

## Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council

October 6, 2011

First Church of God

7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Chair, Tod Butler. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kevin Frank, with a second by Sheli Dodson. There was no objection and the October agenda and September minutes were unanimously approved.

Assembly Representative Elvi Gray-Jackson's *report includes highlights from the Assembly action this summer:*

- Eliminated both AWWU and ML&P Board of Directors form of governing. An Advisory Board for both has been re-established.
- Public Safety Committee will discuss revisiting the Fireworks ordinance at its next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Plumbers Union Contract affecting mostly AWWU water treatment employees went all the way to Arbitration. Arbitrator ruled in two areas for the MOA and one area for the Union relating to compensation. MOA filed for a court injunction to prevent a strike. Judge decision will be made on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Assembly met in a special session last week to clarify its intentions regarding labor negotiation guidelines.
- Parking Authority ordinance delegating authority to write tickets in the downtown area passed. Now known as EasyPass.
- Boards and Commission ordinance revamped with sunset clauses. Many will have to be reviewed by the Internal Auditor prior to Assembly re-establishing existence. Budget Advisory Commission and School Budget Advisory Commission is now one.
- A continued Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> regarding protective measures in response to criminally offensive sexual behavior – Taxi Cab Ordinance but relates to all those who have Chauffer's licenses. ACLU, Public Safety Advisory Commission, Alaska Cab Dispatch, Taxi Cab Permit Owners Association and several cab drivers supported the ordinance after several revisions to the original and ordinance approved 10-1. Copy of AO 2011-91(S-2) can be found on line at [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org)
- Administration provided the 2012 budget.
  - Mayor stated services will be maintained despite a \$15 Million gap.
  - Budget is \$451.8M, a 1.9% increase over 2011.
  - \$247.2M in salaries and benefits
  - Increase in property taxes - \$7 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
  - \$6.5M savings due to a new formula for employee leave cash out
  - Increase in State and Federal Revenues
  - Interest earnings
  - Program revenues i.e., user fees
- First work session on Budget is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 -1:00, City Hall, Room 155.
- Three public hearings on both capital and operating budgets.
- Anchorage launched a new Prescription Drug Discount Program on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Program provides for an average of 23% discount on prescriptions for those without insurance and prescription not covered by insurance. It also covers pet prescriptions if they are those used by humans i.e., arthritis, etc. There are over 40 locations that honor the discount including Carrs, Costco, Wal-Mart, Fred Meyers and Walgreens. You can obtain a prescription discount card at <http://www2.caremark.com/nlc/>

The next Assembly meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

As council member questioned the lights at Cuddy Park—will the lights be turned on now that the days are shorter and it's getting dark outside? He noted that it is a beautiful park and easily accessible, but lighting it critical. Assembly rep Dick Tremaine said he would look into the matter.

Both Tremaine and Gray-Jackson are pushing to put Waldron Lake back into the capital budget, and Traini said that the final ruling on the I/M program is coming due.

Someone noted that the city's revenue includes approximately \$20 million a year from the tobacco tax.

Jeff Rogers from Senator Ellis' office gave a brief summary of what has been occurring at the legislative level and passed out the current legislative directory to interested parties. He noted that Senators Ellis and Edgmon (Dillingham) attended a summit on the current corrections system, with several areas of focus which included rehabilitation, housing needs and education.

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Within the legislature, Senator Meyers is bringing forward a bill to ban the compounds used to make synthetic cocaine.

*“His plans are in conjunction with those of Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan, who has proposed criminalizing the compounds in Alaska's largest city. Meyer's office said the compounds mephedrone and MDPV produce a high similar to those of methamphetamine and cocaine. Symptoms include paranoia, delusions, hallucinations, suicidal behavior and violence, and Meyer's office said use of the drugs can also cause chest pains and increase blood pressure.”* (excerpted from the AND on 10-12-2011) Read more at :

<http://www.adn.com/2011/10/12/2117698/legislator-targets-synthetic-cocaine.html#ixzz1bEjf0RjC>

Council members were warned that the light at Lake Otis/40<sup>th</sup> has been turned on, and is presently a flashing yellow, but will be “live” (red, yellow, green) within the next two weeks.

Council members discussed the request from David Williams of the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission's and the organizations request for resolution of support or statement of no objection from TACC on their rezoning request. Assembly member Gray-Jackson said that she would provide a copy of the TBOP (Take Back Our Parks) resolution for the TACC to review, discuss and amend as needed for the November meeting. That resolution is attached at the end of the minutes.

As a quick recap on the reason for the proposed zoning change, notes from the September meeting regarding the AGRM have been included below:

*“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, 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Even though the deadline (9/29/11) has passed, TACC Chair Tod Butler requests that residents and community members complete the Park Report Card for any park within our Council boundary area (David Green Park) and submit it to the Anchorage Parks Foundation. He and his wife Katie walked down to David Green Park and took the time to walk around it thoroughly, made their notes and submitted it. You can click on this [link](#) to download the Park Report Card or visit their website at [www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org)

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](mailto:Shannon@anchorageparkfoundation.org). Alternately, forms can be turned into our TACC Chair, Tod Butler. 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.

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TACC Chair took a moment to warn council members of a series of brazen thefts in the neighborhood (on and around MacInnes) during the first week of September. One neighbor had eight studded snow tires and two chain saws stolen from their shed (the shed was unlocked, but was in a locked, fenced yard. Another neighbor had two mountain bikes stolen from their property. Tod Butler had six full sets of four mounted, studded snow tires stolen from his four-plex. The thieves, described as two Caucasian males, were quite brazen, as one individual reported seeing them tossing tires over a fence into the back of a pick-up truck. In what may be a related matter, a neighbor reported that a relative had been visiting in the same area and came out to find their vehicle had been vandalized. The police have been notified and all information relayed to them for investigation.

Council members are reminded to pay attention to what is happening around you, communicate any issues (theft, vandalism, disturbances, etc) to your neighbors and share this information at our meetings. Also, always contact the authorities if you notice suspicious behavior.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson  
TACC Secretary

**TBOP Resolution of Support for AGRM**

WHEREAS, established in 2008, TBOP (Take Back Our Park) is an informal committee which meets the third Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Committee members consist of residents in the Campbell Park area adjacent to Tudor Road, representatives from the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Community Councils, Anchorage Rescue Mission, ARBRA, and others; and

WHEREAS, the mission of TBOP is to encourage Campbell Creek Park area residents and businesses to join the "Take Back Our Park" (TBOP) community group creating workable plans, joining efforts, and taking action to provide safe, clean and enjoyable park conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Rescue Mission has been an active participant in our efforts since the Committee's inception; and

WHEREAS, at the September 19, 2011 TBOP monthly meeting, members in attendance agreed the Committee is in support of Anchorage Rescue Mission's petition to rezone their current property from B3 to PLI; and

NOW, THEREFORE, TBOP supports the efforts of the Anchorage Rescue Mission's rezoning and encourages support and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Submitted by: Elvi Gray-Jackson, Acting Chair, TBOP  
on behalf of the Committee

