

## **TUDOR AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes of

**December 5, 2019**

First Church of God at Tudor and Macinnes

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05pm by Tod Butler .

Thirteen community members and guests were in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

Minutes of November 7 were approved as submitted.

### **ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REPORT:**

#### **Felix Rivera and Meg Zaletel**

- Dowl Engineers asked for a resolution from the Assembly regarding the Midtown Congestion Relief Project, and Felix wants to wait to do this until after the community councils have had a chance to draft and submit their own resolutions. The project is currently at the PEL stage (Planning and Environmental Linkages) stage.

- The ordinance to shorten the studded tire season to Oct 1 was passed. The muni is coordinating with the state, especially regarding motorists from MATSU.

- Inmates may be transported to prisons out of state by the Dept. of Corrections beginning as early as next week Monday, December 9. The Assembly will vote on December 17 meeting on a resolution against this practice.

- There are ongoing discussions with the port commission regarding increasing tariffs.

- The Assembly passed an ordinance requiring contractors comply with Fair Wage Practices.

### **ALASKA LEGISLATURE REPORT:**

#### **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**

- Jacob Tatum informed us that the governor's budget proposal was going to be released the following week and the senator would be closely going over it.

**Rep. Andy Josephson**

- Is proposing a bill that would expressly prevent the transport of Alaska Prisoners out of state to serve their time with few exceptions. There is currently no statute preventing this.

- There is a local push for climate change resolutions and the creation of a special committee at the state legislature to conduct hearings and commission reports on climate change. Related bills could also be put to this committee for consideration.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

No representative attended. Andy Josephson met with ASD superintendent Deena Bishop recently and found out that ASD has a \$20 million shortfall.

**FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS REPORT:**

The municipal assessor presented on the role of the assessor and the assessment process.

**OLD BUSINESS** discussed:

***Solarize neighborhood initiative*** - Leon Jaimes reported that 77 households had signed up between the University and Tudor Areas.

**NEW BUSINESS** discussed:

***Resolution Proposal*** - "*Take back our parks.*" Much discussion was again had on this initiative. Felix Rivera thought this was good as it pushes the Assembly to take action and this is exactly what the Assembly does to the MOA. State budget cuts have severely affected the MOA homeless plan and set back progress at least 1 1/2 years. \$40 million has already been provided by the non-profit partnership and we can expect significant improvement in the coming year that involves fundamental changes to the system. The resolution was unanimously passed.

***The Geneva Woods Homeowner's Association presented a resolution*** they adopted requiring the MOA to replace the fence and gate at the entrance to the Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary and requested the Tudor Area Community Council to pass a similar resolution. This resolution was unanimously passed.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Mark Heinrichs