

**Minutes
Tudor Area Community Council
May 6, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM at the First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, by Diane Etter, chair. Attendance was 10 voting members. The minutes were approved as written.

Harold Henderson, Alaska DOT, and Mike Ross from Wilder Construction spoke about this summer's repaving of Lake Otis Blvd. They will be starting at Tudor Road and working north, with much of the work being done at night. There will be some weekend closures of intersections, check the Friday newspaper for updates. The entire project will be completed by July 4.

Dick Traini gave the Assembly report. There are several new assemblymen after the April election. The Assembly will be making changes in the animal control ordinance and regulations relating to cemeteries. Dick is working with Cheryl Heinze in an effort to get a traffic signal at 36th Avenue and MacInnes.

Federation of Community Councils report: the Federation continues to experience problems relating to lack of funding. Office equipment has failed and can't be repaired so the newsletters have been outsourced. The APD spoke at the last federation meeting and they have started a new traffic enforcement unit with 5 officers.

Diane reported on the open house held for the new Long Range Transportation Plan. A draft plan will be presented to the community in June, then there will be several months of public comment and the final plan should be complete by December 2004. Materials were passed out and we will try to get some comments put together in September.

Under unfinished business, a resolution that was presented last month on "context sensitive" road projects was discussed. Frank McQuery from Sand Lake Community Council spoke to explain that the resolution just wants state and municipal road departments to dialog with surrounding residents and businesses before finalizing plans. There are some cases where residents feel that the road projects are overbuilt, and could have been much more modest in design.

Motion: Jacob Tuckerman made a motion to support the resolution. Andree McLeod seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1.

The capital projects survey, sent by the municipality, asks us to rank capital projects we would like to see in our council area. The municipality had listed 3 projects already:

- 1.) 1.) Fish Creek improvements
- 2.) 2.) New Seward Hwy. improvements- Rabbit Creek to 36th Ave.
- 3.) 3.) New Seward Hwy improvements – 36th Ave. to 20th Ave.

Diane made phone calls to find out what the Fish Creek improvements are. She talked to Steve Gillette who said that the improvements are really downstream from our area, and involve flood control. However, there is an ongoing study and they are interested in finding out all they can about Fish Creek, so if neighborhood residents have issues, such as flooding, with Fish Creek, they can call Steve Gillette, phone 343-8173. They are probably not going to be able to do much in that Fish Creek headwaters are in the wetland, but they would be interested in hearing any information residents have.

Motion: Andree McLeod made a motion to delete both of the New Seward Hwy. improvements. The motion was seconded and passed 6 to 0.

Projects from last month's proposed list were discussed.

Motion: Gil Cragen made a motion to delete the pedestrian overpass at 36th Avenue and MacInnes. The motion was seconded and passed 5 to 0.

There was consensus to remove soccer posts from the request at David Green Park because the park does not have the space or parking to accommodate the large numbers of people that would result if the park were used for soccer league play.

Motion: Gil Cragen made a motion to accept the following list, in the following priority, as our capital improvements request. The motion was seconded and passed 6 to 0.

- 1.) 1.) Traffic signal at 36th and MacInnes Street
- 2.) 2.) Safe pedestrian crossing over the New Seward Highway
- 3.) 3.) Sound abatement along the New Seward Highway
- 4.) 4.) Swings and better drainage at David Green Park
- 5.) 5.) Fish Creek improvements

There was no apparent need for a meeting in June, so the council will next meet on September 2, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM