

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
December 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 by second, with a second by Elvi-Gray Jackson was made to approve the motion and agenda.

Elvi Gray-Jackson praised the notification efforts of the council with the signage placed on 36th/MacInnes and Tudor/MacInnes reminding neighborhood members of the monthly meeting. Tod Butler used his own money to purchase materials and create the signage.

Elvi Gray-Jackson provided the following Assembly report:

- *Assembly will approve the 2012 Budgets at the meeting of December 6th. Assembly proposed amendments:*
 - *Restore funding to run MOA operated ice-free sidewalks on E & F Streets - \$100,000*
 - *Reverse deletion of 3 full-time Recreation Specialist II Positions (and creation of 4 seasonal part-time Recreational Specialist II positions) - \$144,607*
 - *Increase library materials budget - \$50,000*
 - *Add new Records Clerk position - \$79,597*
 - *Contract Update on Planning Demographic Data - \$50,000*
 - *Provide funding for an hourly shuttle through a contract between the MOA and the AnchorRIDES service provider for the new Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC). ANHC is scheduled to open in September - \$50,000*
 - *Restore funding for two Parks Caretaker/Operator positions to full-time - \$43,680*
 - *Restore funding for vacant Associate Librarian position created in 2011 and never filled, and vacant Library Assistant II position - \$126,128*
- *Assembly approved the Legislative Program which reflects the 2012 Capital Budget – which will be approved along with the 2012-2017 Capital Budget at the Deembe 6th meting.*
- *Revisions to Fireworks ordinance – Prohibits fireworks in Mobile Home Parks; provides for a 200 feet distance from a home; and requires clean up and disposal of debris within 12 hours after use. Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 6th after 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing will be continued to the meeting of December 13th.*

Next meeting is December 6th. Last meeting of the year – December 13th.

Jeff Rogers from Senator Ellis' office gave a report on behalf of the Senator. Senator Ellis is currently out of town, however will be in Anchorage for a two day seminar on Oil & Gas. Further discussion on an in-state gas line is also a topic of discussion. Senator Ellis had procured approximately \$1MM into the operating budget for transportation. The city will see about \$225k of those funds. Elvi Gray-Jackson advised that those funds are being used to match a grant for fare boxes for the busses. He also indicated that we can expect a bill from the Senate on the oil tax as it continues to be a major topic of discussion. Jeff Rogers leaves for Juneau on 12/2.

Noah Hanson gave a report on behalf of Representative Berta Gardner. Representative Gardner recently launched a FaceBook page, www.facebook.com/bertagardner. The legislature should have a budget coming out around 12/15 and we can expect to see some legislation regarding the current oil & gas issues. Facilities access us another item being pushed. Noah mentioned that "basketball arbitration" is being tried as a well to address infrastructure issues. Noah Hansen will be heading to Juneau on January 10th.

Elizabeth Miller and Sue Brogan from the United Way spoke on behalf of the United for Youth Initiative/Program
90% by 2020: A Bold Goal for Our Community

When our youth succeed, our community succeeds. That's why United Way of Anchorage (UWA), with our wide array of Anchorage United for Youth (AUY) partners, has put a stake in the ground: We will increase our on-time graduation rate to 90% by 2020!

Increasing our on-time graduation rate to 90% by 2020 is a bold goal. Its success cannot rest solely on the shoulders of the schools, social services agencies, government, or parents. It rests with all of us. Only by uniting together as a community can we reach this important goal.

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Each of us can do simple, everyday things that research proves will make a difference in the life of a young person by letting them know they matter to the people around them. Smile at them; Know the names of the kids in your neighborhood; Pay attention when they tell you something, and ask questions; and expect the best from them. Youth need supportive adults in their lives, beyond mom or dad. Visit our website for ideas on how you can take simple, intentional action to support our young people. Their success is our success!!

They shared the following facts and statistics.

- 75% of the prison population is made of HS drop-outs
- HS graduates make 74% more than non HS graduates

Six years ago, Anchorage United for Youth was born. At that time, the Anchorage HS graduation rate was 60%. The United Way collaborated with other non-profits, for-profits, community engagement groups and more. They've found 1450 adult volunteers to mentor and work with youth and continue to work to provide a better, more engaging and positive environment for youth in our community. Today, the graduation rate is 72%. Three things necessary to help out youth are:

- ✓ *Excellent Schools*
- ✓ *Strong & supported parents*
- ✓ *Caring communities*

One of the goals of the United for Youth initiative is to increase the HS graduation rate to 90% by 2020 (see www.90by2020.org)

They shared notepads from the "10 Simple Things" campaign and encouraged council members to get involved.

Several gentlemen (Terry Schoenthal, Mike Carlson, and Stan (**last name?**)) spoke regarding the UAA Sports Arena, which will be the home of all UAA Athletics (except hockey). It will be a multi-purpose space, allowing the Wells Fargo Sports complex to become the student recreation center it was originally intended to be. The proposed budget (fully funded) is \$109MM and the building is expected to be complete by the fall of 2014. The budget does not include the improvements that will be needed to the WF Sports Complex.

The proposed location will be Providence & Elmore. It will seat approximately 5000 people (3000 in the main seating bowl and 2000 seats in the balcony); however there is not parking for 5K people. In an effort to maintain a treed buffer on Providence, preserve as much plants and vegetation as possible, and alleviate the issue of a parking shortfall, the University has entered in a reciprocal parking agreement with Providence. Depending on the size of the event being held, shuttle service will be made available between Providence parking and the Arena. A roundabout will be located between University Lake Drive and Sharon Gagnon to keep traffic moving at a consistent but moderately safe pace for pedestrians. To maintain aesthetic appeal, the arena will be sunken a full level

There is a public meeting with Urban Design Commission which will include a public facility site review at the Loussac Library Assembly chambers at 6:30 p.m. on 12/14/2011. For more information on this project, visit www.goseawolves.com.

Marie, a neighbor down on Crescent, had passed a message to Tod regarding her concerns with a number of feral cats she has noticed roaming the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson
TACC Secretary