

Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – April 6, 2017

Call to Order: President Roger Shaw, 7:05 p.m. March Minutes were approved as presented.

Municipality of Anchorage Report:

Pete Petersen: Forrest Dunbar is in Washington, DC. Last Assembly meeting was three weeks ago. Rewrite of ethics ordinance passed unanimously. Fire bond failed. No new ambulances, so response times will likely go up. Farmers Markets will be allowed in Parks – most likely that will pass unanimously. Mr. Flynn's last full meeting is next week. He wants to add a young, non-voting, person to the Assembly – to get a young perspective. Pesticide ordinance – they've been using them in the parks and they want to reduce the use of pesticides, and will only use in emergencies; they're proven to cause cancer, so it has harmful consequences. Questions: Why not let the youth vote? Probably would have to change the charter. Maybe in the future? Right now it might not even pass. Youth is under 18? Yes. How should we show support? Quick poll: over 50% think youth should be involved in the Assembly. Please keep us posted on how this is going on. Selection (method) of the youth, is unknown. When people can vote – they show up more often, pay attention, etc.

Legislative Report (Legislators were not available via call into Juneau.)

School Board Report (No School Board or Anchorage School District representatives were there to report.)

Capital Improvement Projects Report: Jerriane has online survey ready, but hasn't turned it loose yet. In the future, we won't be seeing much money from the State or Muni unless they do bonds. Muni still wants to know the real priorities. Contact your board people if you're unaware of what this is about. Muni.org website. Community Councils. Survey has been trimmed down – and is specific to our area. Sometimes the Muni isn't aware of issues, so it's a good way to keep the Muni aware of what our neighborhood wants. East Anchorage District Plan, example: perimeter trail – has been brought up in the past, intended to follow all the way out to JBER and connect to Glenn Highway. Karen wants the bridge on the gas line; Jerriane says it's still on the survey. Executive Board will adjust as needed. Nextdoor will be another venue for the getting the word out. <<http://www.munibudget.org/Council/scenic-foothills>> <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZKVCZX>>

Anchorage Citywide Cleanup: April 29 – May 6. At the customer service desk at Fred Meyer, each person can get two bags per person. If you have a group of people, SFCC agenda has a link. On April 29 and May 6 free dumping at the regional center at Hiland/Eagle River (Anchorage Transfer Station closed). Do not put clean up bags out with your trash; you'll get charged. If you have a group, if there's a pile, let Pete Petersen know and he will have solid waste make a special pick up for those bags. The new trail connector is loaded with dog poop – it's very well used and needs to be cleaned up. Jerriane will photograph large groups, if you let her know.

Creek Cleanup: is usually a week later. We'll clean up Muldoon Town Square Park then [1-3 p.m. Sat. May 13].

Muldoon Branch Library: Jim Curran, Muldoon Branch Manager. Muldoon is the best! Tell everybody. Loussac Library: construction is moving forward. Kind of pushing back the date ... maybe May? It will be wonderful. Loussac has a social worker intern, Rebecca Baker, helping homeless, jobless, etc. Very successful and looking for additional funding sources. New job center at Loussac – helping people find resources they need. Also at Muldoon. Website has a survey to find out who is using the libraries. This is in conjunction with the Alaska Mental Health Trust – so this might help to keep Rebecca Baker in the libraries. Muldoon: new technology is coming – problems: it's here. Ten Chrome books, eight laptops, and iPads! Filtering problem ... CIPA Child Internet Protection Act. Not quite in compliance – only Loussac had this filter. Now they're working on each of the branches. It helps us serve our patrons better, including finding a job. We have online payments now – free

of charge. Muldoon Mall: renewed lease, so three more years with Muldoon Branch, with the possibility to extend two more years. They're going to get an interior book drop as well! Should be done in a few months. The big box will be decorated by artists in the city! Thirty-two years ago I worked at Samson Dimond library for four months – my favorite job ever; I cried when I left. They're getting the left over book drop from that library! If you read the "Alaska Dispatch News" story regarding a patron code of conduct and porn in the library, it does not happen at Muldoon! Ethics: concern for patrons and the Muldoon neighborhood. Carrie: is there a long term plan to put in a better bathroom for little kids? There's going to be a wall between the Boys & Girls Club, which will help somewhat. Long term plan: library is looking to move into its own space. Right now there is no money. Can start planning now. Pete Petersen will complain to Dan Coffey about the library bathroom issues.

Scenic Foothills Community Council Board elections will take place at the May meeting: All seats are open except for Roger and Jerrienne, who each have another year on their two-year terms. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let our nominating committee members (Jerrienne Lowther, Bill Miernyk) know.

May Meeting: legal recreation for JBER will be discussed. Also, Code Enforcement: problem neighbors, muni code, etc. Learn how to voice your concerns and the process for filing complaints. (Signs are becoming a real blight.) Klutina Off-Leash Dog Park is on agenda for next month. May is our last meeting before summer break.

Meeting Adjourned