

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – November 2, 2017

Call to Order: President Jamie Lang, 7:00 p.m. October Minutes were approved as presented.

## **School Board Report:**

**Tam Agosti-Gisler**, ASD Board President, was unavailable but provided November ASD handouts.

## **Municipality of Anchorage Report:**

**Assemblyman Pete Petersen:** Chanshtnu Muldoon Park playground is open! Ribbon cutting will be in June. There will be an skating ice ribbon in the park this winter.

–Testify on the budget this Tuesday, 11/7/17

–Hearing on a gas tax also Tuesday, 11/7/17. This is meant to offset property taxes.

–Municipality has been reimbursed for money spent on McHugh Creek fire.

–Dick Traini is bringing forward an alcohol tax of 2%. Money would go toward treatment of substance abuse.

–Port of Alaska, Anchorage has had work done to improve security, including security cameras and better lighting.

Neighbors expressed concerns about the speed limit being increased on Campbell Airstrip Road, marijuana enforcement and enforcement of speed limits.

**Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar** was absent due to illness.

## **Baxter Senior Living – J.R. Ward:**

The complex is all Alaskan owned and is being built near the Baxter/Tudor intersection. This will be an assisted living home with apartments, bedrooms, kitchen area and social areas. Assisted living homes have no nurses and the seniors are fairly independent. There will be 116 beds and 1/3 will include memory care. There will be sensors in the walls to track residents with memory issues, so they can be monitored but not hovered over.

Will be the largest assisted living facility in the state. Paradigm will be operating the facility.

<https://baxterseniorliving.com>

## **Chugach Foothills Park Playground Make-Over Presentation – Maeve Nevins-Lavtar, Senior Parks Planner, Anchorage Parks and Recreation:**

Chugach Foothills Park Playground will receive improvements. The money came from the 2017 Parks Bond. \$250,000 will go to making this an inclusive playground. All new playgrounds are meant for all children and caregivers regardless of their mobility. A survey-monkey survey will be on the SFCC website and Nextdoor; 15 questions will ask what we like about the park and what we feel it needs:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChugachPLAY>

Maeve will work with a committee and playground should be in place next summer. Anchorage Park Foundation will help throw a work party.

## **Legislative Report:**

**Representative Lance Pruitt** was in a floor session in Juneau. Dirk Craft from Rep. Pruitt's office discussed SB 54. He said that legislators are going through amendments and Rep. Pruitt had brought two to the floor.

**Senator Cathy Giessel:** Aide Akis Gialopsos reported that the Marijuana Control Board will meet November 14-15 at Denaina Center in the Kahtnu room. The Alaska Board of Game will meet November 11th and 12th. Public testimony is by 10:30 a.m. on November 11.

## **Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Report – Jamie Lang:**

Lots of discussion of onsite marijuana consumption, with worries about this being a foot in the door for return of cigarette smoking to public places.

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

Lots of discussion about crime in the area, especially at the park and what can be done about it. Crime advisory task force may be coming to upcoming meeting.

A question about the status of 8651 Pioneer Drive came up. This house has been reported previously to Code Enforcement and still has seven vehicles parked on the lawn. Two other houses nearby have junk all about their yards and driveways.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: December 7, 2017**