

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council**  
**March 2, 2006**  
**Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were seven members and fifteen guests attending, including four firemen from Station 4. The council approved the minutes for the Feb. 2, 2006, meeting without objection.

William Strickler, DOWL Engineers, talked about traffic improvements to the Tudor Rd. and Lake Otis Pkwy. intersection to increase highway safety and reduce accidents, primarily additional turn lanes, and possibly installing a roundabout. DOWL recently received the Municipality's traffic model to help engineer the improvements. The public scoping meeting is early this month. Council members' primary concerns focused on high traffic levels and being able to enter and exit our neighborhoods. He also briefly discussed other traffic improvements in response to questions, e.g., Dowling extension, Glenn to Seward Hwy. interconnect, and Bragaw extension. Mr. Strickler can be reached at 562-2000.

Mr. Dennis Linnell from Anchorage Tomorrow spoke in favor of five Municipal bond propositions. He said that Prop. 2 leverages private money in support of parks. Props. 3, 4, and 5, are "no-cost" partnerships or land trades, and Prop. 7 is for roads and drainage bonds. There was a spirited discussion about recent increases in property taxes and the difficulty of selling more taxes to the taxpayers versus the need to pay our way for the services the public receives.

John Kiewik, Deputy Fire Chief Support Services, discussed the status of the replacement building for Fire Station 4. The old station was designed for 3 or 4 people and now houses 8 or 9. The new station will be at the same address and will extend into an adjacent trailer court. JL Properties, a local developer, purchased the trailer court and has presented a building design-build project to the fire department. The next step is to get costs from the developer. If the cost is too high, the department will go out for competitive bids. The firemen from Station 4 will be placed at other stations during construction, with specific locations based on tests of the time needed to respond to the area. The Muni has asked the state legislature for funding for traffic signal preemption on Tudor (a state-maintained road).

Sgt. Stanton presented a brief Police Department report. She noted that Tudor Area is one of the few areas in town where crime statistics were down. She also asked that you not set yourself up to be a victim of a vehicle theft; don't leave your car running unattended.

Dick Traini gave the Assembly report. A municipal sales tax, bonds for schools, roads, and parks are on the ballot, as well as election of the mayor. The Muni has about \$1.6 billion in bonded indebtedness. He questioned the need for new school bonds when the school district has not sold all of its approved bonds. (None of the approved bonds are discretionary.) A council member again asked Mr. Traini how Anchorage tax rates compared to those of other cities of similar size, and what the property valuations were for commercial and residential property.

Mr. Traini asked that residents visit the Muni or Federation of Community Councils websites to explore the "MyNeighborhood" feature. It has information about property, recreation, local services, plans, and important places within Anchorage-area neighborhoods. In response to a question on state revenue sharing, Mr. Traini said that many cities and villages are going broke without revenue sharing, and basic services are not being provided.

Sheli Dodson gave an abbreviated legislative report. Tudor Area's legislators, Sen. Ellis and Rep. Gardner, are working on the oil tax changes, property tax relief, saving some of the budget surplus, a new science building for UAA, anti-identity theft legislation, smaller school class sizes, kids in foster care, neighborhood upgrades, and soon, the gas line contract.

Sheli Dodson presented the Federation of Community Councils' (FCC) report. There have been complaints (Mr. Traini said from some Assembly members) that the FCC hasn't been reaching constituents. In the Tudor Area, the council president follows the procedure that the council affirmed in November 2005, screening e-mails and forwarding those that apply to the Tudor Area. She wanted to know if anyone wanted to change procedures. No one did.

Volunteers to work on the FCC Candidates Forum should call Deborah at 277-1977.

#### Old Business:

Mr. Butler asked about the problem house at 3903 MacInnes St. A member said that she saw Muni Code Enforcement in front of the house this week. Mr. Traini advised that council members call Greg Moyer or Kristi Cada, Municipal Ombudsman's office, at 343-4755, to report code violations.

There being no new business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.