

Minutes
Tudor Area Community Council
February 5, 2004

First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, by chair Diane Etter. The December minutes were approved as presented. There were 6 council members in attendance.

Bob Kniefel from Dowl Engineering gave a report on the Bragaw extension road project. Studies will continue through this fall with an environmental assessment to be completed by then. Dowl will be forming discussion groups of stakeholders to address what kind of bridges will be built, trail issues, and design details. A recommended alternative will be presented in May. Information about this project can be found at: www.abbottloop.com.

There will be a public meeting on February 18, 7 PM, at Lake Otis School, to address the Tudor Road Corridor Study. The study will also take in the area north of Tudor Road from Lake Otis to Bragaw. The public can make comments regarding traffic problems in this area to: rkniefel@dowl.com.

Assembly report: Dick Traini reported that the Assembly approved absentee voting by fax machine. The bond proposals for the April election will be finalized in an Assembly meeting February 17, starting at 1 PM and possibly continuing until midnight. Appearing on the proposed bond is relocation of the Tudor Fire Station. If the fire station is removed from that location, the building would house a Parks and Rec maintenance crew. Dick has been working with Cheryl Heinze to get a traffic signal at the corner of 36th Avenue and MacInnes. Diane will write to Rep. Heinze expressing the council's support.

Doug Van Etten reported on SB 260 which would place 2 state legislators on the AMATS committee. The Assembly is opposed to this as a loss of local control. Doug also reported on his efforts to add city busses to help relieve congestion along Lake Otis.

Federation of Community Councils report: The January meeting was a special meeting dealing only with the loss of funding for the federation. It was determined, after the financial report, that the office can continue to operate for at least part of this year, until funding runs out. All councils are trimming mailing lists which will help to stretch the funding. Discussions will continue as to the disposition of office equipment and lease.

Correspondence: Platting activities include a new restaurant going in at the corner of Old Seward and Tudor, a small addition for Home Depot, and subdividing a tract of land near St Mary's Episcopal at the corner of Tudor and Lake Otis.

There were several speaker requests which will be scheduled for the March meeting.

Copies of the proposed April bond election capital projects were passed around.

A list of assisted living homes was passed around. Some community councils are concerned with the proliferation of these homes which have no conditional use permit requirements by the municipality.

Legislative report: The Anchorage Caucus will hold a town meeting on February 7 from 9 AM until noon. Also we received a list of the House of Rep. Committee assignments.

New Business: The council discussed whether to have an Assembly candidates forum. The attendance in past years has been low, so it was decided to talk to other community councils and find out their plans and publicize their candidate forums in our newsletter.

Increasing attendance at community council meetings was discussed. Ideas included flyers around the neighborhood, contacting PTAs and high school government classes, and large sandwich boards that could be put up on the day of a meeting.

Charging dues was discussed and the group was agreeable to a small annual dues. But at this time, with the federation continuing to do our newsletters, it wasn't judged necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Minutes taken by Connie Quinley and Andree McLeod