

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

Meeting called to order by Sheli Dodson – Chair at 7:00 PM

Motion to approve last month's minutes by Kevin Frank, seconded by Gil Cragen. Minutes and agenda approved by unanimous consent.

No Legislative report

Assembly report – Elvi Gray-Jackson

- Approved a resolution opposing a House Bill regarding the death penalty.
 1. Birch, Johnston, Ossiander and Coffey wanted to postpone indefinitely
 2. Approved with Birch and Starr voting no
- Discussion regarding the budget shortfall continues at the Assembly level.
 1. Gray-Jackson states they are still working through it and that the unions are coming to the table.
 2. Discussion on assembly decision to rescind approval on union contracts. Defeated for IBEW. Four others are pending.
- Federation of Community Councils grant of \$108,000 was reduced by \$5,400 (5%). Assembly Representatives Drummond, Gray-Jackson and Flynn voted against the reduction.
- Assembly member Ossiander attempted to reduce Camp Fire funding for after school program and Tyson Elementary. Motion failed at both attempts.
- Gutierrez and Gray-Jackson proposed cutting the food for Assembly members meals (which is paid for by taxpayers) which is a cost savings of \$13,200
- IBEW notice of rescind failed – 5/5
- Assembly deleted the budget analyst position, which was budgeted at a cost of \$86,600
- Budget and Finance Committee 2009 Work Plan
 1. The 12 goals and plan of actions is on the website along with two resolutions relating to the Administration's financial monthly reporting
 2. Administration's financial monthly reporting which will be reviewed by the Committee with a report to the Assembly.
- Assembly members Starr, Coffey, and Johnston introduced an ordinance potentially cutting the budget \$19M – no details.
- Work session on budget cuts scheduled for Friday, March 6th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room
- Public Hearing on the Resolution dealing with Bear Safety has been continued until the meeting of April 14th.
- 2009-2010 ASD Budget was introduced Wednesday, March 4th. The Public Hearing is March 24th
- Prop 9 (to reconsider the tax cap)
 1. Flaws in the language have been discussed
 2. A study is being done by a consultant for the Mayor's Office.
 3. A Summary of Economic Effects done by OMB indicates that the proposition will result in flat or increased taxes.

Anchorage Fire Department Station #4 provides insight on some of the bond propositions

Prop 6 – Upgrade and replacement of approximately 25 Life Pack cardiac monitors. The average age of current units is about 7 years old.

AFD spends about \$88k a year in maintenance on existing units and replacements are expected to reduce maintenance costs. Replacement units also allow for utilization of upgraded technology. The new units are biphasic, meaning that they sense what each individual body needs versus the current (older) units which use a “one size fits all” response system.

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Prop 7 - \$11 million in station upgrades— for Stations 3 (Airport Heights), 5 (Spenard), 11 (Eagle River) upgrades and replacements. If the bond proposition passes, there is a matching state grant. This proposition also provides for the replacement of the ladder truck from Eagle River which was destroyed last year in a fire. The insurance proceeds from the fire did not cover the full cost of another ladder truck. (The insurance company paid approximately \$400k and the cost of a new truck is approximately \$1.2 million.) The current rig being used is not designed for the hills and conditions that Eagle River poses and there is only one current reserve ladder truck which covers the entire Anchorage area.

AFD Commented on Tudor/MacInnes traffic light. They believe it would help and have relayed their comments on hazard/safety impacts. AFD cannot contribute funds towards the installation of light. This issue is also of interest to Campbell Park CC.

Don McDermott – Friends of the Library.

Discussed of Prop 5 – Loussac Library renovation and new downtown library
See www.anchoragelibraryfoundation.org for more info

Allison Lohke – Anchorage Tomorrow

- ‘Shovel ready’ projects that might benefit from the Federal Stimulus package.
- Prop 3 – Roads & Drainage; See www.AnchorageTomorrow.org for more info.
 - Prop 3 has the potential to bring 650 local jobs to the area
 - A state grant will match -- \$79 million
- Prop 4 Parks & Recreation; See www.AnchorageTomorrow.org for more info.

Follow-up regarding Tim Spernak - Trust Land Office (TLO)

Mr. Spernak had met with the TACC to seek support for recategorizing of characterization of Mental Health Land Trust lands near 41st Ave project. Authority was given by DNR. Further discussion postponed to allow for more community input.

Todd Butler has requested a \$2500 grant on the behalf of TACC through Sen. J. Ellis’s office. Funds are requested for signage, a summer event and mass mailing outreach. The purpose of this multi faceted effort is to increase interest in TACC and attendance at monthly meetings.

Mayoral Candidate Forum for Central Anchorage Community Councils (and any other interested individuals) is set for 3/16/2009 in the Wendler Middle School Multi-Purpose Room from 7-9 p.m..

Discussion was made regarding requesting a traffic study @ MacInnes and Tudor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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