Minutes Tudor Area Community Council April 7, 2005 Rogers Park Elementary School

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There were 11 members and 4 guests in attendance. The minutes for the March 3, 2005, meeting and agenda were approved without objection.

There were no assembly or legislative reports.

Scott Thomas, an engineer with the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities, presented extensive information on the milling and repaving of Tudor Rd. this summer. Work will take place mainly at night to avoid conflict with the heavy traffic on Tudor, and will start this year and probably extend into 2006. The concrete median along Tudor will be extended as far as the east entrance driveway for the dentists' offices and veterinarian's clinic at 1600 E. Tudor. There will be a left / U-turn pocket opposite the eastern driveway.

The purpose of the extended median is to prevent U-turns into Needle Circle. The length of turn lane available for access to MacInnes St. will be greatly reduced. There appears to be a high potential for conflict between cars making U-turns at the turn pocket and cars turning right (west) from MacInnes onto Tudor. Mr. Thomas said the plans for the median are firm. There was discussion on the amount of traffic on Tudor, 45,000 to 50,000 cars per day, and the possibility (very low) of a traffic light at MacInnes and Tudor.

There was a short discussion about the traffic light at 36th Ave. and MacInnes St. Sheli Dodson will call the Municipality's Traffic Engineering department to see when the light will be installed.

Diane Etter gave the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. The federation will lease space in the "Success by Six" building in Mountain View. The University of Alaska Anchorage is studying the impact of group homes on neighborhoods. The FCC is working on a new website and would like to know if there are any features that community councils or individuals would like to see included. The federation is working on revising their bylaws.

Old Business

The meeting Sheli Dodson had with Muni Parks and Recreation has not had any results yet. The contractor she met with was basically fact-finding for the department. Points Sheli discussed with them were problems at David Green Park (illicit activities, noise, functions that far exceed the capacity of the parking lot, cars parked illegally); development of other small parks in the neighborhood; and the development of large parks on existing Muni property that could better handle larger numbers of people and cars. These larger parks could divert crowds away from limited parks like David Green Park.

Diane Etter, who is on the Parks and Rec. Commission, said that the department says they will limit the size of groups using David Green Park. Tod Butler suggested that concerned residents along Crescent Drive could send a letter to the mayor's office. He had good success doing that. Homeowners on Crescent would like to see a buffer between their houses and the park. Some kind of barrier might reduce problems with drunks, loud parties, and people firing guns. Rich Tuott moved that the Tudor Area Community Council chair write a letter to the mayor's office requesting increased police presence at David Green Park. Gil Cragen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

New business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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