

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
March 1, 2007
Rogers Park Elementary School

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LAKE OTIS & TUDOR: Ms. Kristi Stuller, DOWL Engineers, provided an update on engineering plans for the proposed Lake Otis and Tudor improvements. Additional turn lanes and new pedestrian islands will be added to all four sides. The engineering report is almost ready for submittal to the State Dept. of Transportation and the Municipality. DOWL will begin work on the 35% design when the engineering report is accepted. Information will be available on DOWL's website (www.dowl.com) under the "Client Projects" menu item. Council members asked about several issues: where the land for the new turn lanes was coming from -- primarily on the east side of Lake Otis, where the Muni bought two gas stations and the cleaners; and whether the fire department had seen the proposed improvements -- yes, two days ago. Ms. Quinley and Ms. Stuller reviewed a map and discussed the land acquisition.

Mr. Butler wondered how the Assembly's differences with the Mayor would affect the project. The DOWL representative tactfully did not know, and Mr. Traini said that he fully supports the improvements. He also said that the Muni is planning to connect Bragaw St. between Northern Lights Blvd. and Tudor Rd. through university land, which should improve traffic flow at Lake Otis and Tudor. He says the universities are not actively opposing the connection, and for those people concerned about the impact of the Bragaw extension on the trail system, that the engineers can mitigate any major impact on the trails. There is \$500,000 available for Bragaw design work.

OTHER BONDS: Mr. Dwayne Adams, a landscape architect representing Anchorage Tomorrow, strongly supported bond propositions 2 and 6, which are for roads, public safety, drainage, parks and transit. Responding to a question, Mr. Adams said that Anchorage property taxes are about in the middle of 51 major communities surveyed by a national organization, and when overall taxes were considered, Anchorage was next to the lowest. Anchorage bonds are AA-rated. The public safety issues

were interoperability between local police and fire departments and state agencies such as the state troopers. He also noted that 80% of the funding for the Muni transit system comes from Federal funds. Without adequate local funding, the Muni loses all Federal funds for the transit system. Mr. Adams noted that Anchorage spending on parks and recreation is now only 40% of the budget level of the 1980s. That's not enough to maintain what we already have.

JACOBSON PARK LAND SWAP: There was some discussion of the proposed swap of Jacobson Park land for land owned by the Lubavitch Jewish Center, focusing on land valuation and public process. Anchorage Tomorrow generally supports park projects involving land swaps where the land exchange is of a fair value, where the public has the opportunity to help form the direction of the project, and where it is likely that the project will result in improved parkland.

Mr. Eric McCallum of the Parks & Recreation Commission briefly discussed valuation of wetlands. He made clear that any money the Muni might get for differences in value between the land parcel owned by the Lubavitch Jewish Center and the Muni's parkland would not go to Parks & Rec. According to Mr. Traini, any money received is deposited into the Muni's general revenues. There was some discussion on what material the Parks & Rec. Commission had seen before deciding to support the Jacobson Park land swap. Mr. McCallum said there had not been many people from the Tudor community at the Commission meeting¹.

SANCTUARY TRAIL: Mr. Dave Mitchell of the Great Land Trust spoke about the Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary land at the corner of the New Seward Hwy. and Tudor Road, behind Geneva Woods subdivision and off Eau Claire Place and Grape Place, where the Trust has a conservation easement. Mr. Jack Moseby of Alaska Trails spoke about adding a trail around the parkland, and passed out a map showing three options. Alaska Trails and the Great Land Trust want community feedback as to the type of trail that would be appropriate for the sanctuary, if any, and will have representatives at the next community council meeting. They said they have already talked with representatives of Geneva Woods Homeowners Association (GWHO) on the matter. Council members discussed the three options Mr. Moseby presented at length, asking many questions. After Alaska Trails and the Great Land Trust have comments from GWHO and TACC, they will proceed to the design and permitting phase of the project.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: There was no legislative report. The new Anchorage Police Dept. community liaison is Sgt. Dennis Allen. His email address and phone number is in the box on the last page.

FCC REPORT: Sheli Dodson gave the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. More FCC information is available at the FCC website. Mr. Traini says that there will be another 200,000 people in the Anchorage / Mat-Su area by 2025, according to the State demographer.

Old Business:

1. Request for a resolution supporting the naming of Town Square after Ruth Moulton:

The issue was tabled last month. Mr. Kevin Frank moved that the Anchorage Town Square be named the Ruth Moulton Town Square in honor of her many years of work to establish the town square. Mr. Patrick Walkinshaw seconded the motion. After measured discussion concerning Ms. Moulton's high regard for the public process and the effectiveness of citizen participation, the motion failed with two yes and six no votes.

¹ Please note, however, that the Agenda for the Jan. 11, 2007, Parks & Rec. Commission meeting had only "(C) Lubavitch Center" as an action item. There was no mention of Jacobson Park or a land swap in the agenda. Minutes of the Parks & Rec. Commission are not available on their web page, www.muni.org/parks/boardsandcommissions.cfm

2. Request for a presentation by the Mary Magdalene Center:

Ms. Kacy Telfer of the Mary Magdalene Center (Mary Magdalene Home Alaska) described a program that the Center plans to begin within the next four months. The Center is a Christian organization that provides support for sexually exploited women, seeking to improve their life skills. The Center has operated in Anchorage for over ten years. The Center has found a house on MacInnes St. they believe will be appropriate for transitional housing for a few of their clients. The Center is purchasing the house and expects to take ownership by April 2007. After repairs to the house are completed, they plan to have a limited number of women live in the home for six to eighteen months as they establish themselves. The program case manager will choose clients who are appropriate for the setting. Council members asked questions about the program, and one compared the situation as similar to living next to a house that had an absentee landlord. Mrs. Donna Gerwin, president of the Center's board of directors, accompanied Ms. Telfer.

3. Problem resolution regarding on-street parking on Salem Loop:

Ms. Sheli Dodson sent a letter to the residents on South Salem Drive about people blocking the street with illegally parked vehicles. She received about 10 phone calls in return; most agreed with the need to keep the street clear for emergency vehicles. We'll have more discussion next month for all who are not here tonight. Sheli plans to send a similar letter to all residents on North and South Salem Drive. There was a short discussion of the fire at 1804 S. Salem in June 2006, and how it is necessary to keep the street open for emergency vehicles.

