

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
October 6, 2005
Rogers Park Elementary School

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were nine members and five guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Sept. 1, 2005, meeting without objection.

Members commented on cars making U-turns on Tudor Rd. at MacInnes St. (discussed in September), noting that the Dept. of Transportation's (DOT) new U-turn sign did not inform drivers that they are to turn at the sign and not further east on Tudor at MacInnes.

The chair received a number of phone calls and e-mails this past month on traffic problems at 36th Ave. and MacInnes, Tudor and MacInnes, and in Green Acres (Randolph St.). She will call Lance Wilbur, Muni Traffic Dept., concerning the problems. There was a general discussion of traffic problems at Eagle Circle and Needle Circle (off Tudor) caused by the installation of the new median on Tudor Rd. The council's conclusion seemed to be that lack of enforcement is a major part of the problems. The chair would like to make November "Traffic Month", where we raise concerns about traffic problems with the Municipality and the state Dept. of Transportation.

The chair will also call Scott Thomas, the DOT engineer who briefed the council on Tudor improvements, about the problems council members have observed on Tudor Rd. Connie Quinley and others volunteered to photograph or videotape incidents at Tudor and MacInnes as time and circumstances permit. She noted that use of turn-breaks like those on Northern Lights Blvd. by East High School might help.

Dick Traini presented the Municipal Assembly report. The mayor has prepared a two-year budget, a major change from the annual budgets used by the Muni in the past. The lack of assembly resources to analyze the new budget is of concern. Mr. Traini also reported that the state Dept. of Transportation intends to remove the traffic light at Folker St. and Tudor and install a new light at Piper St. He noted that the state DOT and the Muni traffic department appeared to be pointing fingers at each other over traffic lights and traffic on Tudor Rd. He also said that the extension of Bragaw St. through the University-Medical area would likely be added to the Anchorage Long-Range Transportation Plan. He strongly supports the Bragaw extension.

Mr. Traini said that the new fire station would be built where the existing station is now, at Tudor and MacInnes. It will be a "full size" station. He also mentioned that public hearings on the sales tax proposed by Dan Coffey will start on Oct. 11th. The chair noted that the "Call of the Wild" problem seemed to be solved with its closing. Mr. Traini said that the owner, Curt Nading, had appealed the Muni's recommendation to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

State Rep. Berta Gardner, District 24, was present. She and State Sen. Johnny Ellis, District L, have been touring neighborhoods in their districts and talking to residents about local problems.

There were no Anchorage Police Dept. or Federation of Community Councils reports.

Old Business:

The chair reported that Muni Street & Parks Maintenance people drained water from the bike trail at David Green Park and cut several ditches to improve drainage in response to complaints from Crescent Drive residents and the community council. The maintenance department was very responsive in working on the flooding. Residents on Crescent think the park will still flood next spring.

Terri Peters, Muni Parks & Rec., said they are no longer taking reservations for David Green Park. Parks & Rec. plans to inventory the municipal parks for parking available at each park, and Ms. Peters hopes that the results will be posted to the Parks and Rec. website. The Muni has hired a new superintendent and a new planner for the Parks and Rec. department.

The chair is working on a letter to the State of Alaska Dept. of Transportation to ask them to re-view unsafe U-turns at Tudor and MacInnes caused by the extension of the median on Tudor.

Connie Quinley talked with Brian Dean, Muni Land Use Enforcement supervisor, about code violations. He was very helpful and said that either individuals or the community council could file code complaints.

New business:

The council chair had e-mail problems, which prevented distribution of the September minutes.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Agenda
November 3, 2005
Tudor Area Community Council
Rogers Park Elementary School – Library
7:00 PM

Call to order

Approval of minutes

Assembly report

Legislative report

APD report – Officer Stanton

Federation of Community Councils report

Old Business:

City/State Traffic Forum, including, but not limited to, discussion on:

- ? **Green Acres subdivision concerns regarding access to 36th Ave from Randolph**
- ? **Traffic concerns at 36th/MacInnes Drive**
- ? **Signage issues and unsafe U-turns on Tudor & MacInnes**

Scott Thomas, from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities will be on hand to listen to concerns and discuss possible solutions

In addition, Bob Kniefel, a Municipal Traffic Engineer at the MOA Traffic Department, has assured us that a representative from his department will attend our meeting to discuss any concerns we might have- specifically those pertaining to 36th/MacInnes. We have tentatively scheduled an 8:00 p.m. time slot for the MOA Traffic Representative.

Residents and guests in attendance are asked to be prepared with specific concerns and potential solutions for both city and state traffic representatives. This is meant to be a collaborative effort on behalf on all parties.

New business:

Adjournment

Note: Thursday, November 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., there will also be a Public Scoping Meeting at Lake Otis Elementary School regarding the Tudor Area Traffic Calming Study. The open house portion of the meeting is from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and a formal presentation will follow at 7:30 p.m. Due to the fact that this meeting is concurrent with the Tudor Area Community Council meeting, there is a possibility that both city and state representatives from the transportation departments may have a scheduling conflict.

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