

Minutes of Campbell Park Community Council
Monthly Meeting
Tudor Elementary School Teachers Lounge
May 11, 2006

Chairman Dave Traver called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 22 people in attendance.

Reports

Berta Gardner sent post cards and mailings on HB37 Fishing Access Protection and the proposed State Petroleum Profits Tax (PPT). The legislature was reconvened in a special session to deal with the Governor's Draft Gas Pipeline contract and the PPT.

Senator Ellis sent information on Veterans Medical Benefits and the National Wheelchair games. He is working on public access to the downtown Anchorage Legislative parking lot. The Senator proposed a suspension of the state fuel tax because of the high cost of gasoline.

Parks & Recreation Report – The bridge over Campbell Creek at Bancroft Park was inspected and is okay. Controlling weeds in the Bancroft and Wickersham Parks will be worked on this summer. The homeless camp behind the school has been cleaned out as well as those in the woods behind the Waldron Lake soccer fields. The Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association has proposed building a campground to replace the homeless camps. It would have tents and toilet facilities. If the homeless camps in the woods are reinhabited, let Ed O'Neill of ARBRA or Dave Traver know. Shawna Popovichi of Parks & Recreation reported that they have awarded funds for community groups to do some parks improvement work. The East Anchorage Rotary Club will install playground equipment at Bancroft Park. Campbell Park will be improved by Evergreen Nursery and Campbell Park Commons. New playground equipment will be installed along with bear-proof and dog litter cans. Taku Lake Park near King Street will be improved. Shawna indicated that anti-pollution regulations prohibit the use of herbicides near Campbell Creek to solve the dandelion problem at Wickersham Park.

Old Business

Dowl Engineers - Mary Ellen Tuttell reported on the status of East Dowling Road. The Scoping Meeting was held and the results are posted on their website. There will be a public meeting in the fall. The public scoping meeting for the 48th Avenue to Boniface Road project was held last week. They are still accepting comments thru June 5. Public meeting in the fall with construction in 2008.

Dowl Engineers - Bill Strickler reported on the Lake Otis and Tudor intersection upgrade. A public meeting will be held May 15 at Wendler Middle School. Adding extra turn lanes in all directions are a possibility.

APD Officer Cindi Stanton reported that gang activity in the Northeast section has increased.

New Business

Teri Albrecht of the Municipality noted that our Community Council Survey has not been completed and is due on June 23. This survey is used by the Municipality to help develop the 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Budget / Program. The FCC meeting on Friday is a surprise party for Janice Shamburg at PME @ 4700 Bragaw Road.

The Neighborhood Crime Watch program was presented by Wade Lacey. He invited neighbors to come together and call 786-8585 if interested. Wade or Chris Spencer will provide a presentation and set up a Crime Watch area if at least 50% of the people in a neighborhood section are ready to join.

Sandi Traini reported that no municipal parks in our Community Council will be affected by the Chugach Electric underground line upgrades. There will be 5000 volunteers that will work on improvements to Delany Park.

Cheryl Richardson of the Anchorage Community Coalition reported on changes to Municipality Code 21 and gave an overview of how living conditions could be improved. Comments on the changes were solicited, and she asked if there was any interest in forming a land use committee?

Bancroft Subdivision - Jim Milne reported that there will be a new bar named Joey's opening soon at the Tony Roma's / Call of the Wild location. It is owned by BVG, Inc., and they do not appear to have installed the outside surveillance camera requested as an operating condition to the liquor license at that property. Officer Cindi Stanton said to call her direct line (786-2668) if problems occur at this location. Jim urged that the Community Council needs to make sure that all stipulations on the liquor license are met when the bar reopens. We will need to contact ABC board if they are not. The bar manager posted signs on Becharof Street stating the road was closed by the Community Council. Jim Milne was chosen to head the committee from the Community Council. Shaggy will be the manager of the new bar.

Community Council President Dave Traver will send a letter to BVG, Inc. with copies to the Municipal Assembly and the ABC Board restating the license conditions adopted by the Assembly last summer. Jim Milne asked to form a committee to address neighborhood concerns; his phone number is 562-8222 or cell 230-3065, Ame Ivanov will act as co-chairperson.

A motion was made by Carolyn Mason that the Campbell Park Community Council form a standing committee to address community concerns regarding activities at the Tony Roma's property on Tudor Road. This committee will solicit neighbors for the committee and empower the committee to act on behalf of the Campbell Park Community Council to verify compliance with Assembly Resolution AR2005-189 for any premises serving liquor at the previous Tony Roma location leased by BVG, Inc. Jim Milne will serve as the chairman of the committee. The motion was seconded by Jim Terpak and the motion was approved unanimously. This resolution will be posted on the Campbell Park Community Council section of the FCC website next week.

Lamarr Jensen came to the Community Council to report on another problem in the Bancroft Park subdivision. An owner who rents the property placed a Connex shipping container posing as a shed in the yard adjoining Lamarr's and it was granted a permit by the Municipal Building Department. Renters have raised chickens in the yard and there is an infestation of rodents beneath the Connex. The yard is very unsightly and the house is suspected of being infected with roaches. Brian Dean of MoA Zoning Enforcement indicated that there is a hearing on the issue of Connex containers being used as sheds on May 19.

Mike Mason moved that the Community Council prepare a letter to the Municipality Zoning Board that proposed revisions to Title 21 be passed and stating that grandfathering of Connexes as sheds not be allowed. It was retracted.

Jim Milne suggested that neighbors contact the Health Department regarding the rodents.

Mike Mason moved that a letter be written to the Zoning & Planning Department, the Municipal Assembly and Title 21 Review Commission supporting changes to Section E which states, "*the use of Intermodal Shipping Containers (Connex) trailers or similar structures be allowed only in industrial and PL1 districts, except during loading or unloading, or during construction in any district. Self-storage establishments in compliance with the development standards of 21.05.060D.3 Self Storage Facility are exempt from the restriction.*" In addition to this, the Campbell Park Community Council requests that no existing Connexes be grandfathered in and recommends a 6 month removal provision. Jim Milne seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes from April 13, 2006 meeting of the Campbell Park Community Council were approved as submitted.

A door prize drawing for two Subway sandwich coupons was held. The winners this month were Joel Harmon and James Terpak.

Carolyn Mason moved that four letters be written by Dave Traver supporting: 1) An Ordinance amending Title 21 for Site Plans & Conditional Uses, 2) An Ordinance amending Title 21 for High Voltage Transmission Towers, 3) An Ordinance amending Title 21 for Separating Liquor Establishments & Churches/Schools and 4) An Ordinance Title 21 for bonus points in the CBD. The motion was seconded by Jim Terpak and voting was unanimous in favor.

FCC Notices

The FCC notices as listed in the agenda were passed around and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by motion of Jim Terpak and seconded.

Approved on June 8, 2006.