

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council

Nov. 1, 2007

Rogers Park Elementary School

President Sheli Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There were eight members and five guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Oct. 4, 2007, meeting without objection.

Scheduled speakers:

Assemblyman Dick Traini gave the Assembly report. They are still working on the '08-'09 budgets, and will take them up at the assembly meeting Tuesday. Assymn. Sullivan is proposing an ordinance that requires that Anchorage's mayor be elected by a 50% +1 majority vote. Mr. Traini is still pushing his New Year's Eve fireworks authorization.

Ms. Teri Peters, Muni northeast parks manager, gave a brief report on David Green Park. The Parks & Rec. department required permits for the use of the park this summer. They had 27 groups of 20 or fewer people without any reports of problems. She is working with the CME church on overflow parking solutions. Teri reported that Connie Quinley had taken care of the flowerbed at the park this year, cleaning it out and putting down 27 bags of mulch.

Ms. Peters also said that Trail Watch cleaned up along the pedestrian trail along Northern Lights Blvd. across from East High School. Parks & Rec. has received a challenge grant from the Rasmuson Foundation for 2008 and needs groups to do work. Ms. Peters was asked about the McDowell Sanctuary; she said that the park planner was out of town and that she would check with the planner when she returns to work.

Capt. Mike Davidson, Fire Station 4, said the crew would be in the new station "soon", most likely by late December. The contractor is well ahead of schedule. Capt. Davidson will announce the grand opening at the December meeting of the council. He also explained the parking arrangements at the new Station 4. Employees will park in back, and visitors will be able to park in front or in back if there are no spaces left in front. The station will have a new paramedical officer, and will store a reserve fire truck. There is room for a new truck company if the department decides to expand the station manning.

Capt. Davidson said that we should check our smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to be sure they work. Don't forget to change batteries! He emphasized that we should call 911 if we have an alarm. Then we should get out of the house, closing the doors and windows on our way out. If it was a CO detector alarm, the fire department will measure the CO level and try to pinpoint the source of the carbon monoxide that caused the alarm.

Ms. Iris Matthews, State Rep. Gardner's staff, reported that the proposed oil production tax changes were in the second committee in the House. She asked that we make our opinions on the new oil tax known to Rep. Gardner and Sen. Ellis. The Lubavitch Jewish Center got an extension on their grant submittal, but they must make a firm project proposal to the state grants administrator by the end of the year or the state will withdraw the grant made to the Center for a Jewish historical museum and community center.

Sheli Dodson reported on the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting. The auditor is still working on the FCC's books. The audit will cover through August 2007. All taxes, rent and bills have been paid. The officers are still working to complete the reform of the FCC's business practices. The FCC offices are in the United Way "Success by Six" building at 3350 Commercial Drive in Mountain View.

Sgt. Allen gave the police department report. They are reorganizing into Community Action Policing Teams (CAPT). The reorganization is absorbing the current community liaison officers, so he will eliminate his visits to community councils. Their first focus is Fairview, and the CAP Team will apply a zero tolerance policy to violations of laws and ordinances.

Sgt. Allen reminded us that leaving your vehicle unattended while it is running is a very bad idea, as is leaving valuables visible in the car. He said the Police Department has a presence on the Muni website, including local crime statistics. Officers have picked up 4,100 pounds of trash from homeless camps around the area. Sgt. Allen said that if the council wants an officer to attend a council meeting, we must contact the APD through the Federation of Community Councils.

Sheli Dodson and Sgt. Allen discussed the University Lake Plaza Multidisciplinary Center that opened recently on Tudor Center Drive. It is a joint effort by "investigators with state troopers and the state child welfare office, Anchorage's Sexual Assault Response Team, APD units dealing with special victims and crimes against children, and Alaska CARES, a nonprofit advocacy group for children sexually or otherwise abused."¹ She also announced several forthcoming community events.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

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¹ Anchorage Daily News, "Justice and care: Victims of sexual assault, abuse get help under one roof", published November 3, 2007

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