open 39 hours per week – days could be changing. They're in that location for at least one more year. Pilot on-line registration projected has started. 5/14 starts their summer reading program.

Kasuun Elementary and Mount Iliamna: ASD is closing JBER school, has \$1 million to add onto Kasuun with Mount Iliamna kids. Why don't they consolidate lower east side census schools and put the Mount Iliamna kids into one of the closed schools?

Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map: Report on Public Presentation 27 April at Begich Middle School, Complete Public Input by June, to Planning & Zoning in June, and to the Assembly in late August – TBD.

Anchorage TALKS TRANSIT PROJECT: Kickoff Event 05 May 6:30pm Anchorage Museum at Rasmussen Center.

Stakeholder Workshop Saturday 07 May 8:30am-12:30pm at Covenant House, 755 A Street.

AO 2016-027 on Guidelines for Neighborhood Responsibility Plans for Councils & marijuana retail-only businesses – this has been approved.

AO 2016-033 on Proposed Title 21 Residential Property Storage Reg Changes. Dying issue – Forrest Dunbar. Dead? Forrest believes it is.

AO 2016-034 on Proposed Title 21 Residential Housing Regulation Changes. Fast Tracking – on hold; John Weddleton will be working on this.

JBER Proposed Construction of Access Trail to Geronimo Drop Zone East of SFCC area: Supplement. Environmental Assessment Status – won't happen for at least 1-2 more years.

Glenn Hwy & Muldoon Interchange. AK DOT&PF & Neeser Construction: 2016–2018 Milestones – construction ends November 2018!

Muldoon Town Square Park Master Plan: 2016 Construction Goals – Jerrienne Lowther – clean up 5/14; possibly more money available for phase 2.

Citywide Portal – Business – Planning: get our name and sign up on here so things arrive to us timely.

AWWU is doing something from Tamir to Patterson soon.

Scenic Park Playground Naming Resolution #5 to change name to align with Parks and Rec: Catherine Carte Playground. 9 Yay. 0 Nay. 0 Abstained.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Submission 2016 due by MAY 31: walked through Muni website, SFCC website and Survey Monkey. Vote!

SFCC Commercial Property Planning: Playing a Role in Choosing the Future Owner of the Totem Theatre – it's for sale for \$8 Million.

SFCC Board Election of three members to two-year terms: Roger Shaw, Jerrienne Lowther and Ted Johnson area also voted on-board – unanimous votes for all three. All three will serve two year terms – through 2018.

2031 meeting adjourned.