

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2017

First Church of God on MacInnes & Tudor

Deanne Tuckerman, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting, May 5, 2017, were approved. (Approval moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Ms. Wick.) There was no meeting in September 2017 due to illness.

Assembly Report: Assemblyman Rivera discussed State legislation which will address on-site consumption of marijuana. Comments on the pending legislation are due to the Legislature by Oct. 27, 2017. He mentioned an ordinance proposed by Assymn. Croft to regulate mold in public accommodations.

Assemblyman Traini said that the SAP software program will be operational for the Muni by Oct. 6, 2017 for paychecks. SAP cost has gone up to \$82.2 million. Mr. Traini discussed the Muni's efforts to activate the "Vote by Mail" effort by the April 2018 Muni election. They have hired a few new people, purchased equipment, and obtained office space by Ship Creek. The goals of our Vote by Mail system are to increase voter turnout, maximize voter protection, and safeguard community resources.

Assemblyman Rivera noted that the SAP project is now being run by "best practices".

Mr. Traini said that he will be proposing an increase to the gasoline tax within the Muni. He will also sponsor a bond issue to buy new ambulances. (Such a bond issue was recently turned down by voters operating with biased information from past mayors.)

Legislative Report: Representative Josephson discussed his activities this past year over the regular session and three special sessions. He noted that the state Senate wanted more budget cuts in addition to the cuts already made. Prosecutors, state troopers, teachers, road maintainers and many more have already been cut so far this session. He answered a number of questions. Sen. Giessel was mentioned as wanting to do away with workers' compensation.

Senator Gardner's representative, Ms. Harris, told the group that Sen. Gardner, and Reps. Joshephson and Drummond would be holding a town hall meeting on Oct. 16th, from 5 PM to 7 PM. There was further discussion about the state Senate's unwillingness to do anything concerning changes to taxation on the oil industry.

School Board: The school board representative emailed that she was sick this week.

FCC Report: Jake Tuckerman gave a short run-down on the last Federation of Community Council meeting. Ms. Wick noted that the bus between LaTouche and Lake Otis has been cut as a part of the bus system reorganization.

Speakers: Ms. E.J. Johnson from University Place condominiums discussed her efforts to establish a Neighborhood Crime Watch in her area. She said that four units generated the large majority of police and fire calls. She said that dog walkers and smokers provide the majority of observers in the area.

Old Business: The State has canceled any efforts to install new medians on Tudor Rd. between Lake Otis and the New Seward Hwy. The reason given for the cancellation was overall lack of funds.

New Business: The council briefly discussed proposed new zoning for Accessory Dwelling Units. Rep. Josephson made a presentation of a citation to her husband, Sean Carlson, for Colleen Carlson's new book on Municipal Parks

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