

**Scenic Foothills Community Council  
Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2020**

6:30 - Call to order (Dawn)

:31 - Tom presents "our place on this land" - Arnold Muldoon History

Came in 1939 from Wisconsin and bought a couple hundred acres

The military took his land in WWII and then gave it back afterwards

:32 - Meet and Mingle

:34 - Themes for meetings - be brief, be brilliant, and beat the harmonica (time keeping device)

:35 - Approval of past meeting minutes and current agenda, no requests for additions

:36 - Introduce the board - thank the timekeeper, greeters, and sign distributors

Account is currently at \$153.01 from treasurer (Kent)

:37 - Trail Report (Karen) -

Campbell creek gasoline project 2021

Northeast Connector Trail cost was \$8 million, trying to redo for less, around \$3 million

Trails on Eastside of Campbell Airstrip have been groomed for mushers, please keep dogs leashed

:39 - Daniel - FCC Representative

Property Tax Exemption Due March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline, but do it now

Many exemption types: Residential, military widow/widower, senior, etc.

:40 - Join a community council for the city and represent us!

Public Transit Board (Dawn) is pleased to announce that we have reinstated the bus route to the Library

Historic Preservation Commission (Conor)

Nominating local structures that are historically significant, will be presenting for comment in a couple months

Want to fund research via grant to survey in Girdwood in the near future

:42 - Coalition on Homelessness (Mark Hill)

Museum has a display and activities, recently ran a movie as well

Officer Jones was present at meeting (and ours tonight)

Many discussions, many plans, many players and involved parties, now need to act

:46 Guests Speakers - Kristi Wood - Growing Food in the Forest

Buying local food means dollars stay here

Having a local community of growers means more independence to natural disaster

There will be 55 plots for community members, with 12 being raised beds for wheelchair and walker accessible.

STREAM academy hand grafted some of the trees that will be going in

50 varieties of Alaskan hardened foods

Food Forest is made to mimic nature, non-rowed, planted more mixed

Hope to plan the food forest next summer

Got 750k grant from the federal government but that added years to happen

Northeast community member was concerned about bears, doesn't seem concern per research

:57 - Muldoon Library (Jim Curran)

Fine free - "We just want our books back!"

Fees were causing kids to not be able to check stuff out, restricting access

Old fines are wiped out, no new fines being charged

Community suggestion = Book drops around town? Possibly at bus stops?

New 5-year lease signed for the Muldoon Library

Community concern - what's the loss in revenue with no fines?

With fine-free, between 150-300 accounts returned material that may have not been previously.

They have renovated and now having bar mitzvah and weddings as other revenue streams

7:04 - Talking about the resolution to calm traffic on Tudor east of Baxter

In 1976-77 widened the Baxter section of Tudor

Speed increased, traffic increased, fatal accidents are statistically higher here

There is no median, it has a higher gradient, the road is higher than the houses nearby

:09 - Resolution read aloud (Conor)

:13 - Floor open for discussion

Most lights are every .3 miles, this section is 1.3 miles without lights

Perhaps a light at Patterson? Speed reduction?

30,000 vehicles per day on the East/West roads (Northern lights/Debar/Tudor

Northern Lights and Debar also have reduced speeds from 50 to 40

:18 - Vote passed, resolution approved

:19 - Forrest Dunbar - Traffic dept and DOT are resistant to change that area

On top of the 3 motorist deaths, there was also the cyclist who was killed

Would be helpful if other nearby councils also passed this

Talked about sales tax, and two alcohol tax - as part of new revenue source discussion

Alcohol tax passed 9-2 to be on the ballot for 5% increase

-used for treatment, homeless, first responders, domestic abuse, etc.

-only to be used for new options, not current

Want to expand the Anchorage Assembly from 11 to 12

Proposal on the ballot for onsite consumption of Marijuana

-Anchorage has a no smoking ban

School Bond this year will be \$80 million, larger than usual, but no bond next year

About half of it is earthquake repair

Possible FEMA reimbursement, less likely as time goes on

Pete Peterson - 2040 Metro Transportation plan

Open for comment through the end of March

MTP2040.com

Passed an ordinance last year called the Safe Trails Ordinance

Trappers cannot place traps within 50 yards of a trail

:30 - no APD, AFD, Cathy Gieselle, School Board

:31 - Jenna for Lance Pruitt - Constituent meeting here (Wayland Baptist) at 10am

February 22nd at the Assembly Chambers

:32 - Girdwood has requested the construction of a childhood facility via bond (Conor)

They have one substandard facility that is unsafe when it snows

This would increase taxes only locally in Girdwood, but we vote because it asks for general funds monies as well

:33 - Chugach Electric (Harry)

Moving forward with merger by ML&P

End of the month the RCA will have the final ruling

May 29<sup>th</sup> would be day 1 of the official merger

There is the Volkswagen settlement, Alaska gets about 8 million

\$1.1 million is to new charging station, .9 million in Anchorage  
Want to get to Homer via electric vehicles

:34 - Adjourned