

Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting September 3, 2020 Via Zoom

23 in attendance Open meeting at 7:00 pm

Karen Bronga, Vice President: these board members have completed their terms and will not continue on the Executive Board: Dawn Groth, President; Connor Scher; Devin Driscoll.

Suggested slate for future SFCC board: Karen Bronga, President; Jacob Gorlick, Treasurer; Sharon Carter, Public Relations; Becky Westbrook, at-large; Harry Crawford, Public Observer; Tom Wolforth, Secretary; Kent Williams; Daniel Clift, representative to the Federation of Community Councils.

Call for nominations. None provided at the meeting. Motion to discuss whether to move ahead with the election or send ballots via survey monkey and attempt to get further nominees. The only concern raised was whether or not all the nominees had agreed to the position. Motion was made and seconded to hold the election on the spot. Vote was unanimous to continue with the election and all the slate of board members were elected unanimously via zoom vote.

Kent Williams, Treasurer's report: \$32.xx in account at Northern Skies Credit Union. What should we use that for? No response.

Karen Bronga: Parks and trails report. Expected trail work on Chugach Foothills connector has prohibitive, increased costs per Brad Muir that is over \$8 million for the boardwalk. Other trail styles being considered. Funds may be available with COVID. Chugach Foothills Connector Phase II will continue, but on a smaller scale.

Daniel Clift: Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. No news due to limited council work due to COVID. The Tudor Traffic Calming Resolution from SFCC was brought to the attention of the FCC.

Forrest Dunbar and Pete Peterson, Anchorage Assembly: Assembly report. CARES Act passed August 12, see Muni.org for details. Allotments in the \$20 millions are rent, first responders, hospitality. Allotments in the \$10 millions are child care, yet to be allocated, buildings. Under \$10 million include but not limited to work service programs, cultural pillars (i.e. zoo), non-profits and others. Alcohol tax goes into effect February, 2021. Plenty of intensive public testimony on the issues of how best to allocate these funds.

Forrest Dunbar: Municipal, Light and Power sale has been finalized. Money goes to municipal trust, which will double that trust after paying debt. Northway Mall closing, not functional for homeless housing.

Pete Peterson: Public Safety assembly report, Police Chief says most crimes are way down. Assembly Finance report, tax collections are down. Property tax collection is ahead. Refinanced bonds are lower. Future assembly meetings are allowing only 50% capacity visitors.

Cathy Giessel (with Emmie Jackson), State Senator: Legislative Budget Committee is seeing an avalanche of application for \$1.25 billion COVID relief funds. See her newsletter for details on how that is appropriated, and PFD status.

Jenna Crouse for Lance Pruitt, State Representative: offered help for unemployment and PFD issues. Tudor Road Calming Resolution is on back burner.

Dennis (Denny) Hostetter, JBER Public Liaison Community Engagement Section: walked neighborhood perimeter with JBER lands with Karen Bronga to assess signage status and use patterns. JBER Range Control will look into the locked bridge at Campbell Creek. JBER is currently working on supplying new signs for old ones. Issues regarding JBER website were discussed, including being incorrect regarding when/where soldiers have been training. The “new” road that is visible in the front range from SFCC is to the Geronimo Drop Zone Area 425 and 430. Denny will look into whether that area is accessible to the public.

Andy Holleman, Anchorage School District: School has started.

Topics from Community: Bridge over North Fork of Campbell Creek will be built in June, 2021. Attendee asked for more specifics on this bridge. Recent winds have brought down branches in the small parks: anyone have information on public works for that?

Connor Scher, Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC): AHPC has drafted a resolution to make a new historic register. Public comment is open and encouraged at <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/HistoricPreservationCommission.aspx>

Karen Bronga: SFCC is now on quarterly schedule with meetings on the first Thursday in November, February and May.

Carl Johnson, running for State Senate, introduced self.

Carolyn Clift, running for State Senate, introduced self.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and meeting adjourned.