There was some discussion of trying to enforce parking issues via subdivision covenants. Geneva Woods Homeowners Association has been successful by putting notices on cars, sending letters, or using a lawyer to help enforce compliance. Unfortunately for us, the University Park Homeowners Association went dormant years ago. An attempt to restart the association several years by the only remaining member of the architectural committee ago was met with indifference or hostility.

New Business:

FIRE STATION 4: (Topic presented immediately after Mary Magdalene Center.) AFD fireman Barenburg said Station 4 would close April 9, 2007, for construction of the new station. They hope to complete work before Christmas this year. Engine #4 will temporarily move to the Dimond station, the medics will go to the Baxter & Tudor Rd. station, and Rescue will move downtown until the crew moves into the new Station 4 building.

JACOBSON PARK LAND SWAP - ALASKA JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM & COMMUNITY CENTER (AJHMCC): Mr. Walkinshaw noted that the Rogers Park and Tudor Area Community Councils had voted to not put the land swap on the municipal ballot until a number of questions on Hydrology, Wetland Value, Traffic, Parking for Public Museum Events, Pedestrian Traffic Flow, Jacobsen and David Green Park Planning, and Facility Size had been addressed. The Assembly decided to include the land swap on the April 3, 2007, ballot. Rogers Park residents have formed an organization - Friends of Jacobson Park - to gather information on the topic and to express neighborhood concerns.

The organization says it is not opposed to the concept of the AJHMCC project, but they are concerned about the proposed location and lack of information available to neighbors living in the vicinity of the new museum, commercial operation, and parking lot who would be affected by it. They are concerned that the Assembly ignored area residents and the community councils in putting the issue on the ballot before answers to major questions had been provided and made public for all voters to take into account. They are particularly concerned about the hydrology of filling in the existing wetlands to accommodate the development. Overall, the feeling is that there has been a lack of public process in this matter and that the land swap and development have been placed on a fast track without any public planning process.

Mr. McCallum, Parks & Recreation Commission, said that neighbors see the Lubavitch Jewish Center's residential land, now privately owned, as part of the parkland. He said that if the private land were not swapped for existing public parkland, then it would be developed. Mr. Traini was asked if the Jacobson's had donated the lot to the MOA as parkland; he replied, no, it belongs to the Lubavitch Jewish Center. Mr. Walkinshaw said that the land swap couldn't be based on the fear of development, and he felt that the new museum would change the character of the entire area.

Mr. Traini noted that both parcels of land would be appraised. In response to some expressed disappointment about his vote to put the land swap on the ballot without enough information made public, Mr. Traini said that there were about 30,000 people in the community council's area and that there were only 12 people at the meeting². He said that he had taken the council's concerns into account when the Assembly modified the language of the resolution (proposition 9 on the ballot) to make it neutral. One member summed up a majority concern that the project was moving too fast, with professional management pushing it along. There was a brisk discussion about the Assembly's acknowledgement, or lack thereof, for the community's concerns.

Mr. McCallum, Parks & Recreation Commission, pointed out that the project still had to go through the conditional use permitting process, which allowed more time for public input and expressions of local concerns. Mr. Traini added that the water quality issue would also drive public process. There was further discussion, which did not reach specific conclusions.

There being no further new business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Tudor Area Community Council Contact Info: We want to hear from you! Contact me at: Tudor Area Community Council Sheli Dodson, Chair PO Box 230808 Anchorage, AK 99523 (907) 522-6436 or sheli@gci.net Put Tudor Community Council in the subject line	Anchorage Police Dept. Comm. Center (Dispatcher): 786-8900 Emergency: 911
	APD Community Council Liaison Sgt. Dennis Allen Phone: 786-2693 E-mail: dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us
	Code Violation Hotline 343-4141

² According to the Muni's website, Tudor Area Community Council had 1,879 residents as of the 2000 census. See <http://www.muni.org/iceimages/OECD/Anchorage%20Community%20Council%20Demographics.pdf> for further demographic information.

News from Around the Town:

The TACC chair receives emails throughout the whole month regarding events in Anchorage and the surrounding areas. Here is a brief synopsis of *News around the Town*:

ANHS (Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc) has been sending out a weekly e-mail listing of available housing. Please contact the TACC chair for further information.

Emergency Watch Leader Orientation - April 19, 2007

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Watch Program. This program was developed to prepare neighborhoods for the reality that city services will be overextended for up to a week after a disaster. Not only is this a quick and easy way to get to know your neighbors, you will also benefit from the peace of mind disaster preparedness brings!

The Emergency Watch Leader Orientation is designed for individuals that want to lead their neighborhood through a quick planning meeting (1 hour max) and one annual exercise. The orientation will provide guidelines and helpful hints to jump-start your preparedness effort. In addition, the Office of Emergency Management will provide support to neighborhoods throughout the program development process.

The Neighborhood Leader Orientation will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (located behind Central Middle School) at 1305 E St. on Thursday, April 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Sign up by replying to this email with your name and phone number. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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The Foraker Group Announces The ConocoPhillips/United Way of Anchorage Leadership Series

Monday, May 7, 2007 - Anchorage

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location - Downtown Hilton, 500 West Third Avenue

“Strategies for Successful Advocacy: Getting Ready for Effective Policy Work.”

Examining public policy and understanding how it affects your organization is a shared responsibility of the board and staff. Promoting good public policy through advocacy not only is appropriate, it is encouraged. This interactive workshop will feature experts in the fields of advocacy and policy work. The presenters will discuss the essential planning steps necessary to achieve policy goals and effective advocacy.

The presenters will focus on a few well-defined strategies that will help you leverage your policy and advocacy work, such as strategic communication, the power of coalitions and other partnerships – involving clients and volunteers, and choosing the best policymaking forum. They will also stress the importance of having a year-round advocacy plan.

You will learn the components of advocacy and policy work, and the role of both staff and board, and ways to get your organization and its leaders ready for advocacy and policy work, especially nonprofits with limited resources.

Presented by: Kathleen Pierce and Nancy Amidei

Kathleen Pierce, is an attorney and adjunct faculty member of Seattle University's Executive Masters of Nonprofit Leadership Program, where she teaches a course on Public Policy, Advocacy, and Collaboration. She is also trustee-manager of a small family foundation, the Kirkpatrick Family Foundation, and was a founder of the SOAR Opportunity Fund, a public-private collaboration that made strategic investments to enhance opportunities for King County children and youth. Kathleen is the past chair of the Municipal League of King County and lobbied for school finance reform in Washington State during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Kathleen was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, where her first jobs were working for then-attorney Ted Stevens and U.S. Senator E.L. “Bob” Bartlett.

