

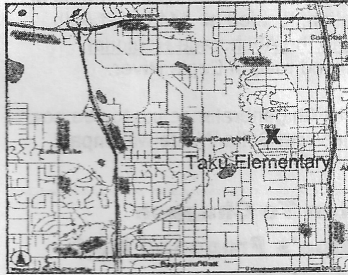
# The Taku-Campbell Community Council Newsletter

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TCCC Community Council Area

The TCCC general membership meeting will be held on Thursday April 17th at 7:00 pm in the Taku Elementary School Library located at 701 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518.

## **7:00 PM ON THURSDAY APRIL 17th**

### **Agenda**

- Teleconference with our Juneau Legislative representatives:  
*This is a time for anyone to comment to or ask questions of our legislative representatives in Juneau. If the conference should end earlier, the regular meeting will begin. Scheduled for 20 minutes*

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS: 7:20PM - 7:40 PM

#### **ASSEMBLY UPDATE:**

- Assemblymen - Doug Van Etten and Dick Traini

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- CEA Update on proposed high voltage transmission line.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of TCCC officers
- Prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects

#### **PRESENTATIONS: 7:40 - 9:30 PM**

- Proposed Airport Projects for 2003
- Road Improvements at Arctic and Potter
- Park Improvements for Taku Lake Park
- Anchorage Area Wide Trails Rehabilitation Project
- Campbell Creek Trail (spurs only)
- The Future of Solid Waste Services in Anchorage
- Municipal Property Values and Taxes

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### **Greetings to Members of Our Community Council:**

You know of course that we have been pursuing and questioning Chugach Electric Association's attempts to construct an aerial high voltage transmission line in the Alaska Railroad's corridor running through our council area. At our last council meeting we were informed by a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission that the commission just found out that P&Z had no authority to grant to CEA the change for the use of the corridor which is necessary before the transmission line can be constructed, and that the change would have to be approved by the Anchorage Assembly. On April 4, 2003, the Assembly has scheduled a work session to discuss the CEA transmission line. Officers of your council along with business owners, and residents will attend this public meeting but will be unable to participate. We will advise you of what we learned at our April 17<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Another big issue for our council is the under-21 nude entertainment clubs. Anchorage currently has clubs where alcohol is not served, but 18-year old dancers are employed. My understanding is that nudity does occur, and that patrons are usually much older than the dancers.

Anchorage has laws on adult entertainment, etc., but not for 18 year olds - many still in high school - dancing in what may be called non-alcoholic teen strip clubs or otherwise known as adult cabaret.

Taku-Campbell Community Council is very concerned about our community allowing nude entertainment venues to young people under 21 years of age. We feel that this presents unnecessary and undesirable risks and choices to our school children and other young people in our community.

We are additionally concerned about the potential negative impacts these establishments can have on the community. We would like to see the community councils notified when license applications are made for "adult-oriented establishments." The following characteristics do not sound like those of a good neighbor: "AMC 21.45.245: Standards - unlicensed nightclubs, AMC 21.45.240: Location of premises where children are not allowed. A. Purpose. Certain types of enterprises are places where children unaccompanied by an adult guardian or parent are prohibited. These enterprises have been determined, by court-accepted independent studies, to produce secondary impacts on surrounding land uses. The impacts include a decline in property values, and increase in the level of criminal activity, including prostitution, rape and assaults, in the vicinity of these types of enterprises, and the degradation of the community standard of morality by inducing a loss of sensitivity to the adverse effect of pornography upon children, upon established family relations, and upon respect for marital relationships. The purpose of this section is to segregate such enterprises from places frequented by minors in order to reduce the influence of these enterprises on minors."

The TCCC Steering Committee supports the following recommendations by the Anchorage Council of PTAs:

1. Raise the minimum age limit for attending or working at any nude entertainment clubs to 21 years old. (e.g., AMC 8.50.010, AS Sec. 11.66.300 and Sec. 23.10.350).
2. Put these businesses and nude entertainers under stricter licensing requirement, building codes, and health inspections.
3. Disallow license for prior convictions related to prostitution, alcohol, and drugs.
4. Notify Community Councils when license applications are made for "adult-oriented establishments."
5. Ban alcohol in nude entertainment businesses that don't have a license to serve (no BYOB).
6. Increase enforcement of current and new regulations.

