Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council March 6, 2006 Rogers Park Elementary School

Jacob Tuckerman, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. President Sheli Dodson and Vice President Kevin Frank were unable to attend. There were five members, six firemen from Station 4, and four guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Feb. 7, 2008, meeting without objection.

Speakers:

Fire Station 4 firemen said that they really appreciated the new stationhouse. It has much more room than the old station and they can do much more now. Station personnel, including Capt. Barenburg, invited Council members to "stop by the station any time" for a tour of the new facilities. They ask that groups of ten or more call beforehand to let the firemen know who is coming. This sounds like good deal because the annual Fire Dept. open house this year will not include tours of individual fire stations.

The firemen talked about a new training facility that will be built this summer. The old training facility near Merrill Field was built more than 25 years ago by the State of Alaska, and it now has become outdated. The firemen also noted that the Fire Dept. would benefit from new ambulances, air packs, and GPS-enabled computers for use in ambulances that can be bought if voters pass Propositions 6 and 7. The air packs they have now are so old they no longer meet the National Fire Code.

Jacki Holzman and Krista Bryant, representing Anchorage Tomorrow, made short presentations supporting several bond propositions. Ms. Holzman talked about the \$2,000,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Pool Improvement Bonds, Proposition 4. These bonds would pay to replace and repair pool facilities at Bartlett, Dimond, East, Service, and West High Schools within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA). She noted that having good community swimming pools is a public safety issue because drowning is one of the highest causes of death for children under 15 years of age. Alaska's drowning rate is higher than the national average.

Ms. Bryant made a presentation in support of Propositions 1, 5 and 6. Prop. 1 is for \$6,900,000 of Public Facility Major Roof Repair and Capital Improvement Bonds. Prop. 5 is for \$44,800,000 in Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drainage Bonds. Prop. 6 is for \$1,688,000 of Areawide Public Safety and Transportation Capital Improvement Bonds. (There are too many individual projects to list here.)

Assembly candidate Elvi Grey-Jackson stopped by and said that she's running for Assembly Seat G to represent Mid-town.

There were no Assembly, legislative, or Federation of Community Councils (FCC) reports.

Old Business:

Todd Butler asked if there was any new information about the snowplowing activities at a commercial building on Lake Otis Pkwy. that dumped parking lot snow into the wetlands east of S. Salem Dr. This activity has caused drainage problems in the past. No one present had any new information.

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A member from Crescent Dr. talked about R-1 zoning violations that were discussed at last month's meeting. The violation involves an R-1 house being used as a duplex. She said that Daune Wyatt, Muni Code Enforcement, is aware of the issue and will investigate the situation.

New Business:

The council members present discussed the relatively low attendance at meetings. Several ideas emerged, e.g., we could make invitations and distribute them in our neighborhoods. Several people volunteered to distribute them. Todd Butler mentioned posting signs in public places. We could check with the FCC about sending out advance notice of the meetings

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

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