Nancy Amidei is on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Social Work, where she directs the Civic Engagement Project (CEP). A joint effort of OMB Watch and the University of Washington, CEP works with non-profit organizations throughout the country offering advocacy training, speeches, workshops, and resource materials, for advocacy work at federal, state, and local levels. A writer, teacher, and advocate, Nancy has been involved in social policy from both inside and outside government. Served in the Carter Administration as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the federal department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now DHHS). In the early 1970's, she was on the Staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. Nancy has authored a guide to policy advocacy called, “So You Want To Make A Difference;” and a play called, “How Ms. Bill Became A Law.” She has also co-authored a Legislative Simulation and a

curriculum for an annual 3-day Advocacy Camp. She serves on a variety of national and local nonprofit boards. Narrative and storytelling play pivotal roles in advocating policy, changing attitudes, defending budgets, explaining decisions, and increasing donations. Success for the nonprofit comes from touching the emotions of an audience through stories, not statistics. A good story will always trump good facts.

This seminar focuses on how narrative works in public and nonprofit agencies. You will learn the qualities of a good narrative, the process for discovering your story, and how to script a story that unites ideas with emotions.

One of the benefits of being a Foraker Group Partner is the offer of 4 free seats per year for these workshop series. If you are interested in using any of your free seats please contact us either by email: info@forakergroup.org or call the office: 743-1200 for assistance.

To sign up for these workshops, please go to [Strategies for Successful Advocacy - Getting Ready for Effective Policy Work](#) and click on register. Space is limited, so please register early. If you do not have Internet access, call toll free at 1-877-834-5003.

These workshops are made possible with a grant from ConocoPhillips Alaska and support from the United Way of Anchorage.

This is a notification from the Municipality of Anchorage Clerk's Office that the Following Licenses will be heard at the April 17th Assembly Meeting:

Liquor Renewals:

Downtown-Simon & Seaforts #1050

Ocean View/Old Seward moving to Huffman-O Brady's Burgers & Brew #3396 transferring to 4614

Jacqueline Duke

Municipality of Anchorage Licensing Clerk

343-4316 Desk

249-7916 Fax

Alaska Museum of Natural History event:

On November April 7th, join us for an Easter egg hunt from 11am-2pm. Take home a prize for helping us find all our eggs! Cost is \$5 per participant.

Also watch for more events in April in support of Archaeology Month and for summer camp information in the Anchorage Daily News summer camp guide due to be printed April 12.

All events are held at the Alaska Museum of Natural History unless otherwise specified.

201 N Bragaw (in Mountain View); phone 907-274-2400

Tuesday – Saturday; 10am-5pm

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children

NUSA Conference

At the end of May a delegation from the FCC will be attending the NUSA Conference in Baton Rouge Louisiana. We have been asked to bring along smoked salmon and are asking for donations. If you have some salmon that you would like to donate please contact Deborah Bauer at the Federation of Community Councils. They are also looking for donations of Alaskan pins to bring along as well.

Thanks for your support, Deborah

[Anchorage Downtown Partnership](#)

Please visit their website to be informed on what is happening in the Anchorage Downtown Area

The website is: www.anchoragedowntown.org

Anchorage School Board Update:

Please visit the web site at http://www.asdk12.org/school_board/

Boundary Changes

Potential changes to school boundaries may affect Tudor, Lake Otis, College Gate, Aurora, Mt. Spurr, and Orion Elementary Schools. For more information, go to:

<http://www.asdk12.org/renewal/ES/boundaries/>

Elections

For information about the **April 3** election, including where you can vote early, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/assembly2/election.cfm>

Two School Board seats are up for election:

Seat A: Tim Steele is the only registered candidate

Seat B: Ryan Sharratt

<http://www.saveeducation.net/>

Chris Tuck

<http://www.tuckforalaska.com/>

All School Board Seats are at-large. Any registered voter in the municipality can vote for both seats. Please take the time to learn about the candidates and vote for who you think will do the best job.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Clark Middle School Socratic Program presentation

The board heard a presentation about the Socratic Seminar program at Clark. Seminar classes engage students in discussion about the topics they are learning. More than just stating a view, students must explain and support their positions. This style of teaching promotes critical thinking, listening skills, and problem resolution skills. The students who presented were very poised and articulate. They answered board member questions about the program, and explained how it helped them at school and in life.

[ASD Memorandum # 221](#) - Recognition of Spirit of Youth Service to Peers Award for “Every 15 Minutes” program

Chugiak High School’s Every 15 Minutes program was given the Service to Peers Award at the Spirit of Youth banquet March 10. This project focused on teen drinking and drunk driving. This school wide project was recognized at a board meeting last year. Tonight the board again recognized the students and staff who created this project and gave special recognition to Michael Tolan, James Robbins, and KCC instructor Dan Sparkman for working on the DVD which provides a strong visual impact so the program can be shared with others.

ACTION ITEMS

[ASD Memorandum # 214](#) - Resolution in Support of the Week of the Young Child

The board passed a resolution in support of Week of the Young Child, April 22 – 28. Developmentally appropriate education for children from birth through age 8 is very important to later success in school and in life. While the district is only responsible for the later years, it is important to cooperate and support the efforts of families and organizations involved in educating children at younger ages.

[ASD Memorandum # 200](#) - Award of Contract: Lake Otis Elementary School Window and Façade Upgrades

The board approved a contract with CYS Management Services, Inc in the amount of \$835,135 to replace windows and wall panels at **Lake Otis** Elementary school. This work will be on some of the original 1955 building. Improved insulation and smaller windows will enhance energy efficiency.

[ASD Memorandum # 203](#) - Award of Contract: Nicholas Joseph Begich Middle School Closed Circuit Television System

The board approved a contract with Hot Wire Communications, Inc in the amount of \$112,412 for installation of a CCTV system at **Begich** Middle School. Camera systems are being added to schools around the district as funds become available as a means to deter inappropriate behavior, curb vandalism, and catch those who do cause problems.

[ASD Memorandum # 213](#) - Personnel Report

The board approved various personnel changes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

[ASD Memorandum # 215](#) - Project Status Report

This report shows the current status of various capital projects in the district.

[ASD Memorandum # 204](#) - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of February, 2007

This report shows approved change orders for capital projects.

