

Rogers Park Community Council Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Mike Black

Monday November 14, 2011- 7PM

Rogers Park School Library

Meeting Convened at 7:10PM

Community Council Officers present:

Dave Morgan President

David Metheny, Vice President

Jim Wright, Past President

Bob Churchill, FCC Representative

Cheyrl Forrest, Treasurer

Mike Black, Secretary.

Handouts available included:

Rogers Park Community Council Agenda; Rogers Park Community Council Board organizational meeting schedule; AMATS 2035 MTP Review and Approval Process; Federation of Community Councils Managers Report; MOA Planning and Zoning Commission agenda Nov 14; No More Compromise Adopt Title 21 flyer; Rogers Park Council Meeting Minutes October 10; draft Resolution Regarding Proposed Changes to Title 21; A Resolution regarding North Access to the University-Medical (U-Med) District.

Welcome

Convene Meeting at 7:10. Approximately 35 individuals were present including Board Officers.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was modified through a motion (seconded) to add an item to consider a resolution pertaining to Title 21 (attached). This item was substituted for the original Item B Update the Community Council on current status of the AMATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Title 21 Discussion by Connie Yoshimura. Original Item B will be **scheduled to be** heard at the next Community Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 10, 2011 presented and approved

Minutes of September 12 as provided by Elvi Gray-Jackson's highlights approved

Presentations and Discussions

Dawn Brantley of the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management presented a briefing on community and household preparedness for emergencies. She provided those in attendance with a Family Emergency Plan form that can be filled out for a family. She also provided an informational handout Extreme Cold Prevention Guide to Promote Personal Health and Safety from the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dawn reminded the members present that being prepared for a disruption of natural gas, electricity, water and other utilities is always of great concern in the winter. The number 1 cause of death in a winter storm is traffic accidents, followed by exhaustion/heart attacks and CO poisoning. She invited community members to visit the Anchorage.oem facebook page for more information on emergency preparedness.

John Weddleton who worked on the original Title 21 provisions as part of a citizens task force next discussed the Title 21 resolution and the process that has been ongoing for several years to adopt new provisions and update the land use code of the Municipality of Anchorage. His presentation was followed by the introduction and seconding of a motion to adopt a resolution urging the Mayor to adopt Title 21 as provisionally adopted by the Assembly. Lengthy discussion of the resolution as proposed followed and many in the audience had questions about how the resolution would be interpreted. Following the discussion the resolution was voted on and passed 26 Yeas, 5 Nays, and 4 Abstain.

Next a Resolution regarding North Access to the University-Medical District was introduced by David Evans and seconded (attached). The resolution urges that the North Access to the U-Med District road is not supported as a short term (next 11 years to be built) solution to access to the district. Discussion of the developments planned for the U-Med District followed and the funded grant to the Municipality (\$500k from Alaskan Legislature) to coordinate planning of the U-Med District was mentioned as important to transportation alternatives. Following the discussion the resolution passed 27 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Abstain.

Legislative Reports were provide by Elvi Gray-Jackson for Anchorage Assembly actions on the taxi cab ordinance allowing surcharge for gasoline on approved taxi cab rates, budget hearing on 22 November at the Loussac Library, Fireworks Ordinance as part of

the Public Safety Committee work, and the School Board Budget guidance passed by the Assembly. Visit the muni.org website for more information.

State Legislative Report by Berta Gardner **was** provided. She was disappointed that DOT/PF refused to present a report to the Council on the U-Med District Transportation planning and has yet to hear an explanation from the Commissioner's Office.

Senator Ellis stated that the Legislature will be very involved in Energy Issues this session. Three major gas finds in Cook Inlet are the result of **incentives** for drilling put in place by the legislature. Essentially the firms involved in exploration pay no State tax on their discoveries. Finally his top priority will be to expand the UAA Engineering class space and facilities.

Senator Bettye Davis's chief of staff Tom Obermeyer stated that the Senator's interest is in SB73 increasing aid to the public schools.

Bob Churchill briefly explained the work of the FCC.

Discussion next turned to the bylaws and the possible requirement that voting Community Council Members should have been paying dues (\$15/annually). Also a request for a financial report of the RPCC was requested.

Next meeting scheduled for December 5 at 5:30pm First American Baptist Church 1200 E 27th Avenue for the Rogers Park Community Council Board Meeting followed by the RPCC Meeting on December 12 at the Rogers Park School Library at 7pm.