

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – February 1, 2018

Call to Order: Vice President Karen Bronga, 7 p.m. December Minutes were approved as presented.

## **Municipality of Anchorage Report: Assemblymen Pete Petersen and Forrest Dunbar**

Pete Petersen: ML&P on ballot; good deal for both utilities. Additional savings could happen if they find additional gas. Alcohol tax failed to get enough votes and will not be on the ballot. We're planning to use funds to rebuild Clitheroe Center and there would be a place for substance abuse treatment.

Have not heard a single word about the bus barn in a long time.

Green card property valuation in mail recently; if you want to dispute valuation must do so by 2/12.

ML&P proposed sale to Chugach Electric: some employees are worried about losing jobs. Not planning to lay anyone off at this point. Response to question: ML&P, Chugach or RCA could all say no, so the vote is not a one-stop deal. This is permission to move forward on the deal but doesn't guarantee it will happen. Gas prices will fluctuate but sale won't cause rate increases by itself.

Forrest Dunbar attended "soft opening" of Chanshtnu Muldoon Park at Neighborhood Skating Party with the Seawolves on Martin Luther King Day. He described the skating ribbon there as the best thing Parks & Recreation has done in the past five years with hundreds of people attending opening.

## **Legislative Report:**

**Representative Lance Pruitt** called in from Juneau and updated us on organizing session.

## **School Board Report: Tam Agosti-Gisler, ASD Board President**

School Bond worst case analysis under \$6 per \$100,000 assessed valuation. Bonds sold over two years so don't know rates in advance. Monday will lay out budget funding deficit.

Harry Crawford: MLKing Career Center is not remedial. We shouldn't be directing people there as remedial.

Tam: lottery; students can still apply to MLKing Career Center if they don't have a great GPA. Her son took computer classes there and found marvelous opportunities. Even more people will want to go there as an accredited, standalone school. Will get more money from state as an accredited school. Still will enroll 800 in each of two sections per day. Won't reduce enrollment. Formerly funded at half rate but as a fully accredited, standalone school, it will be fully funded, not half funded.

## **Vote By Mail: Carolyn Hall, Anchorage Municipal Clerk's Office**

<http://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

Facility tours, MOA Election Center, 619 East Ship Creek Drive, Suite 100 door D.

Thursday, February 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No regular polling places as previous years. Three ways to cast a ballot:

1. By mail
2. Use one of 12 drop boxes
3. Cast your ballot at one of four vote centers

USPS informed delivery – daily e-mails, scanned images will let you know when ballot is delivered to your mailbox if you sign up for the service at your post office (or online).

## **Recover Alaska: Tiffany Hall**

<http://recoveralaska.org>

211 pilot program, alcohol, mental health, getting people connected to services.

Senate Bill 76 regarding alcohol, Title 4, in process over six years. Regulates online sales of alcohol. Alaska is the only state that does not regulate online sales. People can order wine, beer, (spirits?). License would help regulate it so no underage sales deliveries, etc.

[https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/ABC/AlcoholStatutesRegulations/Title4Review\\_SB76\\_1Page\\_3-6-17.pdf](https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/ABC/AlcoholStatutesRegulations/Title4Review_SB76_1Page_3-6-17.pdf)

Keg tag says who keg was sold to. ABC can't effectively do their job because they don't have the resources. Raising license fee would provide more resources.

## **Neighborhood Concerns:**

David Nees, school board candidate, spoke about his candidacy.

Scenic Park Elementary School looking for volunteers for skating 11:15-1:30 Tuesdays, Thursdays.

Harry Crawford, Chugach Electric Board Member: There are good reasons for ML&P sale to go through. Tried to do merger but couldn't make public-private merger work without an acquisition. Will acquire debt. Chugach is a non-profit cooperative and can save \$millions right there because they can borrow money much cheaper. One control center instead of two, but no lay-offs; work force is growing older and retirement will reduce the staff without layoffs. Some transmission lines duplicated that can be consolidated. One utility is more efficient than two. Chugach will retire older, more costly units so it will be more efficient. Beluga units have operated until past their useful life. It should bring cheaper rates and a reduction in property taxes. Everything so far is projection.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting: March 1, 2018**