

TUDOR AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019; 7:00pm
First Church of God at Tudor and MacInnes

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02pm by Tod Butler.

Twenty community members and guests were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

Minutes not available.

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REPORT:

Felix Rivera

- Anchorage was declared a Purple Heart City by the Assembly.
- Proposed ordinance to shorten the studded tire season to Oct 1. Enforcement would be through parking fines.
- Discussions continue regarding the sale of MLP and the price was lowered by \$10 million. The RCIA approval process is ongoing and expected to be complete in Feb 2020. MLP legacy customers will have 3 years before Chugach Electric may raise their rates.
- Hearings are taking place on the 2020 budget. Public safety is very important and adding non-sworn staff is critical to matching the recent increases in law enforcement officers.

Meg Zaletel

- The MOA received a \$25 million federal grant towards the port
- There are many marijuana business renewals in process. Community Council input and resolutions are very important to this. Procedural and policy issues are also being addressed.
- Onsite marijuana smoking will be on the April 2020 ballot.
- The Abbot Loop CC wants to have traffic calmed in their area by installing a tunnel under Scooter Ave at 92nd. The State is pushing the project onto the MOA. Elvi and Andy were not aware and will look into it.

ALASKA LEGISLATURE REPORT:

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson

- Things are positive with the new senator.

- The Alaska Hire law is not backed by the AG.
- She is having a constituent coffee in December.

Rep. Andy Josephson

- Attended a town hall at UAA re. the fiscal crisis and a regents meeting on governance and structure. There is no longer a threat to UAA losing accreditation until 2021.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

None.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Solarize University Area neighborhoods – Leon Jaimes presented on a “community driven program that is working to bring low cost solar power to neighborhoods around Anchorage.”

The Fair Share Act – Rick Phillips presented on a proposal to place an oil tax measure on the ballot. 28,500 signatures are needed.

OLD BUSINESS discussed:

Midtown Congestion Relief – Steve Noble, the Project Manager from DOWL, reminded of the upcoming Public Open House and took questions.

NEW BUSINESS discussed:

Resolution Proposal – “*Take back our parks.*” Much discussion was had regarding this Rogers Park CC initiative primarily written by retired judge Stephanie Rhodes. Meg Zaletel is on the Committee for Homelessness and is happy to talk with about the impacts of this move.

A Geneva Woods resident brought up concerns over marijuana smokers going into the woods by the sanctuary that is near to the new marijuana shop on Tudor Road (not opened yet). Discussion was had and the Geneva Woods HOA will draft a letter to the MOA .