

# Scenic Foothills Community Council

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2011

**Call to order:** President Mark Hill 7:00 p.m.

**April Meeting** Minutes approved

President Mark Hill noted that flooding in Chugach Foothills this spring has not been an issue. Vice President Carte said that sump pumps off of Scenic View Drive have been running constantly. Hill suggested issues be brought to the Corps of Engineers. Hill also stated that the walkway bridge connecting James Drive to Scenic View Drive is scheduled to be completed this summer.

### **Foothills Storage**

Arctic Self Storage President Joel Fuller said they have the permits to begin building a two story facility off of Old Muldoon Road. Digging will begin within two weeks and building will be complete by October. Foothills Storage is also planning to build a one story 14,000 sq. ft. retail facility off of East 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Muldoon Road. The wall on the Muldoon side will be removed.

Carte asked about plans for the north side of the property and Fuller responded that they were unsure as of yet. One attendee asked the team about landscaping on the property. Fuller said they plan to spend \$150,000 on trees and grass, creating a 15 ft. barrier on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and an 8 ft. barrier on Muldoon Road. Many attendees expressed a desire for a slow down lane turning off Muldoon road onto 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, creating safer driving conditions around Foothills Storage. Fuller said he is in favor of the turn lane. Carte also stated safety concerns for the right in/right out driveway Foothills Storage placed off of Muldoon. Carte also expressed concern about a liquor store possibly being placed in the retail portion of Foothills Storage. Fuller said he would not turn away tenants but would like help from SFCC in finding suitable tenants. There will be 14 store fronts (8-9 tenants).

### **MOA Assemblyman Adam Trombley**

Trombley discussed recent budget approvals with \$1.2-1.3 Million for workman's compensation, \$20,000 youth court, \$50,000 downtown train repairs, etc. Trombley shared that Federal funds will be used to have a police academy this year. Trombley said he voted no on this year's backyard chickens bill and SFCC members shared Trombley's concern with bears in Anchorage.

Harry Crawford asked Trombley's view on an ordinance requiring liquor stores to ask for ID from all their customers. Trombley said he does not agree with the proposal because it would require all liquor establishments, including restaurants, to ask for ID.

### **SFCC Candidate Forum for 2011-2012 Season**

Open floor for leadership and forum will wait. Joseph Hart has showed interest in Utilities Chair. President Hill asked SFCC to come out this summer to meet our neighbors and collect e-mail addresses and direct the community to the SFCC website.

### **Treasurer Harry Crawford**

SFCC treasury has approximately \$300. A recent deposit was made for community patrol and also used for CP supplies. President Hill suggested SFCC should evaluate the budget to better track funds and their uses.

### **FCC Advisor Linda Billmyer**

Billmyer requested volunteers for the upcoming NUSA conference, May 25-28. Billmyer said registration numbers have been low. Billmyer encouraged participation to showcase Anchorage. SFCC Community Patrol has sponsored Will Theuer to attend. The cost is \$150 for Alaska residents. The Muldoon neighborhood bus tour was canceled but a pictorial tour will be available on the web later.

### **Publicity/Communications Jerrienne Lowther**

Lowther stated that spring cleanup will begin this weekend and bags are available at the meeting. Lowther has virtual tour plans that will showcase Begich Middle School and its wind turbine, Cook Inlet Housing Senior Housing, Alaska Heritage Center,

Shelters in East Anchorage Parks, Bartlett High School, and Joint Base Elemendorf-Richardson. Despite not having a Muldoon Neighborhood tour, SFCC can have a potluck with NECC at a more convenient time and location.

Tentatively, Saturday, June 4, Jerrienne Lowther said a flower planting team will plant flowers in the Pioneer Drive median, Chugach Foothills Park, and in other flower beds in the area.

Lowther said the snail mail list has decreased in size to only 200 names and the e-mail list is at 450 names. Lowther would like to do an area wide mailing in the fall. Suggestions were made to attach an SFCC flyer to Senator Bettye Davis's and Representative Lance Pruitt's district wide mailings after the legislative session ends.

Crawford expressed disgust with litter from garbage trucks across Anchorage. Billmyer suggested calling the truck number in to the waste company when witnessed. Monterrosa said he will pass this information on to Joseph Hart to contact SWS and ASW.

Cathy Carte will be available for clean up and volunteer help on Saturday, May 7 from 10am-2pm at the Chugach Foothills Park off of Pioneer Drive. Wayland Baptist University will have students and staff begin cleaning up along Muldoon Road May 7 at 9 a.m. Lowther suggested taking waste bags to transfer station or Eagle River dump.

### **Edu/Schools & Utilities Chair Alex Monterrosa**

Monterrosa met with Bartlett High School's principal Dan Gallego this past month. Gallego wants to participate with SFCC by allowing SFCC to be an advocate for Bartlett. Gallego said Bartlett is a gateway to the military bases, theater, shopping center, and sports games. Gallego suggested that student council attend an SFCC meeting next year to increase contact with the school. Gallego would like Bartlett's doors to be open to SFCC as well as receive SFCC's newsletter.

Monterrosa also shared that Begich Middle School gained support for a wind turbine project.

For utilities, Monterrosa plans to contact the regulatory commission to provide SFCC with a presentation in the fall on how rates are determined.

Hill suggested Edu/School committee making contact with the new principal at Scenic Park Elementary and address concerns with ASD about US students failing in their civic studies.

### **Parks Michelle Pamer (Absent), Jerrienne Lowther reports**

A Little Dipper Park walk through is scheduled May 23 and reconstruction by volunteers is to be on July 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

### **Community Patrol Will Theuer**

Theuer said during his patrol month he does 40-60 miles, 25-30 hours a month, and covers Tikahtnu Commons to Boniface Parkway typically. He receives radio assistance from Mountain View and Nunaka Valley Patrols. The patrol is geared with lights, flares, cones, safety vests, spotlights, radio scanners and cameras. He plans to attend a webinar sponsored by FEMA on May 10 at 2 p.m. Patrol often monitors suspicious vehicles and helps with inebriated people. Community patrol is an observer not a responder.

President Hill stated he has schedule and time conflicts with his leadership at SFCC and would like to keep participating but said the presidency position will be open. Alex Monterrosa shared appreciation for Hill's work with SFCC and would like to see his continued involvement.

### **Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**