[ASD Memorandum # 207](#) - External Review of the Student Information System Project Presentation

The board heard a report from Davidson Services. Concerns had been raised about whether the district was adequately prepared to implement a new Student Information System, and whether the project should be put on hold pending additional work.

This report was very helpful. The report was only just received, and it contains a lot of information. It will take a while for board members to fully digest this information, but my initial impression is that there is no reason to terminate the SIS project. There are, however, some areas where we should make improvements or changes. In addition, there will be some additional information gathering on alternative software sources which could change the project. The PowerPoint presentation that went along with the oral report is attached to the memorandum at the link above.

[ASD Memorandum # 210](#) - Operating Budget Transfers – February Monthly Report FY 2006-2007

This report shows the budget transfers of more than \$5,000 for last month.

[ASD Memorandum # 211](#) - Treasurer’s Report/Financial Recap: February 28, 2007

[Attachment](#): Treasurer’s Report (1.5 MB PDF)

This is the monthly treasurer's report for February.

"For truly it is to be noted, that children's plays are not sports, and should be deemed as their most serious actions." ~ Michel De Montaigne, essayist (1533-1592)

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East High School Newsletter

<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/east/pages/>

Attached above link is an electronic copy of the March/April T-bird Talk.

LRTP update & Related Planning Efforts

(2. Municipality of Anchorage Pedestrian Plan: The Draft Pedestrian Plan, which includes recommendations for the Chugiak-Eagle River area, is anticipated to be released today for public review by the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. The Draft Plan will be posted soon thereafter at the following web site:

<http://www.muni.org/transplan/non-motorized.cfm> <<http://www.muni.org/transplan/non-motorized.cfm>>

Municipality of Anchorage – Office of Emergency Management

Press Release: The Municipality of Anchorage is StormReady

The City received national recognition today for local emergency preparedness efforts.

Laura Furgione, Director of the Alaska Region National Weather Service National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, recognized the Municipality of Anchorage as StormReady and presented signs to Mayor Mark Begich today in the Mayor's Office. The StormReady Program recognizes the City's efforts to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations and public awareness.

"Severe winter weather is one of our top emergency management priorities. The StormReady Program is another great tool in our arsenal of emergency preparedness efforts," said Mayor Mark Begich. According to the StormReady website, 90% of all presidential declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. The National Weather Service started the StormReady Program to save lives and help communities prepare for storms and other severe weather events through improved planning and education efforts.

A few of the ongoing efforts that helped the city earn the StormReady recognition are the Anchorage Wide Area Radio Network, Emergency Watch Program, the Emergency Public Information Network and the installation of NOAA Weather Radios in every classroom in the Anchorage School District. "We strive to be the leader in emergency communications due to the challenging geographical conditions of Alaska, and the sheer amount of weather events that we face every year. It is critical that the Municipality of Anchorage has top-notch communications," said Heather Handyside, Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Merrill Field Airport Bulletin

<http://www.muni.org/merrill1/merrill1.cfm>

48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website Updated

Subject: 48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website Updated

The 48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website has been updated. The Environmental Assessment has been posted to the Documents/Reports page for public review. I have included a link to the site below.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Kristi Stuller, Dowl Engineers (907) 562-2000 or kstuller@dowl.com

<http://www.dowl.com/projects/48thavenue/documents.htm>

UPDATE about Prop 9 from Rogers Park Community Council

Friday, March 16th:

At 12:15 today, Mayor Mark Begich, Rabbi Greenberg, and I held a "press conference" regarding Proposition Nine. The Lubavitch congregation and the Alaska Jewish Historical Museum are no longer interested in pursuing a Land exchange with the Municipality, regardless of the outcome in the April election. Below are my comments:

"I am relieved the neighborhood concerns about this location have been understood. On behalf of the Rogers Park Community Council, we want to say Thank You. I know this was not an easy decision. The Lubavitch congregation and the Alaska Jewish Historical Museum still Own land within the Rogers Park Community Council area. More importantly, people in their congregation are also neighbors and members of the Rogers Park Community Council. I wish them the best as these worthy projects Try to find a location that meets their needs and the needs of the community."
Thanks! Heather Ireland (Rogers Park Community Council Chair)

2007 municipal Ballot Review

The 2007 Ballot Review is now available in electronic format. Feel free to post a link to the League of Women Voters of Anchorage webpage at www.lwvanchorage.org

Bogard Road Extension East Public Meeting # 2 - April 5, 2007

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough invites you to attend the second public meeting on the Bogard Road Extension East project. The project team will present the results of the preliminary engineering activities and will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the road alignments under consideration.

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2007 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Colony Middle School- 9250 Colony Schools Drive

The official meeting announcement is available on the website at www.bogardroad.com, and I have also attached it to this e-mail. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project. Best Regards, Kristi Stuller, Public Involvement Planner; Dowl Engineers (907) 562-2000 or kstuller@dowl.com

Office of Children's Services - April Adoption Day

Celebrate with Us

April 5, 2007 at the Boney Courthouse located at 303 K Street

Welcoming Remarks 9:30 a.m.

Hearings from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Light of Hope Luncheon follows at Egan Convention Center 11:30 a.m.

Press Release: MAYOR BEGICH TO LAUNCH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS (YEP!)

Thursday March 15 at Spenard Recreation Center, 11am, Mayor Begich will launch the new *Youth Employment in Parks (YEP)* program. A diverse and active YEP advisory committee will attend, as well as the Chair of the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission, Victor Mollozzi, and Polly Carr, Program Manager for Alaska Youth for Environmental Action.

The Mayor is promoting this innovative program in partnership with Anchorage Parks & Recreation and the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action program of the National Wildlife Federation to hire youth this summer.

Information about youth crew positions will be available.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

-Vasati

Ieremia,

-Chris Aquino

-Jonathan Teeters

-Ma'o Tosi

-Van Waggoner

-RaeShaun Bibbs

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

Subject: Freedom Contest

The Anchorage Chamber is launching an art contest on "What Freedom Means" for Military Appreciation Week. I have attached an entry form and contest guidelines. The deadline is April 20, please help get the word out!

Gina Romero, Communications Specialist
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

phone 677-7110; fax 272-4117
www.anchoragechamber.org

Please contact the council chair if you would like an entry form and contest guidelines.