According to an article in The Anchorage Chronicle, PTAs Push for Community Discussion of Under-21 Strip Clubs – New nude, nonalcoholic entertainment venue opens, by Heather A. Resz, Staff Writer, Anchorage Chronicle, March 20, 2003, "Anchorage's newest under-21 strip club opened March 14 at 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street. Wolfie's is a private club that closed temporarily after losing its liquor license. Business owner Dave Wolff said he bought the building from the bank about three years ago. He has reopened it as an under-21 nude dancing club after his club's liquor license was suspended."

To voice your opinion regarding the reopening of Wolfie's as an under-21 nude entertainment venue please send your comments to:

Frances Dunn, Liquor Program Coordinator  
 Municipal Clerk's Office  
 Municipality of Anchorage  
 P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage  
 AK 99519-6650  
 Phone: (907) 343-4316 Fax: (907) 343-4313

To request an issue paper and sample letter of support on the under-21 nude entertainment businesses and their impact on the high school environment, please contact a member of the TCCC Steering Committee.

Don Peacock, President

**SELF-STORAGE ORDINANCE**

Case 2002-062 Self-Storage Ordinance is scheduled to go before the P&Z Commission on April 14, 2003, in the Assembly Chambers, at the Loussac Library at 6:30PM. Public testimony is welcome. Please contact the Municipal Planning and Development Department to request a copy of the Self Storage Ordinance. For more information about your council's position contact Rebecca Roberts at 229-6137.

**CONSTRUCTION WASTE DISPOSAL**

Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Service **effective April 1st**, all construction/demolition loads normally processed through the commercial entrance at the central transfer station, located at 1111 east 56th avenue must be taken to the Anchorage Regional Landfill located at highland road in Eagle River.

Please attend the April 17th general meeting to see how these and other changes with Solid Waste will impact you.

**Assembly To Listen To Chugach Electric Association's Proposed High Voltage Line Through South Anchorage**

Chugach Electric Association (CEA) is scheduled to make a presentation to the Assembly at a regularly scheduled work session on Friday, April 4th from 3-4 PM.

The Work Session will be held at the Assembly conference room on the Ground Floor of City Hall. Observers are welcomed, but there is no public participation during work sessions.

Taku Campbell Community Council (TCCC) has heard from numerous residents and business owners that they have concerns about this proposed high voltage line. This notice is being provided as part of TCCC's role to provide information about issues important to our area.

In order for the high voltage line to be constructed, an amendment to the Utility Corridor Plan is needed, which the Assembly must approve. CEA will likely focus its presentation on the need to amend the Corridor Plan and the need to expand service capacity in South Anchorage.

As is typical with public meetings, it will likely convey concern and interest to the Assembly if a number of residents and business owners are able to attend this meeting.

**RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS FOR ARCTIC BOULEVARD AT POTTER DRIVE**

Engineers from Lounsbury & Associates will present the results of their traffic analysis and identify recommended improvements for the Arctic Boulevard @ Potter Drive Highway Safety Improvement Project completed on behalf of the Municipality of Anchorage. The project was initiated in this area because of high accident rates --44 between 1998 and 2000. The primary intersection of interest is the four-way intersection of Arctic Boulevard, Potter Drive and west 54th. Of secondary interest are two tee intersections of Arctic Boulevard with West 54th Avenue and West 53rd Avenue.

Ann Brooks  
 Public Participation Coordinator  
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**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

(Excerpted in part from *The Anchorage Chronicle*)

**Community Council Redistricting - Project Update:**

The Planning Department is drafting an ordinance to introduce the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) Community Council Redistricting - Report and Recommendations case before the Assembly. It appears Assembly introduction will occur in the second half of April. When the case is introduced, the Assembly will establish a public hearing date, which will likely be in May.

As part of the ordinance, Planning is preparing an atlas of community council maps intended to serve as a reference for the public once boundaries have been adopted. As with any other case, because an Assembly decision may differ from a P&Z recommendation, the draft ordinance and its boundary maps are designed to be changeable to align with the boundaries the Assembly does adopt. The draft ordinance merely codifies the P&Z recommendations and maps. It makes no change to content.

**Documents Available for Review:** The report and maps are available on the Planning Department website at [http://www.muni.org/planning/prj\\_CouncilRedistrict.cfm](http://www.muni.org/planning/prj_CouncilRedistrict.cfm).

