

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
December 1, 2005
Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were nine members and two guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Nov. 3, 2005, meeting without objection.

There was no Municipal Assembly report.

Iris Matthews from state Senator Ellis's office presented the legislative report. Sen. Ellis and Rep. Berta Gardner will introduce legislation to reinstate sharing state revenues with municipalities. If you have comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, please get them to Sen. Ellis or Rep. Gardner by Dec. 15th. There was some discussion on the possible structure of the revenue sharing.

Sgt. Stanton presented the Anchorage Police Department report. There have been problems with people passing counterfeit money to merchants and customers. There are small inexpensive devices that can detect real currency, and you may want to consider using them. Sgt. Stanton talked about traffic accidents: 36th Ave. and MacInnes St., about one a year; Tudor Rd. and MacInnes, 11 in 2004 and 4 in 2005; and at Tudor and Needles St., one in 2004 and none so far in 2005.

Sheli Dodson asked about holiday fraud. Sgt. Stanton cautioned people not to leave packages visible in their cars and to lock their cars. She had packages stolen from her personal car and said that the police can't do much about this kind of theft after the fact. You do need to report the theft in order to get a case number for your insurance company. Sgt. Stanton advised people to leave their lights and radios or TV on at home, perhaps using a timer to make the house looked lived-in. She said to keep your receipts and to record serial numbers. Please report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Diane Etter presented the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. Title 21 (land use) will include neighborhood plans, starting with the Hillside, and then Midtown. It will be a do-it-yourself effort with no Muni resources devoted to the plans. She cautioned that established neighborhoods should be careful of in-fill and redevelopment changing the character of the neighborhood. Planning and Zoning (P&Z) will provide specific characteristics to be used in the plans. P&Z has prepared a procedure for creating a neighborhood plan, and Ms. Etter gave a copy to the council president. In response to a question by Mr. Frank, she said that appeared that the plans would be enforceable. The plan format seems flexible enough for neighborhoods to be able to create a plan suited to their areas.

Ms. Etter attended the University-Medical District Traffic Calming Study meeting last month. It covered the U-Med area north of Tudor Rd. and east of Lake Otis Pkwy, and had little for this community council.

Old Business:

Sheli Dodson noted that a Municipal representative did not attend the council's Traffic Forum last month despite assurances from the Traffic Department that someone would be at the meeting. She will call them again and then send another letter to the Muni concerning traffic problems at 36th Ave. and MacInnes St. The council appreciated the presentation made by Mr. Scott Thomas of the state Dept. of Transportation on traffic problems, particularly signage on Tudor Rd. at and near MacInnes St.

The Chair tabled the issue of access to Randolph St. since she had heard nothing further from residents of Green Acres subdivision on the matter.

A member commented on several problems concerning MacInnes St. traffic: the continuing need for a traffic light at 36th Ave. for access from MacInnes that has been promised by Assembly members for several years; access from MacInnes to Tudor Rd.; and high speeds down the hill on MacInnes. Access to 36th from Randolph St. is also a problem. Other members said they had seen an ambulance drive on the wrong side of 36th Ave. in order to get to Providence Hospital because 36th was clogged with traffic.

The chair and Ms. Matthews said that the MacInnes and 36th intersection was wired for a traffic light last summer, and that funding had been sent from the State to the Municipality for the project. The Muni Traffic Dept. supposedly wants to evaluate the new turn lanes installed during construction last summer before they approve a new traffic light at MacInnes. (Though given the Muni Traffic Department's lack of responsiveness, it's hard to tell what they think.) Mr. Butler said that he had gotten good results from sending letters to Muni departments, with copies to the mayor's office.

New business:

Larry Jenkins visited the owner of the house on MacInnes St. where many commercial flower boxes had daily been spread out in the front yard and advised him of the Muni's zoning requirements for residential neighborhoods. The owner was unaware of the law and said he would contact the Muni concerning their land use requirements.

Assemblyman Tesche e-mailed all community council chairs regarding the proposed installation of a small cyclotron in a residential neighborhood downtown. Mr. Tesche included a draft change to the Muni ordinance on noxious land uses to ban such installations. The council had a short discussion on banning particle accelerators in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Frank cautioned that we need to be sure what we are opposing before the council passes a resolution supporting the proposed ordinance change. The chair tabled the issue until the next meeting.

The Assembly is drafting an ordinance in response to builders, e.g., Mr. Lee Baker, clear-cutting adjacent parcels of land where the individual parcels are smaller the minimum size covered under the existing ordinance banning clear-cutting.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.