

Minutes
Tudor Area Community Council
April 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, by Diane Etter, Chair. The minutes and agenda were approved as written. The attendance was 7 members and 3 guests.

Sam O'Connor and Chip Tomey spoke about the Trail Watch Program. There are 2 levels of commitment for volunteers. The Trail Watch Ambassador should be able to commit to 4 hours a week of being out on the trails, while the Trail Watcher has no time commitment, but tries to keep watch on things when out on the trails. Both carry cell phones and report unsafe situations, they do not take action. Interested volunteers can log on to the muni web site: www.muni.org

Brian Vanderwood and Robert Hall, from Solid Waste Services spoke about alley garbage pick up. There are many hazards in alleys, such as lack of snow removal, racks in disrepair, and spilled garbage attracting vermin. Solid Waste Service is hoping to improve the situation and has hired a new code enforcement officer to address these issues. They also have applied for a rate increase of about 9% to be effective in July.

The Federation of Community Councils recently had a lunch with Mayor Begich. Each council president brought up one issue from their council. Diane spoke about our council's frustration with traffic congestion. The mayor said he will soon be unveiling his solution to the congestion at the Tudor/Lake Otis intersection.

The Federation was recently given an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan is being re-written and will be in force for at least the next 10 years. Diane has read the draft materials and it appears there is more emphasis on mass transit and less on roads. We may want to comment to AMATS and will discuss it more at the May meeting.

Andree McLeod reported that there were recent break-ins in the eastern portion of the neighborhood.

Sam O'Connor, from the Anchorage Road Coalition, spoke about a resolution that the coalition is supporting, and hoping community councils will support. The resolution would require the municipality of Anchorage and the state Department of Transportation to use "context sensitive solutions" when doing road upgrades. This means paying attention to citizen concerns and the differences in neighborhoods. There was brief discussion and it was decided to table the resolution until the May meeting.

The Capital Projects survey for our council area was discussed. The municipality has listed the following projects for our area:

- 1.) 1.) Fish Creek improvements – Cook Inlet to Lake Otis Road
- 2.) New Seward Highway improvements – Rabbit Creek to 36th Ave.
- 3.) New Seward Highway Improvements – 36th Ave. to 20th Ave.

The membership proposed adding the following projects:

- 1.) 1.) Safe pedestrian crossing over New Seward Highway
- 2.) 2.) Sound abatement along New Seward Highway
- 3.) 3.) Pedestrian overpass over 36th Ave. at David Green Park
- 4.) 4.) Traffic signal at 36th and MacInnes
- 5.) 5.) Swings, soccer posts, and better drainage at David Green Park

These projects were tabled until the May meeting and will be voted on then. Changes can still be made at that time. We will try to find out more about the Fish Creek improvements before the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Agenda – May 6, 2004
Tudor Area Community Council
First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
7:00 PM

- 1.) 1.) **Call to order, approval of minutes**
- 2.) 2.) **Assembly report**
- 3.) 3.) **Federation of Community Councils report**
- 4.) 4.) **Speaker – Wilder Construction – repaving of Lake Otis Blvd. this summer**
- 5.) 5.) **Road report – open house held on Long Range Transportation Plan**
- 6.) 6.) **Unfinished business: a.) resolution in support of ‘context sensitive’ roads
b.) capital projects survey from municipality**
- 7.) 7.) **New business: do we need a June meeting ?**
- 8.) 8.) **Adjournment**