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LAKE OTIS & TUDOR: Ms. Kristi Stuller, DOWL Engineers, provided an update on engineering plans for the proposed Lake Otis and Tudor improvements. Additional turn lanes and new pedestrian islands will be added to all four sides. The engineering report is almost ready for submittal to the State Dept. of Transportation and the Municipality. DOWL will begin work on the 35% design when the engineering report is accepted. Information will be available on DOWL's website (www.dowl.com) under the "Client Projects" menu item. Council members asked about several issues: where the land for the new turn lanes was coming from -- primarily on the east side of Lake Otis, where the Muni bought two gas stations and the cleaners; and whether the fire department had seen the proposed improvements -- yes, two days ago. Ms. Quinley and Ms. Stuller reviewed a map and discussed the land acquisition.

Mr. Butler wondered how the Assembly's differences with the Mayor would affect the project. The DOWL representative tactfully did not know, and Mr. Traini said that he fully supports the improve-

ments. He also said that the Muni is planning to connect Bragaw St. between Northern Lights Blvd. and Tudor Rd. through university land, which should improve traffic flow at Lake Otis and Tudor. He says the universities are not actively opposing the connection, and for those people concerned about the impact of the Bragaw extension on the trail system, that the engineers can mitigate any major impact on the trails. There is \$500,000 available for Bragaw design work.

OTHER BONDS: Mr. Dwayne Adams, a landscape architect representing Anchorage Tomorrow, strongly supported bond propositions 2 and 6, which are for roads, public safety, drainage, parks and transit. Responding to a question, Mr. Adams said that Anchorage property taxes are about in the middle of 51 major communities surveyed by a national organization, and when overall taxes were considered, Anchorage was next to the lowest. Anchorage bonds are AA-rated. The public safety issues were interoperability between local police and fire departments and state agencies such as the state troopers. He also noted that 80% of the funding for the Muni transit system comes from Federal funds. Without adequate local funding, the Muni loses all Federal funds for the transit system. Mr. Adams noted that Anchorage spending on parks and recreation is now only 40% of the budget level of the 1980s. That's not enough to maintain what we already have.

JACOBSON PARK LAND SWAP: There was some discussion of the proposed swap of Jacobson Park land for land owned by the Lubavitch Jewish Center, focusing on land valuation and public process. Anchorage Tomorrow generally supports park projects involving land swaps where the land exchange is of a fair value, where the public has the opportunity to help form the direction of the project, and where it is likely that the project will result in improved parkland.

Mr. Eric McCallum of the Parks & Recreation Commission briefly discussed valuation of wetlands. He made clear that any money the Muni might get for differences in value between the land parcel owned by the Lubavitch Jewish Center and the Muni's parkland would not go to Parks & Rec. According to Mr. Traini, any money received is deposited into the Muni's general revenues. There was some discussion on what material the Parks & Rec. Commission had seen before deciding to support the Jacobson Park land swap. Mr. McCallum said there had not been many people from the Tudor community at the Commission meeting³.

SANCTUARY TRAIL: Mr. Dave Mitchell of the Great Land Trust spoke about the Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary land at the corner of the New Seward Hwy. and Tudor Road, behind Geneva Woods subdivision and off Eau Claire Place and Grape Place, where the Trust has a conservation easement. Mr. Jack Moseby of Alaska Trails spoke about adding a trail around the parkland, and passed out a map showing three options. Alaska Trails and the Great Land Trust want community feedback as to the type of trail that would be appropriate for the sanctuary, if any, and will have representatives at the next community council meeting. They said they have already talked with representatives of Geneva Woods Homeowners Association (GWHO) on the matter. Council members discussed the three options Mr. Moseby presented at length, asking many questions. After Alaska Trails and the Great Land Trust have comments from GWHO and TACC, they will proceed to the design and permitting phase of the project.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: There was no legislative report. The new Anchorage Police Dept. community liaison is Sgt. Dennis Allen. His email address and phone number are in the box on the last page.

³ Please note, however, that the Agenda for the Jan. 11, 2007, Parks & Rec. Commission meeting had only "(C) Lubavitch Center" as an action item. There was no mention of Jacobson Park or a land swap in the agenda. Minutes of the Parks & Rec. Commission are not available on their web page, www.muni.org/parks/boardsandcommissions.cfm

FCC REPORT: Sheli Dodson gave the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. More FCC information is available at the FCC website. Mr. Traini says that there will be another 200,000 people in the Anchorage / Mat-Su area by 2025, according to the State demographer.

Old Business:

1. Request for a resolution supporting the naming of Town Square after Ruth Moulton:

The issue was tabled last month. Mr. Kevin Frank moved that the Anchorage Town Square be named the Ruth Moulton Town Square in honor of her many years of work to establish the town square. Mr. Patrick Walkinshaw seconded the motion. After measured discussion concerning Ms. Moulton's high regard for the public process and the effectiveness of citizen participation, the motion failed with two yes and six no votes.

2. Request for a presentation by the Mary Magdalene Center:

Ms. Kacy Telfer of the Mary Magdalene Center (Mary Magdalene Home Alaska) described a program that the Center plans to begin within the next four months. The Center is a Christian organization that provides support for sexually exploited women, seeking to improve their life skills. The Center has operated in Anchorage for over ten years. The Center has found a house on MacInnes St. they believe will be appropriate for transitional housing for a few of their clients. The Center is purchasing the house and expects to take ownership by April 2007. After repairs to the house are completed, they plan to have a limited number of women live in the home for six to eighteen months as they establish themselves. The program case manager will choose clients who are appropriate for the setting. Council members asked questions about the program, and one compared the situation as similar to living next to a house that had an absentee landlord. Mrs. Donna Gerwin, president of the Center's board of directors, accompanied Ms. Telfer.

3. Problem resolution regarding on-street parking on Salem Loop:

Ms. Sheli Dodson sent a letter to the residents on South Salem Drive about people blocking the street with illegally parked vehicles. She received about 10 phone calls in return; most agreed with the need to keep the street clear for emergency vehicles. We'll have more discussion next month for all who are not here tonight. Sheli plans to send a similar letter to all residents on North and South Salem Drive. There was a short discussion of the fire at 1804 S. Salem in June 2006, and how it is necessary to keep the street open for emergency vehicles.

There was some discussion of trying to enforce parking issues via subdivision covenants. Geneva Woods Homeowners Association has been successful by putting notices on cars, sending letters, or using a lawyer to help enforce compliance. Unfortunately for us, the University Park Homeowners Association went dormant years ago. An attempt to restart the association several years by the only remaining member of the architectural committee ago was met with indifference or hostility.

