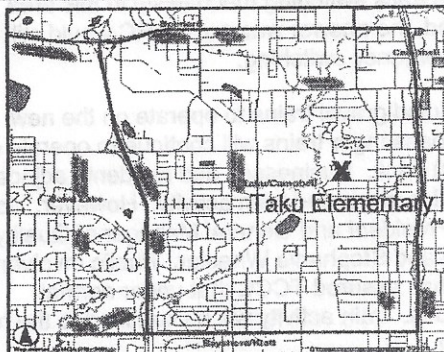


The Taku-Campbell Community Council Newsletter

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TCCC Community Council Area

The TCCC general membership meeting will be held on Thursday March 13th at 7:00 pm in the Taku Elementary School Library located at 701 E. 72nd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518.

7:00 PM ON THURSDAY MARCH 13th

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: 7:30 - 7:40 PM

ASSEMBLY UPDATE:

- Assemblymen - Doug Van Etten and Dick Traini will be traveling and not available for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tabled motion concerning Proposed High Voltage Transmission Line. Contract No.777, Chugach Electric Association, Corridor Permit .

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations report for TCCC officers

PRESENTATIONS: 7:40 - 9:30 PM

- ASD School Bonds
- Municipal Property Values and Taxes
- Proposed Airport Projects for 2003
- Anticipated TCCC-area road construction projects and bike path issues
- Development of our local parks
- Chugach Electric Association (CEA) High Voltage Transmission line - Information presented from CEA, community members, and the Municipality

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Taku Campbell Council Members:

If you haven't been attending our Community Council's monthly meetings at Taku Elementary School you have been missing discussion of very important issues. We are considering continuing general membership meetings throughout the Summer this year. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending. Please consider stopping by *Café Vivachi* on Saturday morning for coffee and talk. You can count on us being there at 8:30 AM all through the Summer.

Our council's officers have been working for you on several major fronts. We have been working with the Planning and Zoning commission in drafting a revised self storage ordinance (Case 2002-062). A public hearing is planned for **March 10, 2003, at 6:30 PM at in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library**; then we will find out how fruitful our efforts have been.

We have been quite concerned about Chugach Electric Association's (CEA) proposed overhead high voltage transmission lines intended to be installed along the Alaska Railroad's corridor right through our council area. On January 8th three of our officers attended a meeting with the project manager for CEA and staff. We asked them to bury the lines and make public their intentions. On February 3rd we met with the Alaska Railroad's board of directors. We asked that a public process be created for notification of plans, consideration of what businesses will be impacted by the lines, consideration as part of the easement agreement the inclusion that CEA be required to use utilidors in supplying the additional lines. We also stated that our community has concerns about the unknown health consequences and visuals in our community already heavily impacted with unsightly neighborhood blight, towers, asphalt, and concrete. Our members continue to discuss this issue at our council meetings.

Another issue of prominence in the municipality is the Southern Extension of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Community members from both sides have been given time at our general meetings to discuss their views. Members believe the council's role in this regional issue is to provide a moderated/balanced educational forum to give individual citizens the opportunity to make their own decisions, and if they are inclined, to participate in the public process based on where the project currently is (e.g. now in the written comment phase - deadline March 7th).

One of our council's newest concerns is under-21 nude entertainment businesses and they're impact on the high school environment. A representative of the Anchorage Council of PTA's spoke at our last general meeting regarding the growing concerns with this issue.

Don Peacock

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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (TIP)

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/TIP'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/TIP 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)
- TCCC Area Pavement Rehabilitation
- Sylvan Drive Rehabilitation
- Austin Avenue Rehabilitation
- Dimond Blvd. Rehabilitation - Jewel Lake to Seward Hwy
- 74th Street - Arctic to 74th - Pedestrian Safety Corridor
- New Seward Hwy Improvements - Rabbit Creek Rd. To 36th Avenue (currently in design)
- 75th Street Paving - Arctic Blvd to 74th St.
- 76th Ave. Reconstruction - Chad St to Arctic Blvd.
- 76th Ave. Reconstruction - King St. to Old Seward
- 76th Ave. Reconstruction - Old Seward Hwy to New Seward Hwy Frontage Rd
- Improvements on 36th Ave. between Arctic Blvd. and C St., at the Arctic Blvd and Chugach Way intersection and at the Arctic Blvd. at Potter Road intersection.

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/TIP 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

ALASKA RAILROAD DOUBLE TRACKING PROJECT

By: Rick Williams
Neighborhood Liaison
Evander Neighborhood

ARRC 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, AARC'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. AARC would still use the switch for emergency switching.

AARC 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.

Leadership Experience Free Lecture Series
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 Loussac 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.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 7, "Leadership: An Art of Possibility"
Friday, March 14, "Leadership Moments"
Friday, March 21, "Serious Play - Increasing Group Effectiveness"
Friday, March 28, "The Power of Questions"
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"

SELF-STORAGE ORDINANCE UPDATE

The self-storage subcommittee, appointed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 6, 2002, has met several times since creation to attempt to come to consensus on outstanding issues in the draft ordinance. The subcommittee consists of industry representatives, Community Council representatives, and members of the public, commissioners and Planning Department staff. The subcommittee members consistently worked very hard to achieve the results requested by the Commission. There is considerable consensus for much of this draft ordinance. However, there are some outstanding issues that the subcommittee cannot come to agreement on. These are: landscaping requirements, conditional use versus site plan review, amortization, and financial guarantees for landscaping.

