

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
March 1, 2012
First Church of God
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at _____ pm by the (person's name), (position within council).
A motion by _____, with a second by _____ was made to approve the motion and agenda.

Elvi Gray-Jackson provided the following Assembly report:

- Assembly member Drummond and Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to postpone the increase in the Vehicle Registration Tax until the I/M program ends in March. The increase is \$70 for vehicles older than eight years old and up to \$150 for newer vehicles. If ordinance passes, it will be retroactive so those who paid the I/M fee as of January 1, 2012 will be reimbursed. Public Hearing was held 2/14. Failed 7-4.
- Assembly member Honeman introduced new fireworks ordinance. Public hearing was held opened at the February 14th meeting and was continued to meeting of April 24th. Will be heard at the Public Safety Committee meeting in April with much input from the public.
- Sheffield Contract - \$60,000 postponed until meeting of March 13th. It is scheduled to go before the Enterprise Committee prior to the 13th.
- Ordinance to increase the temperature threshold for cold weather plan from 32 degrees to 45. Public Hearing was held for February 14th. Passed unanimously.
- City was awarded a \$13.2M Federal grant – Small Business Credit Initiative - to invest I Anchorage businesses. Additional information is on line at muni.org
- 2011 General Government Operating Budget - Nearly \$8 Surplus
- Don't forget to Vote – April 3rd – Mayoral election, School Board seats, and Ballot propositions
- The next Assembly meeting is March 13, 2012

There was no Legislative report or Federation of Community Councils report.

Brit Szymoniak spoke to us regarding her participation in Leadership Anchorage, a nine-month civic engagement and leadership cultivation program run through the Alaska Humanities Forum. As part of their training, participants work in teams to complete a community service project for a local non-profit or public organization by providing services needed to assist in their mission. Brit's team is working with McLaughlin Youth Center (MYC), the state's oldest and largest juvenile detention and treatment center, to implement a community outreach and volunteer drive. Incarcerated youth often have an incarcerated parent, a history of abuse and neglect, or lack positive relationships with adults. Research has shown that incarcerated youth that have positive interactions with adults other than parents or authority figures are more likely to experience a healthy reintegration into society than youth who do not have these interactions. Currently, MYC has volunteers from several churches and volunteers to work with the girls unit but they lack male volunteers, adults from diverse ethnic backgrounds, and volunteers who wish to work outside of the chapel program. The goal of Brit's team is to recruit 100 new volunteers for MYC by May 1st through presentations to community groups and organizations. She emphasized that Alaska will be a better place if we help these youth reform and reintegrate into society. Volunteering at McLaughlin Youth Center is an easy way for us to make a difference and build a healthier community. She closed by thanking us for our work and for everything we do in your neighborhood. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, she can be reached at (907) 227-8075. Brit also provided information and forms for interested volunteers. For more information about McLaughlin Youth Center, please visit <http://hss.state.ak.us/djj/facilities/myc/default.htm>. For more information about Leadership Anchorage, please visit <http://www.akhf.org/programs/leadership-anchorage>

A representative from Anchorage Tomorrow provided materials addressing Proposition 2 and Proposition 4. The handout (attached) indicates where the funds from each of the two propositions would be sent. Anchorage Tomorrow endorses both propositions.

Due to oversight, copies of the resolutions up for discussion were not available for council members to review. It was determined that it was too difficult to decide whether the council wanted to pass resolutions of support and the chair said he would make time to meet with each attending council members in the upcoming weeks and provide a copy to them for review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson
TACC Secretary