

Newsletter

Scenic Foothills Community Council

March 2015

Thursday, March 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.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf> additional copies at the door.

Legislative session and the State budget:

Our legislators will call in from Juneau to give us updates on the session and answer questions from the floor.

Anchorage School District Candidates Forum:

Three school board seats are open and contested in the April 7 Municipal Elections. All six candidates have been invited to participate.

Anchorage Bond Propositions:

We will review Municipal Bond Propositions http://www.asdk12.org/bonds/2015 Election Documents/PropositionFactSheets.pdf>; the School Bond http://www.asdk12.org/bonds/ proposition was detailed in February.

Scenic Foothills Trail Users Challenge Grant:

Trail users are seeking a resolution or letter of support for a challenge grant due by March 27. They seek funds to bridge swampy areas between Klutina Street west toward Tudor Road, ending at Regal Mountain Estates, to make a dry route under and adjacent to the power lines. They hope to complete the "Northeast Connector" eventually, taking the trail to Campbell Airstrip Road to connect with the trail systems there.

Northern Access Road into the U-Med District:

The Council has been asked to consider a resolution in opposition to this project, opposed by other Councils. (No decision on whether to add consideration to the March meeting agenda had been made at press time.)

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 The Council's old bylaws are superseded by default bylaws from the Assembly until we adopt new bylaws.
- The vote to adopt conforming bylaws was postponed until this meeting. New (draft) SFCC Bylaws http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/SFCC_bylaws_proposed_v7.pdf are intended to replace default bylaws under which we are now operating. (Copies also available at the door.) This is a complex document with technical language; the Board has worked to make it understandable.

There are a few significant changes from an 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 around!

E-mail newsletters: send your e-mail address to **newsletter@scenicfoothillscc.org** to get the freshest news! All committees are open for membership and support. Please contact board members for more information.

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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