

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council  
September 1, 2005  
Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 11 members and 1 guest attending. The council approved the minutes for the May 5, 2005, meeting without objection.

There were no assembly or legislative reports.

Sgt. Stanton, Anchorage Police Dept., visited David Green Park periodically over the summer. She saw no specific problems on her patrols. Construction activities on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. this summer limited access to the park, and likely reduced activity. The APD Gang Task Force is working with state and federal law enforcement on the gang problem. They estimate that there are 200 to 500 gang members and hangers-on in the area, generally aged 12 to 25 years old. Gangs now seem to be more ethnically based than before. Their activities are not limited to a few areas, but spread out over the town. The best defense is prevention – educating parents, keeping track of your kids. More information is available from Sgt. Stanton or Sgt. Gil Davis, of the gang unit.

**Old Business**

The council discussed U-turns at Tudor and MacInnes St. Residents have also experienced cars from Needle Circle making left hand turns into the west bound lane of Tudor (wrong way) in order to get around the new median. After discussion, Connie Quinley moved that the council chair write a letter to the State of Alaska Dept. of Transportation to ask them to review unsafe U-turns at Tudor and MacInnes caused by the extension of the median on Tudor. Diane Etter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The council discussed the need for a traffic light at MacInnes and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. because of the number of accidents. The Muni traffic department says that no traffic light is needed or planned. Several people said that a tree and large vehicles turning left from MacInnes onto 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. obstructs other drivers' view of the roadway and other vehicles. One person reported that the green fence at MacInnes and Crescent also blocks drivers' view of other vehicles. Deanne Tuckerman moved that the council send a letter on the hazardous conditions to the Muni, noting the need for a traffic light. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Residents of Crescent Dr. told the chair that the Muni has worked on the drainage problem at David Green Park. Two people reported that the bike trail is now under water. The chair will call Russell Oswald, the project engineer at MOA Public Works, and report the situation. The chair reported that Muni Parks and Recreation Dept. is no longer taking reservations for large events at David Green Park.

Diane Etter reported on the Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan. It does not include any improvement in access for the University-Medical (U-med) district, despite planning for many new buildings and increased traffic in the area. The next transportation planning meeting will be held on 9/19/2005, 5-7 PM. There was a short discussion on the impact of putting the New Seward Hwy. in a trench, as is currently planned.

## **New business**

The council chair discussed barking dogs, saying that she had heard that someone in the neighborhood had received an anonymous letter threatening to take action against a noisy dog. Sgt. Stanton suggested the best course was to talk with the dog's owner. She said that dogs bark for a reason, so it is a good idea to try to find out why the dog is barking. If no one is at home, leave a note on the door. Communications is the key to a solution. Animal Control is available if needed. Current Muni regulations prohibit barking for longer than seven minutes. (Check the Animal Control website for specifics. It's at: "<http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/Healthmsd/animal.cfm#bark>") (Discussed while Sgt. Stanton was at the meeting.)

A member brought up the condition of the yard at 3903 MacInnes St. The consensus was that the occupant should clean up the property. A member will check with Muni code enforcement to find out the best way to bring the situation to the Municipality's attention.

Diane Etter commented on draft changes to Title 21 (Land Use) of the municipal code. There will be no high-density development in existing R-1 neighborhoods. The maps in the draft provide a useful overview of many of the changes. The chair noted that an expansion is underway for the crisis treatment center on Alaska Mental Health Trust lands (U-Med district).

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.