

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
December 4, 2008
Rogers Park Elementary School**

President Sheli Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There were four members, three firemen from Station 4, and three guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Nov. 6, 2008, meeting without objection.

Speakers:

Assembly: Assemblywoman Elvi Gray-Jackson talked about the Muni's budget. The Assembly appropriated \$432 million, down from the \$440 million that had been previously approved. Both the AMEA and the IBEW contracts have been approved, and the contracts for firefighters and police are up next for review. The contracts have wage reopener clauses if needed.

Fire Station 4: Capt. Barenburg said that Anchorage is one of six cities in the U.S. participating in a test of medications used for cardiac arrest emergencies. Anchorage paramedics get about 15 heart attack calls a day. He also noted that cooling cardiac arrest patients improves their chances of survival. Anchorage was selected as one of the cities in the test because of our success rate in keeping patients alive.

Capt. Barenburg asked that we keep our live Christmas trees watered, and to minimize the use of electrical connections for holiday decorations. He warned against having lit candles. He said that if we see potential fire hazards we could call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 276-4900. They in turn will have the local station drive the area, and that fire investigators have ticketing authority. Capt. Barenburg asked that we keep the area around fire hydrants on our property.

Legislative Report: Max Hensley, Sen. Ellis' legislative assistant, handed out contact lists for the Juneau delegation. The new session starts Jan. 20, 2009, and he asked that we call or e-mail when in Juneau. Our state senator and representative are always ready to meet with us. Sen. Ellis is the majority leader in a bipartisan coalition again.

Mr. Hensley noted that oil closed at \$40 a barrel this week. The forecast last year was for \$80 a barrel. The legislature put \$5 billion into saving this past session, but he expects that activities this year will be curtailed due to falling revenues from oil and other taxes.

FCC Report: Sheli Dodson talked about the Federation of Community Councils activities. The Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau and the FCC teamed together to get the Neighborhoods USA national convention for 2011. The ACVB and the FCC expect about 2,000 delegates to the convention.

Anchorage School District superintendent Carol Como told the FCC that the schools have seen a large influx of kids from Outside and from the Bush, it seems primarily from economically depressed areas.

Sheli reported that the FCC is in good financial shape; the bills and the taxes have been paid.

Old Business:

Popken House on MacInnes St.: The variance hearing has been delayed until January 2009.

New Business:

Election of Officers: The terms of all officers will run out at the end of December. New officers must be elected. The bylaws prevent an officer from occupying an office for more than two consecutive terms.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Rogers Park Elementary School will be closed for winter break on the normal day for our next meeting, as the first Thursday of the month falls on Jan. 1. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Feb. 5, 2009.

Low Turnout: The council briefly discussed the small number of people regularly showing up for meetings. The lack of general interest was ascribed to the lack of high profile issues. Sheli Dodson will try to discuss a common solution to the problem with Rogers Park Community Council. In the past Rogers Park has seemed cool to the possibility of a merger.

Other Topics: The Chair read several media releases. Comments on the proposed “improvements” to Russian Jack Park will be discussed at a public hearing at the Spenard Recc. Center on Dec. 11 at 6 P.M.

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

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