

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
November 3, 2011
First Church of God
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Secretary, Sheli Dodson. The minutes and agenda were not immediately available, so action on those items was postponed.

Elvi Gray-Jackson provided the following Assembly report:

- *Passed an ordinance at last meeting which, with Assembly approval, allows taxicab drivers to include some of the high gasoline costs in fares.*
 - *Held Work session on Operating Budget October 21st 11:00 -1:00.*
 - *Work session on Legislative Program with State requests for funding for Capital and Operating budgets will be held on Friday, November 4th 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. City Hall – Assembly Conference Room.*
 - *Work Session on Capital Budgets and Utility Budgets will be held on Friday, November 4th 11:00 – 1:00 p.m., City Hall – Assembly Conference Room.*
 - *Three public hearings on both capital and operating budgets. First on October 25th. Next public hearings will be held November 8th and November 22nd. Assembly will approve the budget at the December 6th meeting.*
 - *Fireworks ordinance is being reviewed at the Public Safety Committee level. There will be revisions to the ordinance based on input from the community.*
 - *Assembly passed a resolution providing guidelines to the School District in advance of Assembly review and approval. Property taxes will increase by only 1%. Approved resolution can be found on line at www.muni.org*
 - *The Assembly is appointing many citizens to Boards and Commissions.*
 - *Bath Salts (legal drug) ordinance – public hearing on November 8th.*
- Next meeting is November 8th.*

Assembly member Traini added the following information

- The 2012 “Legislative Wish List” was provided by the Mayor’s office to the assembly for approval; however they have never been given the opportunity to review it in advance of the approval request.
- There will be vehicle registration fee increase. The state fee assessed is \$100, the municipal fee is from \$70-\$150 depending on the age of the vehicle (the older the vehicle, the lower the fee)
- A proposal was put before the assembly to ban the school board from bringing forward any further bonds for the next year
- Discussion and action continues over the “bath salts” ban, which is for materials used to may narcotics such as synthetic cocaine. The drugs have a variety of street names, some of which include “Ivory Snow” or “Snow White”
- There will be public meetings on the budget on 11/19 and 11/22.

The minutes and agenda were made available for review. The minutes were corrected to reflect that it was Assembly member Traini, not Tremaine, who would look into the matter of lights at Cuddy Park. A correction noting the source of the excerpt on synthetic cocaine from AND to ADN (Anchorage Daily News) was made. A motion to approve the agenda and corrected minutes was made by Jacob Tuckerman with a second by Berta Gardner carried with no objections.

Jeff Rogers from Senator Ellis’ office and Representative Berta Gardner collaborated on their legislative report. Rep Gardner reminded attendees that “school maintenance” includes things such as new roofs, new boilers, etc. In late October, Senator Murkowski held a council addressing the high rate of suicide in Alaska. Newsletters regarding Emergency Preparedness and Alaskan Suicide Prevention have gone out addressing these important issues.

Representative Gardner also shared her concern regarding an experience at Rogers Park CC last month. A contractor who was scheduled to speak regarding a state project was forced to abruptly cancel since they had not received prior approval from the state before speaking publicly about the project. Inquiries and letters by Rep Gardner regarding the incident and requests for clarification have been stonewalled and dodged.

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Tod Butler provided the FCC report. Last month's FCC meeting was put together as a public forum at Wendler Middle School. It was called "The State of Our City Forum" and featured seven community leaders who were each given seven minutes to discuss an issue affecting the city. More information regarding the specifics of the forum can be found at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/download/5908.pdf>. The FCC meeting also occurred the same evening that Title 21's revisions were made public.

Tod Butler asked about an incident that had been recently brought to his attention. A group of parents of students at South Anchorage High School had appealed directly to individuals within the legislature to request funding for a sports project. Representative Gardner stated that this practice is not limited to this group of parents. The ability to request discretionary funding is open to anyone or any group.

There was a query regarding road work on the New Seward Hwy from 26th to Dowling in the summer of 2012. Noise barriers will be installed near the Bancroft Subdivisions. In addition, the Dowling extension project will start in the summer of 2012 and with the E. Dowling extension

It was noted that \$150MM in funds is being proposed to go towards the KABATA bridge project as part of the AMATS 2013 plan.

A suggestion to table to discussion on the resolution of support for the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission was made, but the group decided to move forward on the issue with the following resolution of support:

Tudor Area Community Council Resolution of Support for the AGRM

Whereas, the Tudor Area Community Council was established through the Municipality of Anchorage; and

Whereas, council members consisting of residents and business owners in the area location between 36th Avenue and Tudor Road and Lake Otis and the New Seward Highway, and

Whereas, the mission of the Tudor Area Community Council is to provide for citizen awareness of municipal activities and for citizen input to the municipality on its actions, and

Whereas, at the November 3rd, 2011 Tudor Area Community Council meeting, members in attendance agreed to support the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission's petition to rezone their current property from B3 to PLI;

Now, therefore, the Tudor Area Community Council supports the efforts of the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission's rezoning and encourages support and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion Jacob Tuckerman, with a second by Deanne Tuckerman to accept and proceed with the drafted letter of resolution carried with no objection.

There being no further business, a motion and second adjourn was made. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson
TACC Secretary