

Taku Campbell Community Council minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2011 - Dimond Center Hotel - 7 p.m.

Municipality Reports:

Assemblywoman Gray-Jackson submitted a sheet of recent and upcoming Anchorage Assembly actions, worksessions and meetings.

Assemblyman Ernie Hall (present) reported the Assembly passed an ordinance making the drug known as 'bath salts' illegal effective immediately.

Hall also brought and referred to the recently passed legislative priorities program for the municipality, referring the council to its specific pages (available online at muni.org). He suggested the council review our area's approved requisitions and prioritize them at a future community council meeting. Hall explained the passage of \$350 million for finishing the construction of the north end of the Port of Anchorage, which will fix existing problems for the next 40-50 years. Hall also said APD is excited about its new academy, which will put more officers on the street than Anchorage has had in a long time, and also announced the Sand Lake ambulance is online as of October.

State Reports:

Rep. Chris Tuck reported his experience at the Wood Mackenzie classes on taxation models for oil and gas. He also updated the council on a recent hearing regarding Sen. Davis's bill to increase the eligibility level for Denali KidCare recipients from 175% of the federal poverty level to 200%, and the council voted to consider a resolution in support of the increase at the next meeting. Rep. Tuck said he would get the council resolution points for the council to consider. Rep. Tuck reviewed the recent increase in real estate license fees, and also the consideration of a transition from defined contributions for public employees to defined benefits, and said bills would be introduced in both the house and senate next session. Rep. Tuck also said he's available to meet with constituents every Tuesday from 7-7:30 a.m. at Elim Cafe on Dimond.

Rep. Gardner explained she was having difficulty understanding if DOT contractors were allowed to come speak to community councils without DOT's permission; she handed out copies of letters between her and DOT which didn't answer her question.

Sen. Ellis's office handed out copies of Ellis's latest newsletter regarding the president's jobs bill, mentioned the recent gas discovery in Cook Inlet, and the University of Alaska's goal to double its number of engineering graduates. Ellis's office is ramping up for the session and hearing from constituents, and his office is happy to help the council with prioritizing our capital improvement projects.

Roads and Trails:

Graffiti cleanup volunteer work along Campbell Creek trail has been very effective; Jeff is working to improve relations between the volunteers and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FCC:

President Mittman announced the Federation of Community Councils is accepting bids to design a new website, and if residents know of websites that are good models for the improved website, they should email him.

The council will consider the capital improvements in our area at December's meeting.

The council decided to pass on weighing in on the proprietor of Mr. Prime Beef's issue with a neighboring business which has cut off his freight loading area behind his business.

Meeting adjourned.

- BJKH