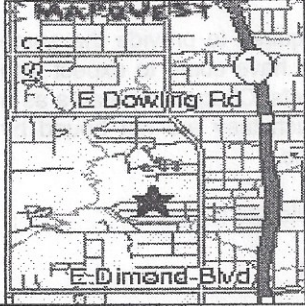


The Taku-Campbell Community Council Newsletter

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Location of Taku Elementary

Alaska Railroad Double Tracking Project

ARRC has assured the TCCC Steering Committee that property owners impacted by the Double Tracking Project will be sent an update on the project through bulk mail. Representatives from ARRC will be present at the February TCCC meeting to give a project update and to answer questions.

Coastal Trail Update

TCCC's role: providing 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).

The public comment period on the coastal trail is open up until March 7. The public hearings were held in December, but they were just one avenue for submitting comments. Written comments can be submitted by e-mail or regular mail. All comments have the same weight, regardless of the format: letter or resolution, paper or email. The comments at the public hearing count no more and no less than written comments, as long as they are made BEFORE March 8.

Official public comment sites:

Mail to:

Jim Childers, P.E., ADOT&PF
Project Manager,
c/o HDR Alaska, Inc., 2525 C
Street, Suite 305,
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2632

On the Web at:

<http://home.gci.net/~southtrail>

E-Mail to:

southtrailcomment@hdrinc.com

Announcement:

There will be a general membership meeting of the Taku - Campbell Community Council on Thursday February 13th at 7:00 pm in the Taku Elementary School Library located at 701 E. 72nd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518. (See map at left)

7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13th

Agenda

GENERAL BUSINESS

7:00 - 7:30 PM

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

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

ASSEMBLY UPDATE: Assemblymen Doug Van Etten and Dick Traini.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Floor open for nomination of TCCC officers. The election of officers will take place at our April meeting.

PRESENTATIONS: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

- Brian Hofkin, Asst. Principal of Dimond High to discuss current status of the newly proposed high school boundaries.
- Bill Houghton, Project Mgr., ARRC will discuss the Double Tracking project and the progress on the new bridge over Campbell Creek.
- Mike Jens, Friends of the Trail, will discuss their position on the Southern extension of the Coastal Trail
- Sand Lake, Bayshore, and Oceanview Community Council representatives will present their position on the Southern extension of the Coastal Trail.
- A representative from the Anchorage Council of PTA's will be present to discuss teen strip clubs and their impact on the School environment

Minutes for Approval from 1/09/02 Meeting:

Meeting called to order by the President at 7:35 PM. He explained why there was no teleconference with Juneau. No quorum was present.

Assemblyman Doug Van Etten spoke about the Assembly meeting of January 7, 2003, and handed out printed copies of the subjects covered during that meeting.

Vice-President Rebecca Roberts spoke about the Alaska Railroad's open house, a meeting with representatives from Chugach Electric Association regarding the proposed high voltage transmission line through the TCCC council area, the outstanding Muniversity lecture series, and the council survey currently underway in the TCCC area.

Dave Norton, South Addition Community Council, spoke about the Southern extension of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and presented a resolution for the Taku-Campbell Community Council to consider.

Ron Jordan spoke about the new Carrs/Safeway store moving from the TCCC area on the corner of the Old Seward Hwy. and Dimond Blvd. to their new location on Abbott and 88th. We haven't heard yet who will be moving into their old store.

Carol Holden gave additional information concerning the Muniversity public lecture series. Meeting ended at 9:10 PM. Recorded by: TCCC Secretary, Ron Peacock

HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE

TCCC's President Don Peacock represented the Council area and testified before the Alaska Railroad's Board of Directors on this issue. His statement follows:

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. I am Don Peacock, President of the Taku-Campbell Community Council (TCCC). Our council area extends from International Airport Road to 92nd Avenue and from New Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive. The Alaska Railroad runs through the middle of and is an important member of our council area.

On November 14th, 2002, representatives of Chugach Electric Association, Inc. attended our council's monthly meeting, informed our members of a planned high voltage transmission line to be installed along your railroad tracks and asked for a resolution approving their plans. Our members expressed displeasure with the proposed transmission line because of possible health consequences, of failure to timely make the plans public as well as the likely encroachment of the line into business and residential properties. The council members present recommended that the line be relocated to follow Minnesota Drive Southward or at least be buried underground if the railroads corridor is to be used.

On January 8th, 2003, TCCC's officers met with Chugach representatives in their offices. After lengthy discussions, Chugach agreed to notify impacted property owners, property managers and tenants of its plans for the transmission line and copy our council with the notification. To date no notification has occurred although the proposed line will affect many persons.

Our community has major concerns about the line: unknown public health consequences, aesthetically poor visuals in an area which is already heavily impacted with concrete and asphalt, the lack of development of public policy or process regarding the high voltage line and the lack of use of utilidor as suggested in the municipality's Comp. Plan 2020.

The Alaska Railroad, if it provides an easement for the project, has a significant role to play in assuring it helps not hurts, the community. Some issues it should be concerned about are: (1) Safety issues if the aerial lines are used (as many as three 138 kV lines), (2) ensuring that the railroad owns 100 feet of the property from the center of the track and if not how it will impact current structures, (3) the assurance of environmental justice in an area with low to mid-income residents as compared to the justice afforded residents of the hillside with their buried electrical lines as well as (4) the effect of aerial high voltage electrical lines on businesses in the area such as Red Robin, Dimond Mall and Dimond Hotel, etc.