New Business:

FIRE STATION 4: (Topic presented immediately after Mary Magdalene Center.) AFD fireman Barenburg said Station 4 would close April 9, 2007, for construction of the new station. They hope to complete work before Christmas this year. Engine #4 will temporarily move to the Dimond station, the medics will go to the Baxter & Tudor Rd. station, and Rescue will move downtown until the crew moves into the new Station 4 building.

JACOBSON PARK LAND SWAP - ALASKA JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM & COMMUNITY CENTER (AJHMCC): Mr. Walkinshaw noted that the Rogers Park and Tudor Area Community Councils had voted to not put the land swap on the municipal ballot until a number of questions on Hydrology, Wetland Value, Traffic, Parking for Public Museum Events, Pedestrian Traffic Flow, Jacobsen and David Green Park Planning, and Facility Size had been addressed. The Assembly decided to include the land

swap on the April 3, 2007, ballot. Rogers Park residents have formed an organization - Friends of Jacobson Park – to gather information on the topic and to express neighborhood concerns.

The organization says it is not opposed to the concept of the AJHMCC project, but they are concerned about the proposed location and lack of information available to neighbors living in the vicinity of the new museum, commercial operation, and parking lot who would be affected by it. They are concerned that the Assembly ignored area residents and the community councils in putting the issue on the ballot before answers to major questions had been provided and made public for all voters to take into account. They are particularly concerned about the hydrology of filling in the existing wetlands to accommodate the development. Overall, the feeling is that there has been a lack of public process in this matter and that the land swap and development have been placed on a fast track without any public planning process.

Mr. McCallum, Parks & Recreation Commission, said that neighbors see the Lubavitch Jewish Center’s residential land, now privately owned, as part of the parkland. He said that if the private land were not swapped for existing public parkland, then it would be developed. Mr. Traini was asked if the Jacobson’s had donated the lot to the MOA as parkland; he replied, no, it belongs to the Lubavitch Jewish Center. Mr. Walkinshaw said that the land swap couldn’t be based on the fear of development, and he felt that the new museum would change the character of the entire area.

Mr. Traini noted that both parcels of land would be appraised. In response to some expressed disappointment about his vote to put the land swap on the ballot without enough information made public, Mr. Traini said that there were about 30,000 people in the community council’s area and that there were only 12 people at the meeting⁴. He said that he had taken the council’s concerns into account when the Assembly modified the language of the resolution (proposition 9 on the ballot) to make it neutral. One member summed up a majority concern that the project was moving too fast, with professional management pushing it along. There was a brisk discussion about the Assembly’s acknowledgement, or lack thereof, for the community’s concerns.

Mr. McCallum, Parks & Recreation Commission, pointed out that the project still had to go through the conditional use permitting process, which allowed more time for public input and expressions of local concerns. Mr. Traini added that the water quality issue would also drive public process. There was further discussion, which did not reach specific conclusions.

There being no further new business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Tudor Area Community Council Contact Info: We want to hear from you! Contact me at:	Anchorage Police Dept. Comm. Center (Dispatcher): 786-8900
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⁴ According to the Muni’s website, Tudor Area Community Council had 1,879 residents as of the 2000 census. See <http://www.muni.org/iceimages/OECD/Anchorage%20Community%20Council%20Demographics.pdf> for further demographic information.

<p>Tudor Area Community Council Sheli Dodson, Chair PO Box 230808 Anchorage, AK 99523 (907) 522-6436 or sheli@gci.net Put Tudor Community Council in the subject line</p>	<p>Emergency: 911</p>
	<p>APD Community Council Liaison Sgt. Dennis Allen</p>
	<p>Phone: 786-2693 E-mail: dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us</p>
	<p>Code Violation Hotline 343-4141</p>

News from Around the Town:

The TACC chair receives emails throughout the whole month regarding events in Anchorage and the surrounding areas. Here is a brief synopsis of *News around the Town*:

ANHS (Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc) has been sending out a weekly e-mail listing of available housing. Please contact the TACC chair for further information.

Emergency Watch Leader Orientation - April 19, 2007

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Watch Program. This program was developed to prepare neighborhoods for the reality that city services will be overextended for up to a week after a disaster. Not only is this a quick and easy way to get to know your neighbors, you will also benefit from the peace of mind disaster preparedness brings!

The Emergency Watch Leader Orientation is designed for individuals that want to lead their neighborhood through a quick planning meeting (1 hour max) and one annual exercise. The orientation will provide guidelines and helpful hints to jump-start your preparedness effort. In addition, the Office of Emergency Management will provide support to neighborhoods throughout the program development process.

The Neighborhood Leader Orientation will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (located behind Central Middle School) at 1305 E St. on Thursday, April 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Sign up by replying to this email with your name and phone number. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

RaeShaun Bibbs

BibbsRT@ci.anchorage.ak.us

Public Information Manager

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The Foraker Group Announces The ConocoPhillips/United Way of Anchorage Leadership Series

Monday, May 7, 2007 - Anchorage

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location - Downtown Hilton, 500 West Third Avenue

“Strategies for Successful Advocacy: Getting Ready for Effective Policy Work.”

Examining public policy and understanding how it affects your organization is a shared responsibility of the board and staff. Promoting good public policy through advocacy not only is appropriate, it is encouraged. This interactive workshop, will feature experts in the fields of advocacy and policy work. The presenters will discuss the essential planning steps necessary to achieve policy goals and effective advocacy.

The presenters will focus on a few well-defined strategies that will help you leverage your policy and advocacy work, such as strategic communication, the power of coalitions and other partnerships – involving clients and volunteers, and choosing the best policymaking forum. They will also stress the importance of having a year-round advocacy plan.

You will learn the components of advocacy and policy work, and the role of both staff and board, and ways to get your organization and its leaders ready for advocacy and policy work, especially nonprofits with limited resources.

Presented by: Kathleen Pierce and Nancy Amidei

Kathleen Pierce, is an attorney and adjunct faculty member of Seattle University's Executive Masters of Nonprofit Leadership Program, where she teaches a course on Public Policy, Advocacy, and Collaboration. She is also trustee-manager of a small family foundation, the Kirkpatrick Family Foundation, and was a founder of the SOAR Opportunity Fund, a public-private collaboration that made strategic investments to enhance opportunities for King County children and youth. Kathleen is the past chair of the Municipal League of King County and lobbied for school finance reform in Washington State during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Kathleen was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, where her first jobs were working for then-attorney Ted Stevens and U.S. Senator E.L. “Bob” Bartlett.

