

Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – September 1, 2016

Call to Order: President Roger Shaw. May Minutes approved.

Assemblyman Pete Petersen: reported on municipal budget items, Chugach Foothills Connector Trail, phase 2 is on schedule, probably won't be built next year. He went on homeless camps count, was surprised to see half women in six interviews he witnessed; none were inebriates or drug users, included a mother of two kids down on luck, waiting for PDF to get into housing). 45% reduction rides to sleep off center, suggests that they are making inroads by getting more into housing. Woman whose condo was in a fire had mail interrupted and received her tax assessment too late to appeal taxes for condo greatly reduced in value; 53 people in year with similar problem; he's working to extend appeal time from 60 days to 120 days. Noise ordinance tweaks to make it enforceable; it isn't working for loud car stereos, etc. There are teeth in the ordinance if they can make it enforceable, e.g. after receiving a third ticket MOA can order a stereo removed from a vehicle.

Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar: MOA received six or seven marijuana applications already approved by state, none in east Anchorage, not even in state pipeline. Closest are in midtown. Cell tower ordinance adopted. Pleasant Valley roads a multi-year \$15 million capital improvement bonding project. Muldoon Town Square Park update: delays in permitting; ground-breaking has happened but park won't be ready for use until 2018.

Paul Honeman, security safety director at APD: **Community Patrols** – history of community Patrols. Scenic Foothills' most recent iteration was a few years ago, inactive now but they still have jackets, vests, radios, flashlights, etc. Patrols are observe and report only, no vigilantes. George Zimmerman is not what patrols do. Coalition of Community Patrols: accpatrols.org – Russian Jack, Mountain View, Northeast, Nunaka Valley, University. If you know someone interested, wants to find out what's going on, Coalition of Community Patrols meets 6 p.m. on first Friday of each month at Denny's on DeBarr, (except holiday weekends, then it's postponed a week). Patrols use their own vehicles (magnetic door signs), or you can patrol on a bike, walking or even sitting at home. Document and report – don't intervene. Be eyes and ears for APD. Some funding for more equipment, gas cards, etc. is available on a grant we still have for another year or so. Patrol members must be over 21 with a clean criminal record, able to commit to four hours a month. Paul is advocating for a young man in his neighborhood to step up and reinstate the Scenic Foothills Patrol. APD is shifting patrols to night when bad stuff happens. Stay off lonely trails alone at night. Resources: Nixle.com and Raidsonline.

Margy Henderson, a neighbor on Nextdoor.com, said she was in touch with APD crime prevention specialist. Scenic Foothills had 66 APD reports since June 1: 53 thefts, 5 vehicle thefts (4 recovered), 3 assaults, 1 sexual assault, one vandalism (Sycamore fence vandalism by park). All the thefts involved doors that were unlocked.

Jerriane Lowther said she photographed problems with cell phone camera with GPS information and e-mailed the photos to MOA departments at addresses on the "[Links](#)" page on the SFCC website and got good results on potholes, graffiti, vandalism in the park, streetlights, etc. She urged others to do likewise.

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail project got temporarily stalled in wetlands but Chugach Electric issue was resolved and trail is being completed now. Initial design for phase 2 called for trail in the woods. There is some discussion about having the trail closer to the road on the Tudor-Muldoon curve for safety and convenience.

Muldoon Town Square Park is looking for donations for playground. Northeast Community Council Spirit of Muldoon Picnic will be September 17 in Creekside Park. Scenic Foothills residents are invited to participate.

Scenic Park Playground is now named the Catherine Carte Playground in honor of former SFCC president.

Meeting adjourned for social with shortbread cookies, biscotti and cider provided by President Roger Shaw.