

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
April 7, 2011
First Church of God, Tudor and MacInnes

Vice President Deanne Tuckerman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There were seven members, two guests and one fireman present. Sam Myers moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and Rich Tuott seconded the motion. The council approved the minutes for the Mar. 3, 2011, meeting without objection.

Speakers:

Fire Station 4: Capt. Mike Davidson noted that it is a very early fire season. The period before the greening of the trees and plants presents a high fire hazard. The department is now filling vacancies, hiring people with higher levels of credentials than in the past. The idea is to be able to accelerate their schooling. The Sand Lake Fire Station medic unit will be in service by July 1st.

Assembly: Assemblyman Dick Traini presented his assembly report. The assembly will reorganize at the April 19th meeting, electing new officers. Adam Trombley is the new assembly member, replacing Mike Gutierrez.

Mr. Traini and others support the addition of alternative power generation, such as the Cool Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI), wind-powered generators, to the mix of power generation capabilities for Anchorage. Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) has been very resistant to the idea. If CIRI is unable to get commitments from utilities to purchase wind-generated power, CIRI will lose a considerable amount of Federal funding. The assembly is looking at doing away with independent boards for the water and power utilities, in part due to that resistance. Mr. Traini attributes the resistance to the mayor. Mr. Traini, as Assembly chair, has assigned Assemblyman Ernie Hall to work the problems around the wind generation issue because of Mr. Hall's demonstrated ability to obtain consensus from groups with differing positions.

Mr. Traini noted that Mayor Sullivan has done away with Muni funding for Election Central at the Egan Center this year, perhaps saving \$4,000. There was some discussion on the topic, centering on speculation about the potential for an increase in revenue for the mayor's liquor-dispensing establishment.

The first quarter budget review will take place on April 26. Mr. Traini has approached State Senator Ellis for funding for the purchase of the Boys and Girls Club-owned land at Waldron Lake. He feels that Muni ownership of the land as a park is necessary to avoid the construction of site condos at the lake. Mr. Traini was particularly pleased by the testimony of School Board member Don Smith during the budget review where Mr. Smith supported the School District budget as being as frugal as possible given the job the district has.

The new Muni Ombudsman is Barbara Jones. Mr. Traini asks that people let him know if they have questions about her effectiveness.

Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson is on vacation in Mexico after her reelection. Her notes for the council are attached below.

- *Chair Traini established an ad hoc committee (Birch, Gray-Jackson, Gutierrez and Chaired by Ernie Hall) to review the Tax Cap Ordinance, and an opinion submitted by the Municipal Attorney relating to Municipal Assistance and other funds that might affect the calculation. A Committee meeting was held and a new ordinance supported by the Committee and was introduced at the March 8th meeting. Public hearing will be held March 29th and it passed unanimously.*
- *Anchorage School District budget was passed 10-1 at the meeting of March 29th. - \$811,910,568 and taxes to be collected \$237,587,445.*
- *Mayor provided information on the end of year budget surplus - \$11.5M.*
- *Assembly member Gutierrez introduced an ordinance on Tuesday to require background checks and restrictions related to roving ice cream vendors. Public Hearing was 3/29 and passed unanimously.*
- *Title 23 – Building Codes Public Hearing postponed until 4/12. Substitute version will be introduced.*
- *Assembly member Traini introduced an ordinance to provide for conditions for Assembly member participation by telephone. Limited to sickness, accident, emergencies, or municipal travel/business. Postponed action until April 12th.*
- *Brought forward a resolution supporting SB53 reestablishing the Alaska Women's Commission. Passed unanimously.*
- *Next Assembly meeting – April 12th*

Guest Speaker: Mr. David Williams, Program Director for the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, spoke on myths versus facts about the mission. Their facility is located at 2823 East Tudor Road, near residential neighborhoods. The mission has 30 beds, down from 70 beds due to zoning restrictions. They usually have five to seven beds available each day for new clients. He said they have no sex offenders currently in residence. Mission staff do Breathalyzer checks to be sure that they do not take in intoxicated people.

Mr. Williams feels that the mission will ultimately have to move because of their big neighbors, the University of Alaska Anchorage and Providence Alaska Medical Center. The mission is debt-free and is supported solely by the community. He said that they have a 40 percent success rate with their New Life program in treating inebriates and others. Their success is measured by participants remaining drug and alcohol-free at the end of two years. Mr. Williams emphasized that the mission will ban anyone who misbehaves in the community. If you can send a photograph of someone not behaving properly to Mr. Williams for identification, they will make sure that person does not stay at the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission.

Other Reports: There were no legislative or Federation of Community Council (FCC) reports. The council president, Tod Butler, and secretary, Sheli Dodson, are both at a Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) meeting. Deanne Tuckerman asked Mr. Traini how he was doing in obtaining Muni funding for hosting the NUSA reception in Anchorage in May. Neighborhoods USA is holding their 2011 convention in Anchorage May 25-28, 2011. Attendance at previous conferences has ranged from 400 to over 800 people representing cities in 30 to 40 states. Mr. Traini said that the situation with Mayor Sullivan was not favorable.

Old Business: Richard Newman reported that the Popken's had temporarily run out of funds for remodeling their house at 3903 MacInnes St. They are planning to continue remodeling when they can do so. Construction seems to have stalled at 4201 MacInnes (the flower house). The addition remains partially built. The roof has not been covered with roofing material, and the sides are exposed plywood sheathing. The owner continues to operate his large-scale flower business in violation of R-1 zoning.

New Business: The Muni sent out a questionnaire on neighborhood resources for community councils to complete. Jake Tuckerman volunteered to work on a first draft response. Gil Cragen pointed out that the resident at 4261 Warwick Drive was apparently using his house as an automobile repair shop. There were six cars parked at the address the day when Mr. Cragen was trying to reach his house. A tow truck dropping off a car for repair blocked the street. The resident can be seen working on various cars and trucks during the day and evening. There have been younger drivers seen exceeding the 25 mph speed limit on Warwick Drive. The council can advocate for the Muni to place a "Children in Area" sign. The council adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

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