For more information on this process contact Mr. Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Comprehensive Planning Division, Planning Department - Municipality of Anchorage, 343-7921 (division phone), 343-7927 (fax), [davistg@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:davistg@ci.anchorage.ak.us).

**MOA - NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION**

Platting and zoning information can be found in the Anchorage Chronicle publication each Thursday.

**Location:** North of West Potter Drive and East of Arctic Blvd. Request to subdivide five lots into one lot with the vacation of a 20' X 250' alley along the North property boundary and a variance from AMC 21.80.250 for a dead-end alley.

**Legal Location:** Campbell Park Acres Subdivision, Lots 47D, 47E, 47F, 48E & 48F located within the SW 1/4 of Section 31, T13N, R3W, S.M., Alaska. Petitioner Donald N. & Dana G. Anderson. Total area: 83 acres

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the Municipality of Anchorage P&Z will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall at 3600 Denali Street (Z.J. Loussac Library, Anchorage Alaska, to consider the following:

- **Case 2003-055:** An Ordinance amending Title 21 for accessory dwelling units. This petition enacts a new Section 21.45.035, Accessory Dwelling Unites
- **Case 2003-062:** An Ordinance of the MOA Amending Anchorage Municipal Code Subsections 21.15.005.E requiring that the Planning Department provide notice of Public Hearings by mailing to property owners within 1000 feet of land subject to an application for variances conditional uses, subdivision approval, and other special land use permits.
- **Case 2003-066:** An Ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Subsection 21.45.245.B to exempt Teen Nightclubs and Underage Dances from the 300 foot location restriction.

**APD - Address Verification**

To ensure the police come the right addresses if you call 911 from home, pick up your telephone (from home) and dial 565-6789.

Listen to the automated message which will read back the home address associated with your telephone number.

This is the address the police dispatch sees when/if you call 911.

APD is requesting everyone dial this number and let them know of any discrepancies. The automated system will guide you with further instructions if you indicate the address is incorrect.

**Public Testifying Workshop**

*(date to be announced)*

- o Understanding the Public Process.
- o Doing your research Before You Testify.
- o Presenting Effective public testimony.
- o What is ineffective testimony?
- o Writing Persuasive letters to the editor.

Anyone interested in attending this type of training please contact Rebecca Roberts 229-6137.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

We would like to hear from you on what improvements you would like to see in your council area. Please look over the current list of CIP's and let us know if you would like to make additions. Project evaluation and prioritization will take place at the April general Meeting.

### Current CIP list:

- International Airport Rd @ New Seward Hwy - Grade Separation
- Dowling Rd Extension/Reconstruction - Minnesota to Old Seward
- Arctic Blvd Surface Rehab - Tudor to Raspberry Rd.
- C St. Reconstruction Phase III - Dimond to O'Malley (currently in design)
- Raspberry Rd. Extension - Arctic to C St. (MOA)
- Raspberry Rd. Minnesota to Arctic (DOT/MOA)
- Extend Trail Lights to East of New Seward Hwy.
- Old Seward/ International Airport Rd. Area Storm Reconstruction
- Redesign of Renaissance Village Subdivision entry to provide transition from industrial zone (I-1) into the neighborhood (R-2M)
- TCCC Area Pavement Rehabilitation
- Sylvan Drive Rehabilitation
- Austin Avenue Rehabilitation
- Dimond Blvd. Rehabilitation - Jewel Lake to Seward Hwy
- 74<sup>th</sup> Street - Arctic to Rovenna - Pedestrian Safety Corridor
- New Seward Hwy Improvements - Rabbit Creek Rd. To 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue (currently in design)
- 75<sup>th</sup> Street Paving - from Arctic Blvd West to end of 75<sup>th</sup>.
- 68<sup>th</sup> Street Flyover - to ease East/West travel

There are five improvement categories, based on the primary goal of the project. The categories are roadway improvements, safety improvements, drainage collection improvements, drainage treatment improvements, park improvements, and miscellaneous improvements such as park amenities, trails, and equipment.

The CIP development schedule is updated annually in response to evolving community needs and priorities. The typical schedule for this process is:

1. Community Input (February - April)
2. Project evaluation and prioritization (April - May)
3. Draft CIP is developed (May - June)
4. Internal review by municipal agencies (June - August)
5. Assembly approval and final public comment (Sept.- Nov.)

