

## Tudor Area Community Council Newsletter

After a spectacular Alaskan summer, it's time for our community council to resume meeting. We have changed the meeting location for this year to the **Rogers Park Elementary School library**. Our first meeting will be **Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 PM**. The boundaries for Tudor Area Community Council are 36th Avenue, Lake Otis Road, Tudor Road, and New Seward Highway. If you are receiving this newsletter you are within our boundaries and automatically a member of the council. We would welcome your attendance at meetings which are always the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

The minutes for the May meeting were sent out in the May newsletter but, for new members, here is a brief recap of recent community council actions:

The municipality's capital projects survey was voted on at the May meeting with the following projects, in the following priority, proposed by the membership:

- 1.) Traffic signal at 36th Avenue and MacInnes Street
- 2.) Safe pedestrian crossing over the New Seward Highway
- 3.) Sound abatement along the New Seward Highway
- 4.) Swings and better drainage at David Green Park
- 5.) Fish Creek improvements.

The council also approved a resolution presented by Sand Lake Community Council on "context sensitive" road projects. The resolution asks that state and municipal road departments dialog with surrounding residents and businesses before finalizing road plans.

Tudor Community Council last voted on council goals in April 2003, based on results of the survey sent out to the membership that year. The goals approved ( with no priority order ) were:

- 1.) Preserve current zoning in our community
- 2.) Improve ties with non-residential community council members
- 3.) Safe access onto 36th Avenue
- 4.) Better policing of the neighborhood
- 5.) Improve zoning and code enforcement
- 6.) Maintain or improve the appearance of the neighborhood
- 7.) Improve our advocacy in decisions affecting our neighborhood.
- 8.) Reduce traffic congestion in and around our neighborhood

You can see that we approved an ambitious set of goals and it will take neighborhood involvement to accomplish them. We worked hard on goal # 1, with active opposition to the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance, and were pleased to see it modified to exclude R-1 zoning from the ordinance. This will insure that R-1 zoning in our neighborhood stays single family. We are working on safe access onto 36th Avenue, with Cheryl Heinze obtaining funding and Dick Traini working to get a traffic signal for the MacInnes intersection. We continue to work to improve traffic congestion through vocal involvement in each and every road committee and land use committee possible in the last several years. We could sure use more voices and members willing to join committees and work for the neighborhood. Please attend our September meeting and get involved in community council. We always adjourn our meetings by 9:00 PM and we will not press you to commit to further involvement; if you only have time for an occasional meeting that is fine, we just really need more attendance at our meetings.

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