

November 2003

## The Taku-Campbell Community Council Newsletter

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The TCCC general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Taku Elementary School Library located at 701 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518.

### AGENDA - THURSDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

#### 7:30 - Call To Order

**Welcome and Introduction - TCCC President**  
**Secretaries Report**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Legislative & Assembly Updates**  
**Reports from Public Safety Officers**

#### 8:00 - Program

**Report of 2001 Survey - President**  
**Report of Burial of Chugach Electric lines - Treasurer**  
**Rezone of Briar Cliff (Tract A) -**  
**Taku Lake Park Improvements - Vice President**  
**Local Transportation Issues -TRTP- Cheryl Richardson, Exec. Dir. Anchorage Citizens Coalition**  
**Discussion of Municipal Budgets - Paul Wiltse, OMB Director**  
**Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**  
**Adjournment** (before 9:00 pm)

### MESSAGE FROM THE TEASURER

As you may know, the President and I have been meeting with Assembly persons Janice Shamberg and Doug Van Etten and officials of Chugach Electric Assoc. discussing the burying of electrical distribution lines in compliance with the agreement made with the municipality concerning the construction of the high voltage transmission line along the railroad corridor through our council area.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> an agreement was finalized: in 2004 Chugach will bury a new electrical line for path lighting along the existing paved trail through Taku Lake Park from the southern parking lot to the northern parking lot. Additionally, existing overhead electrical transmission line (and cable and phone line that may hang on the same poles) will be buried along Schoon Street from Arctic Slope to E. 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, along E. 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 76<sup>th</sup> Court, and the line near E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Taku Park. In all, about 6100 feet of line will be buried and the related poles will be removed. There are additional areas being assessed for possible distribution line burial. We will keep you posted as more decisions come out of the committee process.

Last month Mr. Ralph Rentz, MOA Project Management and Engineering, presented the current plan for Taku Lake Park improvements for which bonds have been sold. He requested volunteers to form a committee to assist in the prioritizing process for the parks needed improvements.

The park project committee is addressing the areas of slope and shore erosion, low/wet spots on the unpaved trail around the lake, a picnic shelter, re-vegetating with indigenous species at the shoreline and lake front, a dock, and the possibility of a flat paved area near the south parking lot with obstacles on which skate boarders would develop their talents - yes possibly - a skateboard park as potential ways to spend the \$186,000.

#### **The process of serving your community paves communication corridors.**

For more information on serving on a municipal board or commission see:

<http://www.muni.org/boards/index.cfm>

We look forward to hearing from you by phone, e-mail, or at our next meeting.

*Carol Holden*

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT

<http://gisweb.ci.anchorage.ak.us/planning/notice.htm>

The Planning Department's mission is to guide Anchorage land use development and community resources to meet the quality of life, economic, social, environmental, and physical needs of present and future residents.

They cannot do that without input from citizens like you. Please visit the above website to stay up-to-date with what is happening in your community council district through the public notice system.

Notices include maps, reports and important dates. While paper notices will still be mailed to residents and businesses within 500' of a planning or zoning, platting or other municipal action that has a public testimony process, additional notification will now be available by e-mail. Visit the Muni web site and sign up for e-mail notices by community council district:

[www.muni.org/planning/index.cfm](http://www.muni.org/planning/index.cfm). Once there click 'Planning Alerts' along the left frame.

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) is a regional council umbrella organization for members from the 37 municipally recognized councils, such as TCCC. The FCC sponsors a regular forum to discuss issues that affect all councils. There is a small municipally provided annual budget just over \$100,000 that is threatened every year. The funding provided to the FCC is used to fund a part time employee, informational brochures, distribution of the 37 councils monthly newsletters, storage of submitted community council records, master mailing lists, mailing equipment, and more. Most importantly the FCC office assists people in understanding and getting involved in the local public process. Without this knowledge center, it would be very difficult to navigate the political corridors of the Municipality of Anchorage.

The concept of having a place for community councils to call "home" is important. This arena of grass roots citizenship can be effective when utilized often and with consistency. It's always challenging for grass-roots citizenship organization to obtain and hold volunteers - both shortfalls can be bridged by the FCC office and its mission of providing a dedicated public exchange forum.

The FCC is currently working on many issues. One of which will require your time and opinion. The FCC will be performing a citywide community survey. The survey may appear in a local newspaper or by direct mail - the format is still to be decided upon. Please participate, for this is how the "pulse" of the community is taken.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET: <http://www.muni.org/omb/2004BudgetDev.cfm>.

Reference it for facts. Second Public Hearing by the Anchorage Assembly to be held November 4th.

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