

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council**  
**April 6, 2006**  
**Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. There were nine members and five guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Mar. 2, 2006, meeting without objection.

Teri Albrecht from Municipal Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) spoke about the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) workshop to be held on May 3, 2006, from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Public Works Center (the PM&E building at 4700 Bragaw St). She asked that the TACC send two representatives to the meeting to help prioritize capital improvement projects areawide. If anyone has question or comments on the CIP they can reach Teri at 343-8142 or Jim Lamson at 343-8120. The Anchorage Land Use Plan map is also available for comment. The map is on the Muni website, and you can call Tom Davis at 343-7916 with comments on the land use plan.

Bob Kniefel, Muni Traffic Engineer, discussed traffic at 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. and MacInnes St. He says that the turn-pockets have helped traffic flow, and that the relatively few problems at the intersection still do not warrant a traffic signal. Mr. Kniefel remeasured traffic levels at 36<sup>th</sup> and MacInnes and found only a 42 second or less delay time. Several TACC members commented on the continued need for a traffic signal at MacInnes and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave and had considerable dialogue with Mr. Kniefel on the topic. The Muni has a State contract to look at traffic problems at 36<sup>th</sup> and LaTouche, Locarno, and Cottonwood.

Mr. Kniefel noted that 36<sup>th</sup> and the New Seward Hwy. is the highest traffic volume intersection in the municipality, with Lake Otis and Tudor having the second highest traffic level. There are projects underway to add traffic lanes and a new interchange at 36<sup>th</sup> and New Seward. The State of Alaska and the Muni will be working together to determine traffic patterns on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Mr. Kniefel expects that traffic will continue to grow. There was considerable discussion between TACC residents and Mr. Kniefel about traffic problems within the council's area. He asked that council members attend the CIP workshop that Teri Albrecht talked about – the planners and engineers need community comments to be effective. Assemblyman Traini asked Mr. Kniefel to track down where the State funding provided by Rep. Cheryll Heinze for the traffic signal at 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. and MacInnes St. had gone.

William Strickler, DOWL Engineers, said that the scoping meeting on traffic improvements for the Tudor Rd. and Lake Otis Pkwy. intersection had been postponed, and that new notices would be sent out to announce the time and place of the new meeting. DOWL has their web site up for the Tudor and Lake Otis intersection improvements, and some information is now available there. He said that the roundabout he mentioned at the last council meeting was no longer being considered because traffic modeling indicated that it would not handle the current traffic load of 80,000 vehicles a day. He said roadway widening was possible, and the State will meet with business owners who would likely be affected. He will continue to meet with the community council to keep us informed on what is going on. Council members' primary concerns continue to be focused on high traffic levels and being able to enter and exit our neighborhoods

Dick Traini gave the Assembly report, providing a recap of the election results. The assembly is looking for a middle ground on the implementation of the sign ordinance. The replacement for Fire Station 4 is expected to be operational in 2007. There was some discussion on the former Pines bar and former Tony Roma's Restaurant/Call of the Wild bar.

Diane Etter presented the Federation of Community Councils' (FCC) report. Water pipes will be replaced in the area of the Sullivan Arena May through August 2006. E-mail will be sent to community council members as they wish, not as the FCC or some assembly members might wish.

### Old Business:

Members of the council were concerned about the distressed property at 3903 MacInnes St. Discussion centered on possible Municipal code enforcement actions, as the property has not yet been cleaned up. There was other discussion about the house on MacInnes between Salem Dr. and Burlington where there had been empty boxes and other trash in the yard. A council member worked with the owner and the property overall has been cleaned up, but a few problems still remain.

### New Business:

The council reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects list provided by Teri Albrecht, as the CIP meeting is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and our next meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the council voted to modify the list to fit the TACC's requirements. The results are below. A complete list of the capital improvement projects is attached.

#### Vote results for Capital Improvement Projects list:

Project	Motion	Moved By / Seconded By	Result
3. 36 <sup>th</sup> at MacInnes Pedestrian Overpass	Delete from list	Mr. Weimer/ Mrs. Etter	Passed unani- mously
4. Lake Otis Pkwy Safety Improvements – Northern Lights Blvd. to Tudor Rd. (HSIP Group 3A)	Delete from list	Mrs. Etter/ Ms. Wardlaw	Passed unani- mously
6. Seward Hwy – Tudor Rd. Interchange NE/SE quadrant hook ramps	Delete from list	Mrs. Etter/ Mrs. Weimer	Passed unani- mously
8. Seward Hwy Expansion – 36 <sup>th</sup> to Dowling	Delete from list	Mrs. Etter/ Ms. Wolfe	Defeated, 2 yes, 6 no

A UAA student, new to the area, asked about valuations for properties under eminent domain actions. Mrs. Etter explained that they were valued at full market value.

There was also further discussion on the Capital Improvement Projects. Mrs. Weimer brought up the need for “no parking” signs along the west side of MacInnes St where the street is only two lanes wide without any parking area available. Ms. Wardlaw moved that the TACC recommend to the Municipality that a project for appropriate signage showing that vehicles cannot park on the west side of MacInnes St. be added to the Capital Improvement Plan. Mrs. Etter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Etter moved that the council make the traffic signal at 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. and MacInnes St. its number one priority for the Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Wardlaw seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A council member mentioned a house on E. 40<sup>th</sup> Court as the target for a number of visits by the Anchorage police. Another member asked about junked cars in yards and was provided information on code enforcement contacts.

The Chair asked for the name of a second person to attend the Capital Improvement Plan prioritization work session. Any council member interested in going to the meeting should call the Chair at 522-6436.

There being no other new business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.