Case 2002-062 Self-Storage Ordinance is scheduled to go before the P&Z Commission on March 10, 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.

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 March 13th general meeting to give a short 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.

BIKE PATH AT ARCTIC TUNNEL STILL UNDER WATER

The ADOT contact for the Arctic Boulevard project is:
Tim Crogan, Construction Project Manager
State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities P.O. Box 196900 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900

While this is an ADOT project, the MOA worked with ADOT during both the design and construction of this project. The MOA is pursuing having ADOT correct the flooding and cracking problems within the underpass. We are currently at an impasse, but still talking, and hope to resolve the problems that are occurring with this underpass. If you or any member of the Taku Community Council would like to discuss questions/comments or concerns you may have, I would be happy to meet and discuss this or any other MOA/PM&E project.

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MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13th GENERAL MEETING:

Members convened at 7:00 PM. Telephone equipment was incomplete so members used a wall telephone with a speaker to converse with Juneau. Nancy Fair, Don Peacock and Ed Earnhart spoke.

Council meeting called to order at 7:20 PM. The Secretary announced a quorum present. President Don Peacock introduced Dick Traini who spoke about school bonds and youths attempts to have voting age lowered. After order of presentation in Agenda was changed, the agenda was approved. Matt Bobich requested an opportunity to speak. President Don told him we had a full agenda, but if we had time at the end of the meeting he could speak then.

The Secretary read her minutes from January 9, 2003, meeting; moved to approve, seconded and approved. Treasurer not present so no report.

President Don reported on council's activities: weekly steering committee meetings, ongoing TCCC survey, CEA's proposed high voltage transmission line and his speech at the Alaska

Railroad Board of Directors meeting, self storage ordinance, proposed ordinance concerning towing procedures, capital improvement projects, under-21 nude entertainment at the *Showboat Show Club* and *Fantasies*, extension of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, and selection of the nominating committee for TCCC officers.

Under Old Business, the December 2002 motion to table approving the Chugach Electric Assoc.'s concept for the high power transmission line was moved, seconded and voted to be taken from the table. Thereafter, a lengthy discussion took place between representatives from CEA and community members concerned about the impacts the line will have on their health and safety, property, business, and the surrounding area. Discussion centered around safety, visual effects, buried lines as opposed to aerial lines, easement proposals, failure to notice landowners, property managers and tenants. After 45 minutes, a motion was made to table the issue until the March 13, 2003 meeting. The motion was seconded.

A representative from the Anchorage Council of PTA's spoke on under 21 nude entertainment businesses in Anchorage and they're impact on the high school environment, municipal ordinances, and applicable state laws.

Brian Hosken, Asst. Principal, Dimond High School, discussed the current status of the newly proposed high school boundaries and student populations. He advised that Service High School has 2,400 students enrolled, Dimond High School has 2,300 students, and after South Anchorage High School is completed, Service High School will have 2,000 students, Dimond High School will have 1,600 students, and South Anchorage High School will have 1,600 students. Discussions followed about the bussing of students and length of time for bus travel; 45 minutes is not uncommon.

Clark Hobb, spoke about the Alaska Railroad double track construction and the bridge over Campbell Creek. Bridge to be completed by the end of May, and double track by the end of Summer 2003. The trail users may be stopped for bridge construction. It is not possible to pre-schedule stoppages.

Rick Sinnott discussed the effect the proposed coastal trail would have on wildlife in the refuge and sale marshes. He believes the refuges are rare and valuable.

John Fletcher, Ocean View Community Council, opposed the present recommended modified orange trail because of the impact it will have on wildlife, safety on the trail and the cost. He referenced the 1997 trails plan.

President Don stated that our council's Steering Committee determined that it would be inappropriate for just a few members to make a resolution for approximately 15 thousand council members regarding a regional trail. Members were encouraged to give individual public comment.

Assemblyman Van Etten commented about school bonds and why he favored an advisory vote on lowering the age for voting in municipal elections.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM
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**Positions Open –
Come Join Your Council.**

**DOUG VAN ETTEN EXPLAINED
HIS VIEWS TO ALASKAN SENATORS:**

I am very concerned about Senator Ben Stevens' attempt to interfere with the "local control" of how much of Anchorage's Federal highway dollars are devoted to "Enhancements". Enhancements include trails, pedestrian safety, landscaping, historic preservation and other non "lanes and stripes" expenditures. As it is, Anchorage's money is rarely obligated to the full 15% due to any number of complications from year to year.

However, we have major projects in the works - Ship Creek, Chester Creek, Campbell Creek trail systems and watershed planning processes among the many, that may need the whole amount of 15%, let alone 10%.

I hope the Alaska senate will share my view that trails in Anchorage are a source of economic development that is clean, renewable and long-term. Our trails attract and retain residents, which means jobs. Our trails attract and retain visitors, which means jobs and local expenditures.

We need to enhance our economic opportunities not only in the areas of oil and rural development as the Governor has advocated but in the areas of business retention / resident retention as well as visitor amenities and attractions. Trails and landscaping enhance our local and international appeal, to the benefit of Anchorage and the whole state.

Please support our local control of our transportation decisions. Please support continuing 15% of the AMATS funding for enhancements.

Doug Van Etten
Anchorage Assemblyman
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**Annual Elections will be held
at the April 11, 2003, 7:00 pm**

Meeting Date: Thursday - March 14th, 2003, 7:30 PM