For more information on this process you may visit [http://muni.org/project\\_mgmt/cip.cfm](http://muni.org/project_mgmt/cip.cfm)

## DOWLING ROAD EXTENSION - UPDATE

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is continuing to work on the Dowling Road Extension study. The purpose of the study is to provide a new east - west road connection between Dowling Road from the Old Seward Highway west to Minnesota Drive. The DOT&PF met with local businesses, neighbors, and agencies last fall to hear concerns, answer questions and discuss ideas.

People who have participated up to this point agree that the area needs another east-west road connection. Businesses are concerned about how difficult it is to get in and out of their businesses. They are also concerned about mixing heavy truck traffic with local neighborhood traffic. Neighbors are concerned about traffic, noise and improving safety for both cars and pedestrians. Agency input included improving emergency response time in the area, concerns about impacts to Campbell Creek and Tina Lake, and improving traffic flow.

The next steps include developing east-west road connection alternatives. The DOT&PF will hold another series of meetings in the spring of 2003 to discuss the range of alternatives with the local businesses, neighbors, and agencies. A preferred alternative will be identified in the Winter of 2004.

For More Information Contact: Project Manager Miriam Tanaka, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (907) 269-0546, or Dan Simpson, HDR Alaska, Inc. Project Team Manager (907) 274-2000.

## LEGISLATION JEOPARDIZES "LOCAL CONTROL"

Dear Neighbor,

SB 71 that restricts enhancement (trails, sidewalks, landscaping) spending by the state and local governments has passed the Senate and will be heard in the House Transportation Committee on Thursday April 3 at 1:30pm. This is the only committee that will hear it in the House.

You can attend the hearing and give testimony by showing up at the Legislative Information Office hearing 15 minutes before it starts to sign-up. Written comments may also be submitted via email or fax and will be distributed to the committee.

Anchorage Legislative Information Office  
716 W 4th Avenue, Suite 200  
(907) 269-0111 Fax: (907) 269-0229  
[Anchorage\\_LIO@icdis.state.ak.us](mailto:Anchorage_LIO@icdis.state.ak.us)

### House Transportation Committee

Committee Member	Phone #	Toll Free #	Fax #
Co-Chair, Jim Holm	465-3466	866-465-3466	465-2937
Co-chair, Beverly Masek	465-2679	800-505-2678	465-4822
Bud Fate	465-4976	866-465-4976	465-3883
Cheryl Heinze	465-4930	800-331-4930	465-3834
Vic Kohring	465-2186	800-468-2186	465-3818
Mary Kapsner	465-4942	800-323-4942	465-4589
Albert Kookesh	465-3473	888-288-3473	465-2827

### AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATTERNS TO CHANGE - MORE NOISE OVER TCCC

Mark Butler, Community Relations Manager of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport will be at the April 17th general meeting to give a follow-up presentation on this summer's airport construction season. Reconstruction of the North/South runway, airfield lighting and completion of the new Taxiway Yankee are included on this year's list. As a result, you may observe aircraft flight patterns not normally used, as well as greater frequency of flights over the community during the construction period.

Mr. Butler and TCCC will work together to keep the community informed. We plan to provide project updates as they become available.

### ARRC DOUBLE TRACKING PROJECT

By: Rick Williams Neighborhood Liaison Evander Neighborhood

Alaska Railroad Corporation reports that construction on the Campbell Creek Bridge is underway and should be completed by May 6th. The entire double tracking project in the South Anchorage area should be completed by June 15th. According to Bill Houghton, ARRC's project manager, completion of this project will increase overall efficiency. Gravel movement and passenger movement could take place simultaneously. The Double Tracking Project could increase through traffic but eliminate the need for switching activities between Dimond Blvd and 76th Ave. However, when asked if the track switching mechanism in this area would be removed, the answer was no. ARRC would still use the switch for emergency switching.

ARRC has scheduled gravel trains to operate on the new (west) track and passenger trains will continue to operate on the existing (east) track. Businesses and residents adjacent to the tracks will notice increased train activity. However, John Fuglestad, Vice President and General Manager of Quality Asphalt & Paving and Stephanie Wheeler, Public Involvement Officer of ARRC has assured TCCC that under normal operating conditions, train activity will be confined to the hours of 6am and 10pm.

We understand that a Grade Separated Crossing at C-Street would also lessen the congestion and reduce the negative impact on our community. Since C-Street is scheduled for reconstruction anyway, we will pursue this possibility with city planners and DOT.

