

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2014

First Church of God on Tudor/MacInnes

Tod Butler, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. February meeting minutes were passed.

Assembly report: Elvi Gray-Jackson & Dick Traini were both present and Elvi said the ordinance to have April election moved to November was passed, and Obama's Let's Move initiative is being brought to Anchorage (existing Healthy Futures program will work with it), and ordinances can be found on Muni.org. Dick spoke of Chris Birch's wanting to change access to mailing address info for absentee ballots. ASD budget meeting is 25th of March at Tuesday Assembly Meeting.

Special Guest: A presentation about the new overpass from UAA's engineering building was given. Handouts were given. Hoping to begin the project late this summer 2014. \$6 million project. Winter break 2014 or after spring graduation 2015 there will likely be a 2 week window when that area is shut down and traffic along Providence Drive will be diverted.

Legislative report: In session, no one present.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report: All day Saturday at BP Energy Center, 62 people present, they had a meeting for council presidents. A book was handed out.

A simulation of the 9.2 1964 Good Friday earthquake, and other events, will be held on March 27, the 50th anniversary.

Special Guest: Roger Elconin from Roger's Park Elementary school spoke to us about the fact that the information provided about the academic scores at that school are a combination of the "neighborhood" & "highly gifted," a fact that confuses the public about how "well" the kids are doing academically. The gifted program is a "school within a school" and a separate program in all ways except a band class and recess. The neighborhood program would qualify as a Title I school (benefits from ASD would come with that designation) if it were not for the mixing of these programs' data. A potential step in the right direction could be a Family Engagement Action Plan. His purpose was to raise awareness about the issue.

Erika, new Stratford Street resident, was present and introduced herself.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Carlson, temporary secretary