

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
February 5, 2009
Rogers Park Elementary School

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There were 6 members, 5 guests and 3 Fireman in attendance. A motion to approve the minutes from the December 2008 meeting was made by Judy Weimer, seconded by Kevin Frank and approved without objection.

Speakers:

Elvi Gray-Jackson gave the Assembly report. The Assembly approved eight bonds amid a great deal of public testimony. The bond packages are as follows:

Two for the Anchorage School District

- \$69.8 for improvements to Service High, Eagle River High School and Girdwood K-8
- \$27.4 for District wide Building Systems Renewals, Replacements, and Renovations

Six for General Government

Originally \$58.3M, it was reduced by \$14.6M by the assembly for a new total of \$43.7M

- \$34.2M for roads and drainage projects including 40th Avenue extension.
- \$1.5M for facility improvements including \$1M for the Loussac and \$500,000 for the downtown library – matched by a private donation of \$1.2M
- \$1.9M for parks bonds
- \$1.8 for Fire Bonds
- \$1.3M for public safety and transportation
- \$3M for police bonds

The Assembly also approved the following:

- Approved a resolution supporting SB 33 (Senator Ellis) and HB94 providing for a scholarship grant program for Alaska residents based on high achievement and financial need. (Passed with Ossiander and Coffey voting no)
- Unanimously approved a resolution submitted by Coffey to hold two special meetings (February 17th and March 10th) and two work sessions (February 13th and March 6th) to discuss detailed financial information provided by the Administration to make decisions regarding the \$17M deficit.

Mike Gutierrez and Elvi Gray-Jackson brought HB 68 forward, requesting an Assembly resolution of support. HB 68, originally introduced by Peterson, Gara, Tuck, Gruenberg, and Kawasaki, was a bill designed to make exorbitant gas prices unlawful under the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act. A resolution supporting this bill failed. (Drummond, Gray-Jackson and Gutierrez supported it.)

AFD Station 4 Report:

Station 4 personnel clarified what the \$1.8M fire bond package includes. It includes a new cardiac monitor (cost is approximately \$700k) as well as renovations, upgrades and/or replacement equipment for station #3 (Airport Heights), Station #5 (Spenard), Station #11 (Eagle River). This includes replacing the ladder truck at station #11.

For further information on the bond packages, please see www.muni.org

Allison Lohrke and Brad Doggett discussed the 40th Ave Extension project to be started this summer. The 40th Avenue extension project includes a light signal at Lake Otis/40th Ave. It is expected to take 2 seasons of construction to be completed starting in the spring of 2009. This project is in the bond package for \$2.5MM but the total project cost will be approximately \$17MM.

Tim Spernak of Alaska Mental Health Trust also spoke regarding the extension of 40th Ave. The 40th Ave extension project will divide a Trust lot with a public easement. This will make the lot more desirable for development. He asked the Council's support to change zoning classification from development reserve/preserve to active development. Planning and Zoning will discuss this on February 23, 2009. After some discussion focused on the perceived merits of medical district development versus continued and growing traffic concerns in the Council area, no motion was brought forth. Members present felt that there was not enough information available showing both the negative and positive ramifications and that all interested parties needed to have proper notice. Joanne Conteras with the Municipal Planning Dept. stated that P & Z supported the reclassification (and did not require TACC support). The actual zoning is Public Lands and institutions (PLI). Due to the very short notice and concerns discussed, it was decided to put this issue on a future agenda. Mr. Spernak and Ms. Conteras acknowledged the Council's traffic concerns but offered no alternatives at this time.

It was discussed that the U-Med area requires a review every five years.

Brad Doggett of Dowl/HKM presented progress on the planning of the Cottonwood/Locarno traffic management to reduce traffic accidents at their intersection of 36th. Public input meetings brought forth a large number of proposed options, and it was ultimately decided to 'wait and see' what impact a traffic light at 36th and MacInnes would have on the adjacent intersections. The traffic light will be installed this summer. The effect of this traffic light on 36th and Locarno/Cottonwood traffic incidents will be evaluated after the light has been in place for a period of time. Mr. Doggett noted that the light is expected to cause an increase in traffic on MacInnes. A consequence of this might be the need for a traffic light at the intersection of MacInnes and Tudor. The relative merits of the planned traffic light (time delays versus safety) were discussed

There were no Legislative reports.

FCC Reports:

There was a new committee formed for the NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) Conference scheduled to take place in Anchorage, Alaska in 2011. The conference will be held the weekend before Memorial Day.

The FCC is still waiting on its disbursement from the Municipality for its grant funding. The grant, which is in the amount of \$108,000 is typically disbursed in quarterly payments of \$27k and the first quarter grant proceeds have still not been received.

FCC delegates were asked to bring forth the matter of grant administration fees before their respective councils for discussion and suggestions for the modification. In some instances, the time spent and costs incurred in the administration of grants exceed the fees being paid, which adversely impacts the FCC budget.

There was some discussion regarding suggestions for a fair rate structure for grant administration fees. A sliding scale (for rates or actual fee amounts) was discussed for administration for grants of different amounts or administrative needs, however the council felt they did not have adequate time, resources or knowledge at this juncture.

Old Business:

At a prior meeting, the future of the TACC was discussed, along with ideas for increasing membership interest and participation. The possibility of requesting grant funds to assist with the growth of council participants was mentioned. Discussion centered on what grant funds would be utilized for. It was determined that the top three priorities were: signage (for each entrance/exit to the TACC boundaries), mail-outs and seasonal activities to encourage greater participation. All funding would ultimately be utilized for outreach efforts within the council boundaries.

New Business:

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

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