

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2015 (1st non-holiday Thursday of the month)

First Church of God, MacInnes & Tudor Roads

Tod Butler, VP and substitute chair for this meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: Natasha Welch, with APD (she's been the Neighborhood Watch lead since 2009), talked to us about APD's recent call-out to the public to *please call 786-8900 (APD non-emergency number) if you suspect criminal activity (drugs, gangs, violent crimes, weapons, etc.)*. She handed out a list of useful numbers as well. Nixle is the system they are using to inform the public about road closures, crime, etc.

Ms. Tam Agosti-Gisler was present and will be running for the Anchorage School Board. She spoke briefly about legislative priorities, budget, and bonds.

Assembly Report (see below): Elvi Gray-Jackson & Dick Traini were both present.

Legislative Report: Andy Josephson called in and spoke with us about budget cuts, a huge number of hearings have been about marijuana, the gas line, and more.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Carlson, Secretary

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting – Assembly Report February 5, 2015

- *The Assembly reorganized at the December 16th meeting. Assembly Member Traini is Chair and Assembly Member Gray-Jackson is Vice Chair.*
- *At the December 16th Assembly meeting, the Public Hearing on AO 2014-148 prohibiting the operation of cultivating, manufacturing and testing marijuana facilities was heard. There were 67 persons who testified with nine supporting the ordinance, and 58 in opposition. The ordinance failed 9-2.*
- *Chairman Traini established a committee on the Regulation and Taxation of marijuana chaired by Assembly Member Hall. Members include Demboski, Honeman and Petersen. The Committee will develop and recommend new Municipal Code to the Anchorage Assembly regulating and authorizing taxation of the cultivation, manufacture, and commercial sale of marijuana within the Municipality of Anchorage.*
- **At the January 27th meeting, the Assembly approved an ordinance to prohibit the use of marijuana in public places in the same manner that alcohol is currently prohibited with a fine of \$100.**
- *Chairman Traini, Assembly Members Demboski and Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to provide a real property tax exemption for privately owned real property rented or leased for use as a charter school. This exemption has been*

established under State Law. The first public hearing was held on January 13th and the second was on January 27th. Revisions were made to ensure that the charter school reaps the benefit. The ordinance was approved at the February 3rd meeting.

- *A public hearing was held at the January 13th meeting on an ordinance requiring the display of the USDA food guide icon in all food service facilities located on property under the control or ownership of the Municipality of Anchorage. This is an effort to reach goals within the Let's Move! Program to fight childhood obesity. The ordinance passed 7-4.*
- **Chairman Traini and Assembly Member Hall introduced an ordinance that - if approved by the Assembly - will submit to the voters a ballot proposition amending the Charter to levy an Alcohol Sales Tax and to dedicate the revenue to finance alcohol treatment, emergency transportation, and housing programs including housing programs for chronic inebriates. The ballot proposition would request a change to the Charter to approve the tax by 50% +1, instead of the current 60% +1. The first public hearing was held on January 27th and the second was held on February 3rd. The ordinance failed at this meeting 7-4.**

Next Assembly Meeting: February 17, 2015