For a current update on this project, please contact Mr. Rick Williams, Evander neighborhood liaison, at 349-8548 or <mailto:rwiliam@uui-alaska.com>

### Leadership Experience Free Lecture Series

Lectures sponsored by Leadership Anchorage and The Anchorage Municipal Libraries. Great Leaders are not born - they can be made.

The FREE lectures are being held in the Lousaac Library Wilda Marston Theatre - Fridays from noon to 1pm. For more information and confirmation of the dates and times of the lectures contact: 272-5324.

#### REMAINING SCHEDULE

- Friday, April 4, "Lessons from Complexity Science"
- Friday, April 11, "Go Slow or Go Fast - Lessons in Building Trust and Relationships Before a Team Gets into Action"
- Friday, April 18, "Leading Diversity - Champions of Change"

### FORUM FOR PARKS PLAN

#### Public Process - Key Meetings

- April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. - Spenard Recreation Center
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm - Museum of History and Art

### PARKS PLAN REVISION

Reprinted from the RCCC Newsletter

**Public Participation Requested.** The city is in the process of revising our Park, Natural Open Space and Recreation Facility Plan. Advisory groups (Community and Technical) have met with the local planning team (Land Design North who partnered with Indiana University's Eppley Institute for Parks & Public lands.) The public involvement process will continue in April and town hall style meetings and work-sessions which will compliment a public survey to be sent this month. The planning team conducted interviews with user groups who identified key issues to address in the revision. Some of the issues are: partner with schools to integrate sports fields usage; ensure Chugach State Park access as residential development occurs; develop a critical land acquisition strategy' ensure park lands are in "dedicated" land status; balance facility types (organized vs. non-organized facilities); maintain & improve the existing parks/facilities; consider potential for winter tourism & economic value; interface number of neighborhood parks' connect existing parks/greenbelts with trails; adequately fund parks; obtain specialized staff such as an urban forester.

### TCCC PARK SURVEY

TCCC HAS been identified as a key group that will eventually benefit from a well-planned park system. Land Design North (LDN) and the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission have invited our council to participate in filling out a questionnaire and to provide important information on future parks, greenbelts and recreation needs of our council area. Representatives of the LDN project team will be holding public meetings during the week of April 7 through 11 (a schedule is available on the municipality web page). Council members, park users, and people that live and work in the area are encouraged to participate in identifying our community's parks, natural open space and recreational facility needs for the next 20 years. If you are interested in working on developing our local parks, please contact Rebecca Roberts at 229-6137 or at [bee\\_happy55@hotmail.com](mailto:bee_happy55@hotmail.com).

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**Positions Open -  
Come Join Your Council!**

**Annual Elections and CIP Prioritization:****April 17, 2003****Meeting Date: Thursday - April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 7:00 PM****ANCHORAGE RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCIES**

The City of Anchorage recently received a three-year, \$900,000 grant to identify and help residents who may need extra help or attention during natural disasters or emergencies.

The Federal Homeland Security grant was given to the Municipality of Anchorage's Department of Health and Human Services. The department will focus on ways to mobilize volunteers to visit homebound / frail and residents with special needs in their homes. Volunteers will provide residents with emergency preparedness instruction, assess homes for hazards and provide them with emergency preparedness supply kits. In addition, the department will work closely with agencies serving special needs populations to retrieve voluntary personal information. The information will then be used to develop and maintain a centralized database for public safety and emergency response teams. Currently, there is no method to account for the homebound/frail or vulnerable populations that exist in Anchorage.

The department has already teamed up with the Anchorage Watchful, Alert, and Ready for Emergencies program (AWARE) to train volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer in the program, have a volunteer visit your home or know a vulnerable resident who could use this service, then please contact 343-6114, 343-4491 or 343-4270 to schedule. More information is available at [www.muni.org/AWARE](http://www.muni.org/AWARE)

**SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE WITH THE TCCC STEERING COMMITTEE CONTINUES**

*Each Saturday morning at 8:30 AM our Council Steering Committee meets for coffee and talk at Café Vivachi in the neighborhood mall at the corner of King and Dimond. The first half hour is devoted to Council business and the second half hour to discussion of general issues. All are welcome to join.*

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Council Coffee is cancelled so officers may attend the FCC strategy session.**