Campbell Park Community Council Minutes May 18th, 2023 7:00 pm Via Zoom and in-person at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay Room

I-III. Call to order, approval of agenda, and approval of minutes Chair Harary called the meeting to order at 7:05. The agenda was amended to add Todd Butler, president of the Tudor Community Council as a guest speaker. The draft minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Guest Speakers

a. AWWU representative James Armstrong described the Tudor Wright Water Line Replacement, which will close Tudor Road from May 30th to June 5th. See project details by scrolling down at https://gis-awwu.hub.arcgis.com/

b.Todd Butler, president of the Tudor Community Council (TCC), spoke on the possible merger of TCC with one or more adjacent councils (Rogers Park, University, and/or Campbell Park) as part of MOA's decennial process in assessing community council boundaries. The Tudor Community Council favors keeping the current boundaries. Butler noted Meg Zaletel's comment that community councils with Home Owners Associations tend to be less active than community councils without home owners associations. TCC has the Geneva Woods home owners association.

V. Old Business

a. Northeast Community Council Bikeway Resolution. Given lack of a quorum for voting on resolutions, the chair tabled this resolution until the June meeting.

b. July meeting. After discussion, the group agreed to skip the CPCC meeting normally scheduled for Thursday, July 20th, 2023. Kevin Fimon reminded the group that the FCC picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 19th and urged members to attend. Jean Sauget called for volunteers to help with setup for the FCC picnic.

VI. New Business

a. MOA – Change to Municipal Marijuana License Renewals. Assembly member Zaletel said that the lack of complaints about marijuana businesses was the reason for the proposed change in license terms from one year to two years. CPCC took no action on the proposed change.

b. **Vice Chair Andrew Satterfield** reported on the Destination UMED Transportation Study. A community open house to discuss the study will be held on June 13th from 6:00 to 7:30PM at the MOA Permit Center (4700 Elmore)

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VII. Reports

a. FCC Kevin Fimon The FCC will be hiring a new manager due to Mark Butler's retirement on June 30th. New FCC officers are Chair Gretchen Stoddard, Vice-chair Linda Chase, Treasurer Kevin Fimon and Secretary Bruce Roberts. The deadline for each community council to submit requests for Capital Improvement Projects is June 15th.

b. Housing and Homelessness Committee Jordan Harary read Michael Burke's letter to the Municipality regarding the lack of response to repeated requests for a copy of Municipality's current policy on abatement of camps.

c. CPCC Chair Jordan Harary stated his support for the elimination of daylight saving time.

d. Legislature - Senate
Sen. Gray-Jackson's report is appended to these notes.

e. Legislature – House

For **Rep. Andy Josephson**, Alexander Schroeder reported on the adjournment of the legislative session with a passed budget padded with capital projects and a summary of bill sponsored or cosponsored by Rep. Josephson.

f. Mayor's Office. No report.

g. Assembly

Assembly Member Zaletel reported on the Port of Alaska construction, hearing scheduled for May 20th and work session on June 5th. Issues include design features (load on/load off and roll on/roll off access on both terminals or, as at present, only on separate terminals) and funding via tariff (current practice) or tariff plus a surcharge. Zaletel explained her support for out of court settlement of the lawsuits against MOA as a cost saving measure and the belief that lawsuits are not the best method to arrive at the truth of a controversy.

Assembly Member Rivera reported that the population sheltering at the Sullivan Arena has declined from 360 to 90 individuals all with mobility or daily activity issues. (Housing at the Sullivan Arena will end on May 30th.) 200 units of additional housing should become available in June or July. 85 units at the Golden Lion will come in later. Two assembly task forces are addressing needs of people not ready for housing: a task force on sanctioned camping and a behavioral health task force. A goal of the Clean Slate Strategy is to make housing available before next winter so that the Sullivan Arena is not required for housing. He also noted that Michael Burke's letter has been forwarded to the Department of Law, which is expected to post a response on May 24th.

In response to a question about the role of Anchorage in the Welcoming America Network, Rivera said that Welcoming America is a framework for making communities more welcoming to immigrants by making sure they have

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equal access to government, private sector, etc. Welcome America is not involved in determining the number of immigrants who come to Alaska. About 88 cities are certified "welcoming cities."

In response to a question about the availability of funds for cleaning up abated camps, Rivera said that about \$650K of alcohol tax revenue was available for that purpose. Before work can begin, the locations need to be on the list at Anchorageworks.

h. School Board

Dora Wilson reported that registrations for fall enrollment have increased. Schools will adopt new, later starting hours in the fall. **Carl Jacobs** noted that the state increase in per student funding is a one time increase, not a permanent increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

i. JBER No report.

VIII. Next Meeting: June 15th, 2023, 7:00pm Zoom and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay Room.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Documents Related to This Meeting:

Elvi Gray Jackson Notes for Campbell Park Community Council, May 2023

- SB22 making Juneteenth a paid state holiday passed the Senate on May 3rd with a 16-4 vote. It's companion bill HB 157 sponsored by Representative Stanley Wright was moved out of House State Affairs and is waiting to be heard in House Finance which will reconvene during the next legislative session in January.
- Senate Bill 23 requiring a Use of Force Registry was heard in Senate State Affairs on May 2nd and will remain open for public testimony during the next legislative session in January.
- Senate Bill 24 relating to Mental Health Education for K-12 students is in Senate Finance awaiting a hearing during the next legislative meeting in January.
- HB30 establishing Filipino Heritage Month passed the House unanimously on March 31st and passed the Senate unanimously on May 12th.
- SB131 was introduced that would require education on Asian American and Pacific Islander's history, cultures, and contributions to the U.S. Senate Bill 131 will not be heard in

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the Senate State Affairs Committee this session, but we are gathering supporting documents to ensure its passage during the next session.

- **Budget-** HB 39 passed the Senate but the House did not concur; therefore, the Governor called a special session which began today at 10:00 a.m. The Senate Leadership is working diligently to come to consensus to avoid a lengthy special session and potential government shutdown. Please see some budget details attached.
- Mental Health Matters. I am a member of a National Task Force on Workforce Mental Health Policy and had the opportunity to attend our second meeting in Chicago last week. This collaboration of legislators from across the U.S. with a mission of exploring and advancing workforce mental health policies is amazing. I served on the subcommittee to address Behavioral Health Workforce Shortages and Establishing State Resource System. My three goals during the interim follow:
 - o Develop resources int the workplace to address mental health issues.
 - o Develop a mental health work group through legislation to make it formal.
 - o Develop ways to encourage employees to express their mental health issues while assuring confidentiality.

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