

Campbell Park Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES

March 18, 2021, 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order - by Steve Johnson, Chair. There were 42 members and guests in attendance. The Agenda was approved for tonight's meeting.
2. Approval of minutes was deferred since the minutes of February 18, 2021 were not yet complete.
3. Presentation: Michael Travis, of DOT, spoke on the proposed development of the Municipal property at the SE corner of Tudor and Elmore. Air Quality concerns led to a new study of pollutants related to the "Bus Barn" currently located there. The fleet is being upgraded to new vehicles which are less polluting. Approximately 7-8 new buses are being traded out per year. These newer buses put out fewer particulates and carbon monoxide, the pollutants of concern. EPA studies show that cold weather inversions are particularly bad for trapping pollutants in the lower atmosphere where people can breath them. The problem of pollutants from the busses has been made much better by the ASD practice of plugging them in and pre-warming them. They are doing this now, regularly.

The potential development of the SE corner of Tudor and Elmore with apartments and shopping has been delayed, once again. The developer who was involved has backed out and another is beginning the process, anew. The anticipated move of the municipal center (including the Bus Barn) from that location will await new plans.

Presentation: Tanya Hickock; A land swap is anticipated to move the Tozier Track from its present location on Tudor to a new one across from the State Crime Lab on Martin Luther King Drive. Architectural plans have been developed by Faulkenberry and Associates. These were shown and include a dedicated 5,000 square foot clubhouse. This is shown sited on 20 acres with starting lanes for races and groomed track extensions in to the property from the surrounding park.

It is possible the Renaissance Fair will be relocated there as well.

Presentation: Scott Thomas and Zack Hartman of DOT spoke about increased safety resulting from changes to Tudor Road that have been done and are anticipated. These changes are correlated with AMATS. New, LED lighting is planned for 2021. This will double the amount of light emitted and put more on the sidewalks so that pedestrians are more easily seen by motorists. The corridor between Wright and Piper has been identified as particularly problematic and will get the new lighting. There have been five vehicle/

pedestrian fatalities along that short length of road in the past 20 years. Studies have shown about ten pedestrians crossing per hour in an area without crosswalks or other design features for them. Tudor carries approximately 32,000 vehicles per day. This was reduced from approximately 50,000 per day when Elmore and MLK were opened to traffic some years ago. A number of design features have been considered for the corridor to improve safety. Some have already been implemented. Funding for the lights will be primarily Federal.

Reports:

Assembly - Meg Zalatel spoke about on-going Assembly business. She said that reduced funding by the state, no longer paying for ASD bond interest, will result in the need for increased property taxes to constituents. This is estimated to result in an increase of \$110 for every \$100,000 of assessed value.

The Muni Election Center is on YouTube, live, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM every day until the muni election is complete.

Assembly - Felix Rivera said that persons can get vaccinated at a walk-up event to be held at the Dempsey-Anderson Arena on 3-19-21 from 2-8 PM.

The Budget has not been received by the Assembly members yet.

Federal Relief monies are coming but the rules for spending are not fully known, yet.

The proposed changes to B-3 zoning which will allow an expansion of Homeless shelters to some business properties is moving ahead.

State Senate - Elvi Gray-Jackson says she is in a minority of 6 Senators but that their Bills are being heard and that things are, generally cooperative.

State House - Andy Josephson - Is in a narrow majority of 20 so that the mechanics are favorable.

He spoke, apologetically, about his gas tax bill. He says that Alaska is currently the lowest tax state for fuel. His 8 cent tax would bring Alaska to the middle of the pack.

ASD - Margot Bellamy reported that two schools located in Eagle River, which were damaged in the November 2018 earthquake, have been repaired and will be re-opening soon.

FCC - Kevin Fimon reported

CPCCC Homeless Committee - Michael Burkes said the Muni is talking about using ADUs (Auxiliary Dwelling Units) as a measure for housing the homeless. No decisions have been made about these small shelters for individuals.

Jordan Harary presented three resolutions for consideration by CPCCC. These will be voted on at the next meeting; 04-15-21.

First: Direct the Muni to end the emergency declaration for Covid-19.

Second: Dialog is working to solve political problems. Encourage dialog.

Third: Oppose rule changes to 21.50.40 intended to expand areas eligible for homeless shelters.

Carl Jacobs, candidate for School Board Seat G, asked for your vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 09:45.

By: Bryan Silva, Vice Chair, for Jean Sauget, Secretary.