

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2015
First Church of God on MacInnes & Tudor
1st non-holiday Thursday of the month, September-May, 7:00pm

Jake Tuckerman, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Legislative Report – Berta Gardener reported that they were not currently in session but their two main issues now are Medicaid expansion and the possibility of a special session. AK Common Ground will have an informational session about the state’s fiscal situation from 9am-5pm, Sept. 19th, at Wendy Williamson Auditorium, bring a lunch or pay \$15 for one. Sept. 10 is ribbon-cutting for new UAA Engineering Bldg. University Lake Planning meeting coming up soon. Andy Josephson gave a recent report from his office. UAF and UAA lost 100+ positions each, etc.

Old Business – David Green Park looks great! Thank you everyone for your participation in planning for this upgrade.

New Business – Liquor licenses coming up for renewal, and Golden Lion Hotel is the only one in our area. No one showed opposition to them continuing as is.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Carlson, Secretary

** Assembly Report*

The Berkowitz administration has put a “pause” on the MOA’s Enterprise Resource Plan aka SAP for four to six weeks while a review occurs lead by the new Deputy CFO – Alden Thern – and several industry knowledgeable members of the public.

The Public Hearing on the Equal Rights Ordinance will be held on September 15th after 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Flynn will introduce a substitute version.

The Administration has provided the Assembly with the 120 Day Preliminary 2016 Budget information. Some highlights are:

- An overall decrease of \$12.4M in revenues - \$8.6 in changes in Program Fees, Interest and other revenues which include a \$7M reduction of ML&P’s Utility Revenue Distribution due to the RCA’s decision and a decrease of \$4.8M in State Revenue Distribution.

- Tax Cap Calculation – Limit on all property taxes that can be collected is up by \$8.6M.

- The Administration’s priorities are public safety, facilitating new community development, and promoting more accessible and affordable housing.

In terms of reorganizations for the 2016 budget, the proposed changes follow:

-Office of Economic and Community Development – Development Services, Planning, Real Estate, Parks and Recreation, and the Library,
-Public Works will be absorbed through the elevation to Department level – Traffic, Maintenance and Operations, and Project Management and Engineering.

Proposed Capital Improvement Budget Bonds:

-Fire - \$2M

-Parks and Recreation - \$4M

-Police - \$3.1

-Public Transportation - \$600K

-Public Works – \$49M

TOTAL BONDS PROPOSAL FOR 2016 - \$58.7M

Chair Traini and Vice-Chair Gray-Jackson brought First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Program to Anchorage in February 2014. The Task Force has been working monthly to reach Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in all five goals. On August 21st, Anchorage reached that Goal and the First Lady of the United States aka FLOTUS has invited Anchorage to join 53 other cities to the White House for a reception on September 16th from 9:00 – 3:30. Elvi Gray-Jackson and Alden Thern will represent Anchorage at this event.

Next Assembly Meeting: September 15, 2015