



**Thursday, February 5, Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting**

7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University, 7801 East 32nd Avenue (enter via Old Muldoon Road off 36th Avenue).  
Meeting Agenda: <<http://www.scenicfoothillsscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf>> – additional copies at the door.

**Legislative session and the State budget:**

Our Council had a presentation in December from Dr. Gunnar Knapp, Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research, in which he described the fiscal dilemma facing the State of Alaska. Our recently elected Governor Bill Walker has also described the challenges we face, and he has described how much is being cut from his proposed State budget.

Senator Cathy Giessel and Representative Lance Pruitt will call in to give us their preliminary view of the session.

**Chugach Foothills Park improvements:**

Kevin Doniere of Corvus Design has been working on conceptual plans for changes to Chugach Foothills Park to create play areas that are more inclusive for a broader group of kids. If you live near the park or are a regular user, attend our Council meeting so you can understand the proposal and voice your concerns.

**Anchorage School District budget:**

The District Superintendent has announced an intent to maintain the current teacher level. How is the District challenged by the Governor's initial comments on schools funding? What can we as parents and residents do? An Anchorage School Board representative is invited to all our Council meetings to provide updates.

**SFCC Bylaws adoption:**

Bylaws are the legal description of how the Council is to conduct its business as a community forum. The Council's old bylaws are superseded by default bylaws from the Assembly until we adopt new bylaws.

In the October 2014 SFCC newsletter, a link was provided to a first draft of proposed SFCC bylaws. The vote to adopt bylaws has been postponed until this upcoming February 5 meeting. Although SFCC members have not provided any feedback, the proposal has had significant discussion by the Executive Board. **The New (draft) SFCC Bylaws** are intended to replace the default bylaws under which we are operating.

Despite the fact that this is a complex document, containing technical language, the Board has made an effort to simplify various sections to make them more understandable.

There are a few significant changes from the earlier draft that are now proposed:

1. The Board proposes changing from our old method of electing specific officers each year to a new method where each year there is an election for members to serve on the Executive Board, and each year the newly constituted Board will elect from the Board those who will serve as the officers.
2. The Board shall consist of seven members, serving staggered terms.
3. The term of Executive Board members shall be two years, which means that in one normal year four members shall be elected to the Board; the next year, three members shall be elected.

These bylaws are very important to the Council. Your participation in this approval process is needed.

As usual, the Council meeting is also a time for you to voice your current concerns, to describe what future topics you would appreciate being presented, and just to enjoy a visit with your neighbors.

Our part of town—from the Tudor-Muldoon curve to the swerve onto the Glenn Highway—is named after Anchorage pioneer homesteader **Arnold L. Muldoon**. He put up a log cabin among the spruce trees near Northern Lights Boulevard in the winter of 1940. He packed the materials out on his back, along a muddy trail that became Muldoon Road. Arnold L. Muldoon Park, named in his honor, preserves a portion of his original homestead. You may have noticed some of “Arnie’s Army” of volunteers planting and tending flowers and working to Spruce Up Muldoon and clean up around Scenic Foothills. Volunteers are always welcome to join in. There are volunteer opportunities in Scenic Foothills all year!

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*Separation of church and state continues to be recognized while we take the opportunity to meet at Wayland Baptist University. If anyone is uncomfortable with this location please contact a board member. We thank the University for allowing us to use their auditorium.*

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