

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
September 1, 2011
First Church of God
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by the Chair, Tod Butler. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jacob Tuckerman, with a second by Tod Butler. There was no objection and the agenda were unanimously approved. The minutes from the May 2011 were not available for review or approval. A motion to approve an amended agenda was made by Deanna Tuckerman, with a second by Kevin Frank. There was no objection and the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

There was no representative from the Anchorage Assembly to provide a report.

Representative Berta Gardner was in attendance, along with Jeff Rogers, from Senator Ellis' office, to give a brief summary or what has been occurring at the legislative level.

Representative Gardner indicated that employment reports from the oil and gas industry in Alaska show that more than 50% of employees are from out of state and they are engaging in a series of hearings regarding this matter.

A determination as to whether it is in the state's best interests to buy a building rather than renting their current office facilities for the legislature remains up in the air.

Representative Gardner shared the two biggest topics of interest from participants at her recent constituent BBQ. The first item of note was the ongoing concern of local residents regarding Waldron Lake. The Governor recently vetoed the funding needed to purchase that property and protect it from development. The second item was the ongoing discussion and concern raised over legislative travel. It was explained that the standard "rule of thumb" is that the state will pay for one of two legislative trips and Representative Gardner assured us that she and Senator Ellis do not waste funds with extravagant travel or accommodations. She indicated that she will fully explain more details regarding legislative travel in her upcoming newsletter.

There was a brief discussion about whether the states received royalties on minerals mined in Alaska (the answer is yes), and the conversation then segued in a discussion that noted that the Fish & Game Department and the Health Department may not participate in any study in which the results would potentially conflict with the Governor's position on an issue in those areas. In addition, state employees who disagree with the Governor's position may not publicly discuss the matter.

Senator Ellis sent his regrets for not being about to attend, he is presently in Norway. You can follow Senator Ellis on Twitter ([@SenJohnnyEllis](#)). Though he is sponsoring several bills, two he is particularly passionate about are [SB 74 - INS. COVERAGE: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER](#) and SB 23 - FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT/AUDITS. Jeff Rogers, Senator Ellis' Legislative Aide, said that this lull between sessions is the ideal time to work with Senator Ellis and his staff to address any questions, concerns or issues we might have. Mr. Rogers also advised us that with the redistricting of the Senate, Senator Ellis will no longer represent the Tudor Area Community Council. That Senate Seat (District 15) will become open in January 2013. A new attendee at TACC meetings, Andy Josephson, introduced himself to council members that were present. Mr. Josephson lives in the Bancroft Subdivision and intends to make an effort to be present at future meetings. He stated his intention to run for the position of Senator in District 15.

There was brief discussion on the pros and cons of term limits. One of the cons was the loss of knowledge of Legislators who have served for many years and have historical experience.

It was noted that Sara Gill, Special Assistant to Mayor Dan Sullivan, is leaving her position in the city and it was not known who would be filling that position.

David Williams spoke on behalf of the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission. One of the many successful programs that AGRM has is a 24 month program men in a long-term recovery program. In addition to the 24 month program,

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there are 24 months of aftercare, and the program has a 40% success rate, which vastly exceeds many other programs. Mr. Williams indicated that AGRM wants to maintain a close working relationship with the three councils in closest proximity to them to address any concerns we might have regarding the AGRM. He wanted to present information pertinent to their request for rezoning to our council. Currently, they are zoned as B3 and are requesting a rezoning to PLI. AGRM has a conditional use permit, which allows them to function in their current capacity regardless of the zoning. However, in the event of a fire or other disaster, if 40% or more of the building is damaged, they would not, under the terms of the conditional use permit, be able to rebuild for the same purpose, which is why they want to be rezoned. They are also simultaneously requesting a zone variance. (1.7 acres is the minimum amount of land required for rezoning. The AGRM only wants to rezone 1.6, but were told by the city that their request must include a minimum of 1.7 acres). They are requesting a resolution of support from the TACC, or even a simple statement of no objection to the rezoning. The TACC's policy has always been to bring an issue to the council residents prior to issue a stance on any issue, so this will be discussed and possibly decided at the next TACC meeting on October 6th. Before the rezoning can be approved, they will have to go through two public hearings before the rezoning can be approved. Mr. Williams added that things are moving fairly quickly and the AGRM wants to start and maintain an open dialogue with neighboring community councils to request our support.

There was no FCC report given.

A letter was shared with council members from UnWINEd, a wine boutique which will be opening in the next few months in the Midtown council area. We have requested that it be posted on our [TACC page](#) at the FCC website.

The Anchorage Parks Foundation is requesting residents and community members complete the Park Report Card for any park within our Council boundary area (David Green Park) and submit it.

Click on this [link](#) to download the Park Report Card or go here:

<http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/pdf/projects/ReportCard/Full%20Report%20Card%20PDF.pdf>

Please follow this [link](#) to download the [PDF Report Card Trainer Presentation](#) or go here:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Documents/2011%20Report%20Cards.pdf>

Once completed, report cards should be mailed or delivered to the Anchorage Park Foundation at 715 L St, Ste #200, Anchorage, 99501 or sent via email to Shannon@anchorageparkfoundation.org. Alternately, forms can be turned into our TACC Chair, Tod Butler. The Foundation asks that these report cards be completed and turned in by September 30th. You are welcome to contact Shannon Kuhn, Communications & Development Director at the Anchorage Park Foundation at 907-274-1003 or 907-301-6995 with questions, or to visit their website at www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org.

A brief discussion on the [Alaska Waste Automation Initiative](#) ensued. In lieu of the \$2/monthly rental fee (per can), customers have the option of buying their own cans, however they must be compatible with Alaska Waste equipment. We have been advised that one of the "big box stores" on Tudor Toad (either Lowe's or Home Depot) sells compatible cans as follows:

- 96 gallon are \$90/each
- 64 gallon cans are \$70/each
- Bear proof 96 gallon containers are \$229/each

There being no further business, a motion by Kevin Frank and a second by Tod Butler to adjourn was made. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson
TACC Secretary