We would like the Alaska Railroad and Chugach Electric Association to: (1) ensure that public process is created, (2) consider which businesses will be impacted by the aerial line, in particular after the railroad's tracks were realigned, and how they will be impacted, and (3) consider as part of its easement agreement the inclusion that Chugach is required to use utilidors to meet the power needs in this area of the community.

At this meeting, the ARRC Board of Directors determined that Chugach had met its required public noticing procedures, and

subsequently approved the lease with no stipulations to bury the lines.

Chugach believes that it is not required to provide the same level of public participation that we have come to expect with Federal, State, and Municipal projects. Chugach operates as a private utility company, and as such they are not bound by many public development regulations.

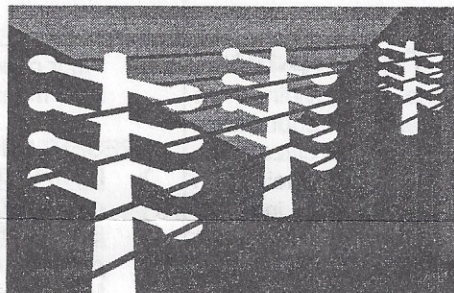
The TCCC Steering Committee would like to know:

Is this an issue of interest to you?

Do you have any health-related or aesthetics-related concerns about the line passing through the Taku_Campbell Community Council's business and commercial area?

Do you want additional information? Please come to the February 13th meeting and share your thoughts.

Also see: <http://www.chugachelectric.com/>
South Anchorage Loop



SURVEY UPDATE

Close to 100 people living and working in the TCCC area have participated in our council's survey. Your participation will allow us to be a more effective voice for you in our community. Please take an active role in your community council and let us hear from you. We still need representation from the Evander neighborhood off 76th, the neighborhood around Taku Elementary School and , the Commercial district between the Old and New Seward Hwy. near Sam's Club. We would also like to hear from non-profits, Schools, and Churches in the area. Please fax the attached electronic survey (MSWord) to Rebecca Roberts at 344-5544. [Survey - handout.doc](#) (to access - [Ctrl] and [Click]). If you cannot access this survey on your computer, please call Rebecca Roberts at 229-6137 and she will fax it to you. Thank you for your participation.

The **MUNIVERSITY** program is a series of lectures designed to give citizens an opportunity to better understand local government processes and the role, responsibilities, and resources of MOA departments.

The **FREE** lectures are being held in the Loussac Library Assembly Chambers from noon - 1pm and are being recorded for re-broadcasting on the Municipality's Channel 10 at 10AM, 2PM, and 10PM. For more information and confirmation of the dates and times of the lectures contact Heather Handyside at 343-4546.

The remaining **MUNIVERSITY** schedule is:

- February 11th - Prescription for a Healthy Community
- February 18th - Hometown Security
- February 25th - Community Connections - Street Maintenance
- March 4th - Community Culture and Recreation
- March 11th - Traffic AMATS 101

HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Boundary Task Force has scheduled the following public hearings.

1. **Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.** at Goldenview Middle School - 15800 Goldenview Dr.
2. **Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.** at Hanshew Middle School - 10121 Lake Otis Parkway
3. **Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.** at Mears Middle School - 2700 W 100th Avenue

Contact ASD Superintendent: Carol Comeau at 742-4312, (Comeau_Carol@asdk12.org). For more information, reference <http://www.asdk12.org>.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

About everything in Anchorage built or repaired with municipal funds goes through a planning process called the Capital Improvement program (CIP). The two general CIP areas are parks and trails, and roads and drainage.

TCCC will soon receive our annual list from the Municipality to prioritize and return to them in *hope of getting* some of our priorities funded. This will be an important upcoming meeting to attend and will help you better understand the process for CIP's.

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.

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

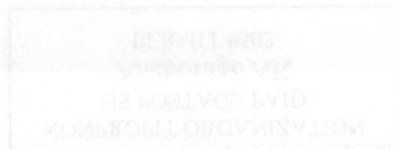
Your council delegate for the Federation of Community Councils for the 2003 calendar year will be Rebecca Roberts.

January 15, 2003 - The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) elected a new slate of officers at its January 15th meeting. Elected as president is Harriet Drummond, graphic designer and owner of Drummond Design since 1991, President of North Star Community Council, and a member of the Anchorage School board since 1994. Drummond will serve on the FCC executive board for the 2003 calendar year with Merten Bangemann-Johnson as vice president. Johnson is Vice President of the Chugiak Community Council and is the Vice President of Business Retention and Research for the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation. Two other new officers will also serve. They are Kim Stapleton-MacBeath as secretary and Kathleen Plunkett as treasurer. MacBeath, President of the Downtown community council is Merchant Services Officer with Northrim Bank, and Plunkett, a long-time President of the Russian Jack Park community Council, is an accountant for ConocoPhillips, Alaska.

The new executive board's strategic focus is to create a more effective network of community councils, and kicked-off their first day in office by initiating a brainstorming and prioritizing session with community council delegates. The next step will be to conduct a strategy session in late February to detail action plans in order to address community council priorities.

- The Federation was created to afford citizens of the Municipality of Anchorage an opportunity for effective community involvement and self-determination. The FCC fulfills this mission by: Encouraging individual and group citizen participation in local government;
- Providing local Community Councils with technological assistance, training and other support such as prioritizing their needs and organizational and leadership development;
- Encouraging local citizen involvement and empowering local residents to take an active role in their community;
- Convening and organizing regular and individual dialogues with elected officials and municipal employees;
- And by serving as a formal advisory body to the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly.

For More information please see www.communitycouncils.org or call the Federation office at 907-277-1977.



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