Nancy Amidei is on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Social Work, where she directs the Civic Engagement Project (CEP). A joint effort of OMB Watch and the University of Washington, CEP works with non-profit organizations throughout the country offering advocacy training, speeches, workshops, and resource materials, for advocacy work at federal, state, and local levels. A writer, teacher, and advocate, Nancy has been involved in social policy from both inside and outside government. Served in the Carter Administration as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the federal department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now DHHS). In the early 1970's, she was on the Staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. Nancy has authored a guide to policy advocacy called, “So You Want To Make A Difference;” and a play called, “How Ms. Bill Became A Law.” She has also co-authored a Legislative Simulation and a

curriculum for an annual 3-day Advocacy Camp. She serves on a variety of national and local nonprofit boards. Narrative and storytelling play pivotal roles in advocating policy, changing attitudes, defending budgets, explaining decisions, and increasing donations. Success for the nonprofit comes from touching the emotions of an audience through stories, not statistics. A good story will always trump good facts.

This seminar focuses on how narrative works in public and nonprofit agencies. You will learn the qualities of a good narrative, the process for discovering your story, and how to script a story that unites ideas with emotions.

One of the benefits of being a Foraker Group Partner is the offer of 4 free seats per year for these workshop series. If you are interested in using any of your free seats please contact us either by email: info@forakergroup.org or call the office: 743-1200 for assistance.

To sign up for these workshops, please go to [Strategies for Successful Advocacy - Getting Ready for Effective Policy Work](#) and click on register. Space is limited, so please register early. If you do not have Internet access, call toll free at 1-877-834-5003.

These workshops are made possible with a grant from ConocoPhillips Alaska and support from the United Way of Anchorage.

This is a notification from the Municipality of Anchorage Clerk's Office that the Following Licenses will be heard at the April 17th Assembly Meeting:

Liquor Renewals:

Downtown-Simon & Seaforts #1050

Ocean View/Old Seward moving to Huffman-O Brady's Burgers & Brew #3396 transferring to 4614

Jacqueline Duke

Municipality of Anchorage Licensing Clerk

343-4316 Desk

249-7916 Fax

Alaska Museum of Natural History event:

On November April 7th, join us for an Easter egg hunt from 11am-2pm. Take home a prize for helping us find all our eggs! Cost is \$5 per participant.

Also watch for more events in April in support of Archaeology Month and for summer camp information in the Anchorage Daily News summer camp guide due to be printed April 12.

All events are held at the Alaska Museum of Natural History unless otherwise specified.

201 N Bragaw (in Mountain View); phone 907-274-2400

Tuesday – Saturday; 10am-5pm

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children

NUSA Conference

At the end of May a delegation from the FCC will be attending the NUSA Conference in Baton Rouge Louisiana. We have been asked to bring along smoked salmon and are asking for donations. If you have some salmon that you would like to donate please contact Deborah Bauer at the Federation of Community Councils. They are also looking for donations of Alaskan pins to bring along as well.

Thanks for your support, Deborah

[Anchorage Downtown Partnership](#)

Please visit their website to be informed on what is happening in the Anchorage Downtown Area

The website is: www.anchoragedowntown.org

Anchorage School Board Update:

Please visit the web site at http://www.asdk12.org/school_board/

Boundary Changes

Potential changes to school boundaries may affect Tudor, Lake Otis, College Gate, Aurora, Mt. Spurr, and Orion Elementary Schools. For more information, go to:

<http://www.asdk12.org/renewal/ES/boundaries/>

Elections

For information about the **April 3** election, including where you can vote early, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/assembly2/election.cfm>

Two School Board seats are up for election:

Seat A: Tim Steele is the only registered candidate

Seat B: Ryan Sharratt

<http://www.saveeducation.net/>

Chris Tuck

<http://www.tuckforalaska.com/>

All School Board Seats are at-large. Any registered voter in the municipality can vote for both seats. Please take the time to learn about the candidates and vote for who you think will do the best job.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Clark Middle School Socratic Program presentation

The board heard a presentation about the Socratic Seminar program at Clark. Seminar classes engage students in discussion about the topics they are learning. More than just stating a view, students must explain and support their positions. This style of teaching promotes critical thinking, listening skills, and problem resolution skills. The students who presented were very poised and articulate. They answered board member questions about the program, and explained how it helped them at school and in life.

[ASD Memorandum # 221](#) - Recognition of Spirit of Youth Service to Peers Award for “Every 15 Minutes” program

Chugiak High School’s Every 15 Minutes program was given the Service to Peers Award at the Spirit of Youth banquet March 10. This project focused on teen drinking and drunk driving. This school wide project was recognized at a board meeting last year. Tonight the board again recognized the students and staff who created this project and gave special recognition to Michael Tolan, James Robbins, and KCC instructor Dan Sparkman for working on the DVD which provides a strong visual impact so the program can be shared with others.

ACTION ITEMS

[ASD Memorandum # 214](#) - Resolution in Support of the Week of the Young Child

The board passed a resolution in support of Week of the Young Child, April 22 – 28. Developmentally appropriate education for children from birth through age 8 is very important to later success in school and in life. While the district is only responsible for the later years, it is important to cooperate and support the efforts of families and organizations involved in educating children at younger ages.

[ASD Memorandum # 200](#) - Award of Contract: Lake Otis Elementary School Window and Façade Upgrades

The board approved a contract with CYS Management Services, Inc in the amount of \$835,135 to replace windows and wall panels at **Lake Otis** Elementary school. This work will be on some of the original 1955 building. Improved insulation and smaller windows will enhance energy efficiency.

[ASD Memorandum # 203](#) - Award of Contract: Nicholas Joseph Begich Middle School Closed Circuit Television System

The board approved a contract with Hot Wire Communications, Inc in the amount of \$112,412 for installation of a CCTV system at **Begich** Middle School. Camera systems are being added to schools around the district as funds become available as a means to deter inappropriate behavior, curb vandalism, and catch those who do cause problems.

[ASD Memorandum # 213](#) - Personnel Report

The board approved various personnel changes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

[ASD Memorandum # 215](#) - Project Status Report

This report shows the current status of various capital projects in the district.

[ASD Memorandum # 204](#) - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of February, 2007

This report shows approved change orders for capital projects.

