

# Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – May 4, 2017

Call to Order: President Roger Shaw, 7:05 p.m. April Minutes were approved as presented.

**Legislative Report (Skype call with Rep. Lance Pruitt in 108th day of legislative session in Juneau.)**

## **Municipality of Anchorage Report:**

**Pete Petersen:** Six new Assembly members after April municipal election. Youth representative member decision will happen this coming Tuesday. Spring clean-up this weekend. Dump in Eagle River will be free for covered loads. Assembly voted last meeting on first quarter budget adjustments. Lawsuit with Eklutna for \$25 million – wanted 50% and they decided to settle for \$5 million, rather than risk losing \$25M. Taxes will go up for all home owners. There is a \$300,000 storm water utilities study due to flooding, drainage, etc. Looking at that. Harry Crawford: ML&P and Chugach are working together on some projects. The Assembly doesn't know anything about it. Mark Johnston, ML&P General Manager, knows (hopefully) about it. SAP software: another \$4 million – now over \$70 million! Still doesn't work but it was too much money to start all over.

**Forrest Dunbar:** Clean-ups are going on. Dick Traini is now Assembly Chair. Relationship with Juneau is changing, not much of a capital budget. Now asking to change policies, rather than for monies. This will likely cause more active year-round activity. Repeal failed for taxis so selling more taxi permits, they'll find out how many they sold at the next meeting. Budget revision has been the major work. New Title 21: Tank farm at the port has a 1,000 foot setback in Government Hill neighborhood – need to write an exception for GH, and GH is not happy about this exception – they strongly oppose additional tanks. Questions: People Mover routes and shelters – certain community councils do not want shelters because homeless people sleep in the shelters. When does port construction start again? Unknown. Still making requests to Juneau for money. Lots of silt issues. [Suing MARAD](#) right now for shoddy work. Will there be user fee changes? Unknown. Some companies might stop coming into the port. Prices will get jacked up. Citywide Clean-Up: huge amounts of litter! Much of this trash is blowing out of trash trucks. Harry Crawford: Send Forrest a message about this.

**School Board Report (No School Board or Anchorage School District representatives were there to report.)**

## **Municipal Code Enforcement:**

**Ben Cogger** is here to give us an overview of the process, updates, etc. [File complaints online here](#). It's not anonymous: name and phone number, good description of the complaint, etc. required. Basic cases: junk vehicles, household garbage, trash, clear vision triangle / fences or shrubs on corners, construction without permits, home occupations, landscaping violations, cannabis business stuff, signs, zoning inspections, new construction within the city, towing and enforcing for the city, child care facilities, dog kennels, etc. Enforce at the lowest level possible first, then move up from there. Lots of frequent fliers – call them often. If no phone contact, friendly letter. Code Enforcement sends certified mail letter to fix it; they have two weeks to fix it. If no action, goes to citation, \$300 per day! Even with the fine, the problem does not go away – they cannot go onto the property to get the problem fixed. Business cards left for us, feeding bears fines, door hangers left, as well. Currently, they have seven officers to work from Knik to Portage and everything in between. Each officer runs about 40 cases at a time; Ben had more than 400 in 2016. Budget cuts have hit everybody's department, including theirs. <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/development/BSD/Pages/CodeEnforcement.aspx>

**Recreational opportunities on JBER:** nobody showed up from JBER so we had an informal discussion. You absolutely do need a pass, must sign in, etc. <https://jber.isportsman.net/> There are significant fines if you're caught out there without signing in.

**Far North Bicentennial Park:** Map of Trails of FNBP printed out by Roger <http://www.trailsofanorage.com/Maps/FNBPTailMap.pdf> . There is a Far North Bicentennial Park user group that meets periodically. Is there a trail connector to Tudor Road? Yes. Multiple trails were discussed, including wetlands issue permits, etc. Trails will be gravel, not paved. BLM land grants. Campbell Airstrip Road improvements – \$3.2 million costs.

**Northeast Community Council** is having a fundraiser for Muldoon Town Square Park – at the Alaska Native Heritage Center – May 19<sup>th</sup>. Found details here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1425551217466512/?notif\\_t=event\\_calendar\\_create&notif\\_id=1494004639513952](https://www.facebook.com/events/1425551217466512/?notif_t=event_calendar_create&notif_id=1494004639513952)

**Scenic Foothills Community Council Capital Improvement Projects:** CIP list: it's on front of the May newsletter. Take the survey! Very little money is available now, but it's good for future planning and applying for grants.

**Baxter Bog:** doing great – some firewood cutting might be good. Lots of litter by the picnic area. Mark Hill has been trying to cut some of the downed wood, but local people are not interested in helping. Another park that might need some work was discussed. Shout out to the Parks and Recreation staff for bringing out the trash cans and posting signs at Klutina.

**Scenic Foothills Community Council Board elections:** All seats were open except for Roger and Jerrienne, who each have another year on their two-year terms. Nominating committee members: Jerrienne Lowther, Bill Miernyk). Nominations from the floor were opened; none received; nominations were then closed. Elected:

1. Karen Bronga
2. Harry Crawford
3. Jamie Lang
4. Bill Miernyk
5. Melissa Morse

Jerrienne Lowther and Roger Shaw will remain on the board for another year to complete their terms. The SFCC Board will meet later to elect its officers and representatives.

**Next Meeting (after summer recess): September 7, 2017**

**Meeting Adjourned**