

Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council
April 5, 2012
Anchorage Fire Department, Station #4
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by the Tod Butler, TACC Chair at 7:16 p.m.

We were unable to access our regular meeting place, First Church of God, and the Anchorage Fire Department Station #4 crew allowed us to convene in their meeting room.

A motion by Sam, with a second by Deanne Tuckerman (and Rich Tuott) was made to approve the motion and agenda. Motion carried.

Elvi Gray-Jackson provided the following Assembly report:

- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan was passed at the April 10th Assembly meeting. Mr. Flynn brought forward a substitute ordinance with funding for the KNIK Bridge deleted (which will provide for funding for other Anchorage projects). Other amendments were brought forward regarding the Chugiak/Eagle River area was approved including reinstating bus service in the area.
- Election issue –
 - Assembly Member Drummond and I brought forward a resolution to approve independent counsel to investigate the April 3rd Election issues. After much debate, the resolution failed 7-4 with Gray-Jackson, Drummond, Flynn, and Honeman voting in support of the resolution.
 - Chair Hall has agreed to hire outside counsel to provide an independent investigation.
 - A special meeting to certify the Election will be held on May 3rd in the Assembly Chambers at 5:00 p.m. Chair Hall hired an attorney to provide an opinion on both the Municipal Attorney's and the Election Commission's opinion that it is fine to certify the election now. I will not approve certification of the election because there are too many unanswered questions and issues that must be addressed prior to saying "everything went well" with the election when it did not.
- Assembly approved 1st quarter budget revisions and set the mill levy.
Assembly approved Amendments included:
 - \$250,000 to provide for pre-hiring testing, background checks and ammunitions order in preparation for a February 2013 Police Academy,
 - \$40,000 for an Independent Investigation of the April 3rd Election.
 - \$30,000 for independent audit of the handling of the Rollins case.
 - Deleted Mayor's proposal to use the additional \$6.1M in Municipal Revenue Sharing for snow removal and to pay down a loan for the new Financial Accounting and Resource Plan Software.
 - Assembly approved 9-2 to use the \$6.1M for property tax relief which equates to approximately \$60.00 property tax savings on a \$300,000 home.

Mill Levy

- Anchorage School District = 7.57
- General Government = 8.37 Mills
- TOTAL = 15.94
- Property Taxes on a \$300,000 Home = \$4,782¹

The next assembly meeting will be May 8, 2012

¹ *This amount does not include the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption (\$150,000) or the Residential Property Tax Exemption (\$20,000, or the extra \$60 savings from Municipal Revenue Sharing. A senior citizen would pay \$2,012.20 in taxes and others would pay \$4,403.20.*

There was no Legislative report provided.

Tod was out of town for the last Federation of Community Councils meeting, but provided the following information with respect to the FCC and its delegates.

Al Tamagni, Abbott Loop Community Council, was able to procure funding for a variety of projects (road projects and other council requests) within his council area. We need to identify what we want put together a request for funding.

Discussion over the speed of vehicles on MacInnes was addressed. Tod said he would follow up with city and inquire about getting a speed cart for MacInnes between Tudor & 36th Ave.

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Julie Renwick inquired about bus services. She noted that with AHNC's move to midtown, there is a need for a midtown transit center.

We were advised that funding for Waldron Lake was approved – the MOA will buy the land and put it under the care of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Boys & Girls Club will maintain the property.

Discussion over the cost of mailing out the monthly newsletter ensued. The limited FCC budget is a factor in getting them mailed out due to our small service area. Tod said he would follow up with the USPS about limited direct mail service.

A "Firewall" to keep Anchorage money from being diverted to KABATA was approved on 04-12-2012 by the assembly.

The following home security information was shared with the group. Julie Renwick advised us that her home on S. Salem was recently burglarized and the thieves took over \$4000 worth of precious ivory. No one has been taken into custody regarding the theft.

Julie also described a white male in his mid 20's or early 30's with light colored or possibly red hair who came by with a hard luck story about being unemployed and needing to make \$\$ doing odd jobs to support his kids. She hired him to shovel her driveway. She paid him in advance and left her home to run errands; when she returned, she saw that he had left without finishing the work. This same young man approached them panhandling for money outside Cattle Company restaurant a few weeks later. (Apparently, he didn't remember that he had already swindled her once before).

Sheli Dodson noted that her son told her he had seen some young men going house to house knocking on doors. It appeared they were trying to see who was home and who was not. When they saw him looking out the window, they turned around and left the driveway without making contact.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Dodson
TACC Secretary