

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council**  
**April 3, 2008**  
**Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The council approved the minutes for the Mar. 6, 2008, meeting without objection.

Speakers:

Jillian Morrissey of Alaska Trails spoke about the new trail in the McDowell Sanctuary. The Great Land Trust has contracted with her organization to design and build the new trail. Ms. Morrissey designed the trails at Baxter Bog and the Potter Marsh extension. She is working with the Muni Parks and Recreation Dept. on the McDowell Sanctuary trail. She plans a public participation workday as a part of National Trails Day on 06/07/08. Tools and materials will be available for volunteers.

The trail will be gravel base and wheel chair accessible. The boardwalk will be subcontracted. Ms. Morrissey said that the Great Land Trust is working with the state Dept. of Transportation on access rights-of-way. Questions about property and access to the sanctuary should go to the Muni Parks and Recreation Dept., Teri Peters, Parks & Rec. Northeast Parks Manager. Council members discussed possible access routes and problems in the past with David Green Park. There was some discussion about an underground stream running beneath the McDowell Sanctuary. Alaska Trails has a website at “[www.alaska-trails.org](http://www.alaska-trails.org)”.

There were no Assembly or legislative reports.

Sheli Dodson gave the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. The FCC plans to move its offices to less expensive space, probably the old United Way building on Fireweed Road. The FCC delegates will vote on the move soon. The federation plans to send delegates to the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in Hampton, Virginia, next month. The Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) and the FCC will pitch Anchorage as a future NUSA conference site. Sheli reported that the FCC is once again in good standing with the IRS. Mark Butler, a former Muni employee, will be the new FCC manager.

Old Business:

There was no 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. One member has sent an e-mail to Assemblyman Traini on the subject, but no answers yet. People living on the east end of Salem Court said that the local water table is rising.

There was also some discussion about the house on MacInnes that is being used for wholesale flower distribution. The owner is currently enlarging his building with a new garage and storage area.

New Business:

Members noted that with the rewriting of Title 21, the land use code, more emphasis is being placed on higher density land use for homes and businesses. Mr. Frank suggested that council members discuss and consolidate their views on Title 21 vis-à-vis redevelopment and higher density land use, keeping in mind that many homeowners deliberately bought in an R-1 zoned area and want to keep it that way. Most of the current direction in land use comes from

“Anchorage 2020”, the municipal development plan completed seven years ago. We can contact other community councils to see if they have similar concerns.

There was a general discussion on “getting involved”, both with your neighbors and in your community. Sheli Dodson gave several examples where good communications with your neighbors proved very helpful. Members discussed preparation of an information handout about the community council that could be distributed within the council area. Several people volunteered to distribute the handout.

The president introduced the “Good Neighbor” award with an example in the meeting’s agenda. She wanted to recognize all of the help and assistance that she had received over the past several years from one of her neighbors

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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