[ASD Memorandum # 207](#) - External Review of the Student Information System Project Presentation

The board heard a report from Davidson Services. Concerns had been raised about whether the district was adequately prepared to implement a new Student Information System, and whether the project should be put on hold pending additional work.

This report was very helpful. The report was only just received, and it contains a lot of information. It will take a while for board members to fully digest this information, but my initial impression is that there is no reason to terminate the SIS project. There are, however, some areas where we should make improvements or changes. In addition, there will be some additional information gathering on alternative software sources which could change the project. The PowerPoint presentation that went along with the oral report is attached to the memorandum at the link above.

[ASD Memorandum # 210](#) - Operating Budget Transfers – February Monthly Report FY 2006-2007

This report shows the budget transfers of more than \$5,000 for last month.

[ASD Memorandum # 211](#) - Treasurer’s Report/Financial Recap: February 28, 2007

[Attachment:](#) Treasurer’s Report (1.5 MB PDF)

This is the monthly treasurer's report for February.

"For truly it is to be noted, that children's plays are not sports, and should be deemed as their most serious actions." ~ Michel De Montaigne, essayist (1533-1592)

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East High School Newsletter

<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/east/pages/>

Attached above link is an electronic copy of the March/April T-bird Talk.

LRTP update & Related Planning Efforts

(2. Municipality of Anchorage Pedestrian Plan: The Draft Pedestrian Plan, which includes recommendations for the Chugiak-Eagle River area, is anticipated to be released today for public review by the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee. The Draft Plan will be posted soon thereafter at the following web site:

<http://www.muni.org/transplan/non-motorized.cfm> <<http://www.muni.org/transplan/non-motorized.cfm>>

Municipality of Anchorage – Office of Emergency Management

Press Release: The Municipality of Anchorage is StormReady

The City received national recognition today for local emergency preparedness efforts.

Laura Furgione, Director of the Alaska Region National Weather Service National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, recognized the Municipality of Anchorage as StormReady and presented signs to Mayor Mark Begich today in the Mayor's Office. The StormReady Program recognizes the City's efforts to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations and public awareness.

"Severe winter weather is one of our top emergency management priorities. The StormReady Program is another great tool in our arsenal of emergency preparedness efforts," said Mayor Mark Begich. According to the StormReady website, 90% of all presidential declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. The National Weather Service started the StormReady Program to save lives and help communities prepare for storms and other severe weather events through improved planning and education efforts.

A few of the ongoing efforts that helped the city earn the StormReady recognition are the Anchorage Wide Area Radio Network, Emergency Watch Program, the Emergency Public Information Network and the installation of NOAA Weather Radios in every classroom in the Anchorage School District. "We strive to be the leader in emergency communications due to the challenging geographical conditions of Alaska, and the sheer amount of weather events that we face every year. It is critical that the Municipality of Anchorage has top-notch communications," said Heather Handyside, Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Merrill Field Airport Bulletin

<http://www.muni.org/merrill1/merrill1.cfm>

48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website Updated

Subject: 48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website Updated

The 48th Avenue/Boniface Extension Website has been updated. The Environmental Assessment has been posted to the Documents/Reports page for public review. I have included a link to the site below.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Kristi Stuller, Dowl Engineers (907) 562-2000 or kstuller@dowl.com

<http://www.dowl.com/projects/48thavenue/documents.htm>

UPDATE about Prop 9 from Rogers Park Community Council

Friday, March 16th:

At 12:15 today, Mayor Mark Begich, Rabbi Greenberg, and I held a "press conference" regarding Proposition Nine. The Lubavitch congregation and the Alaska Jewish Historical Museum are no longer interested in pursuing a Land exchange with the Municipality, regardless of the outcome in the April election. Below are my comments:

"I am relieved the neighborhood concerns about this location have been understood. On behalf of the Rogers Park Community Council, we want to say Thank You. I know this was not an easy decision. The Lubavitch congregation and the Alaska Jewish Historical Museum still Own land within the Rogers Park Community Council area. More importantly, people in their congregation are also neighbors and members of the Rogers Park Community Council. I wish them the best as these worthy projects Try to find a location that meets their needs and the needs of the community."
Thanks! Heather Ireland (Rogers Park Community Council Chair)

2007 municipal Ballot Review

The 2007 Ballot Review is now available in electronic format. Feel free to post a link to the League of Women Voters of Anchorage webpage at www.lwvanchorage.org

Bogard Road Extension East Public Meeting # 2 - April 5, 2007

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough invites you to attend the second public meeting on the Bogard Road Extension East project. The project team will present the results of the preliminary engineering activities and will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the road alignments under consideration.

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2007 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Colony Middle School- 9250 Colony Schools Drive

The official meeting announcement is available on the website at www.bogardroad.com, and I have also attached it to this e-mail. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project. Best Regards, Kristi Stuller, Public Involvement Planner; Dowl Engineers (907) 562-2000 or kstuller@dowl.com

Office of Children's Services - April Adoption Day

Celebrate with Us

April 5, 2007 at the Boney Courthouse located at 303 K Street

Welcoming Remarks 9:30 a.m.

Hearings from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Light of Hope Luncheon follows at Egan Convention Center 11:30 a.m.

Press Release: MAYOR BEGICH TO LAUNCH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS (YEP!)

Thursday March 15 at Spenard Recreation Center, 11am, Mayor Begich will launch the new *Youth Employment in Parks (YEP)* program. A diverse and active YEP advisory committee will attend, as well as the Chair of the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission, Victor Mollozzi, and Polly Carr, Program Manager for Alaska Youth for Environmental Action.

The Mayor is promoting this innovative program in partnership with Anchorage Parks & Recreation and the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action program of the National Wildlife Federation to hire youth this summer.

Information about youth crew positions will be available.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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-Chris Aquino

-Jonathan Teeters

-Ma'o Tosi

-Van Waggoner

-RaeShaun Bibbs

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

Subject: Freedom Contest

The Anchorage Chamber is launching an art contest on "What Freedom Means" for Military Appreciation Week. I have attached an entry form and contest guidelines. The deadline is April 20, please help get the word out!

Gina Romero, Communications Specialist
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

phone 677-7110; fax 272-4117

www.anchoragechamber.org

Please contact the council chair if you would like an entry form and contest guidelines.

April 14th Special Education Community Forum

The final Special Education Community Forum is being held Saturday, April 14th at Wendler Middle School.

Please contact the council chair if you would like further information forwarded to you.