

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council  
November 3, 2005  
Rogers Park Elementary School**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. There were nine members and five guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Oct. 6, 2005, meeting without objection.

Dick Traini and Dan Coffey presented the Municipal Assembly report. Mr. Traini commented on public concern expressed over the Assembly's changes to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He said that the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) chancellor did not object to Bragaw St. cutting through University property, but that the University Area Community Council strongly objected to the Bragaw extension. Mr. Traini felt that the extension would help reduce traffic congestion at Lake Otis and Tudor. He also reported that he hopes to have the construction of Fire Station 4 (at Tudor and MacInnes) performed in a "design-build" process (where a single source has absolute accountability for both design and construction).

Mr. Traini said that the Assembly majority felt that the South Coastal Trail extension was not worthwhile, citing a cost of \$24 million and the fact that some users, including many in south Anchorage, pay no taxes to support the Parks and Rec. Dept. The Assembly is also looking at reducing funding for swimming pools for the general public, the police in schools program, and the city's flower planting program. Their idea is to have users and others who benefit from the programs, such as swimmers, the Anchorage School District, and the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB), fund the costs of those and other programs.

Mr. Coffey said that the ACVB and the Muni share the bed tax and sharing it is a complex issue, and he wondered what benefits from sharing the bed tax accrued to the Municipality. He said that the Assembly has worked hard on the Long-Range Transportation Plan and wanted the public to remember that the Assembly is in fact a part of the LRTP process. He has held several outreach meetings on the northern access roads to the University-Medical (U-Med) district. He said that the Assembly's highest priority was to complete missing road links because buses and commuter rail are too expensive. He felt that the LRTP process, having been "hijacked by the you-must-bus crowd", focused too much on public transportation and not enough on roads. He sent e-mails to five people who were concerned about the changes to the LRTP.

Mr. Coffey also noted that he and others would evaluate the DOWL Engineers study of traffic through Lake Otis Pkwy. and Tudor Rd. He mentioned that the new Municipal parks plan is nearing completion after much work, that a large animal ordinance would come before the Assembly on 11/22/05, and that an assisted-living ordinance would be up for review soon. He said that the Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits many zoning limits on assisted-living residences.

Geran Tarr of Alaska State Sen. Johnny Ellis's office reported that Sen. Ellis and Rep. Berta Gardner were attending the Folker Rd. traffic-calming meeting. She also said the two had held a coffee klatch with community council and Parent Teacher Association members in the district. Ms. Tarr asked that people coordinate any state funding issues with Sen. Ellis and Rep. Gardner while they are still in town. The legislature meets in January and both are preparing to go back to Juneau. Sheli Dodson noted that she and others from the community council had attended the meeting with Ellis and Gardner.

There was no Anchorage Police Department report. Sgt. Stanton later said that the problems late at night at David Green Park seem to have abated. She was asked about the council requesting the “speed gun cart”, and said that the carts are usually put into storage for the winter. The council should call Sgt. Daily or Lt. Reeder at 786-8900 in the spring to schedule a cart.

Diane Etter presented the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report. The council revised its bylaws with minor changes. The FCC is working on a new web site, with proposed links to all of the local community councils. She mentioned that the Tudor Area Community Council (TACC) needed a webmaster since the council does not have a web site. Mr. Coffey noted that the FCC’s charter is to serve the community councils, rather than having the community councils serving the Federation. Mr. Traini added to the discussion.

Mr. Scott Thomas of the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities was the featured speaker. He came to the meeting in response to many questions and comments by council members on cars making U-turns and other traffic problems on Tudor Rd. at MacInnes St.

Mr. Thomas handed out drawings showing Tudor Rd. and its median, turn lanes, and signage. He described the reasons the turn access into Eau Clair Place, Needle Circle, the dentist and veterinarians’ offices, and MacInnes St. had been engineered in their current form. Vehicle collisions had a major impact on turn lane design and signage.

Council members stood and gathered around the drawings with many questions, and there was much discussion with Mr. Thomas. Sgt. Stanton, APD, has 2004 traffic data, while Mr. Thomas and the State only have 2003 traffic data for Tudor Rd. There have been three vehicle crashes in the last year at Tudor and MacInnes, and Mr. Thomas’s project still has a budget and some funding remaining. The criterion for DOT action installing a new traffic signal is five crashes a year.

Council members, Mr. Thomas, and Sgt. Stanton discussed traffic problems on Tudor Rd., problems at MacInnes St., the removal of the traffic light at Folker St., the new traffic light at Piper St., and other topics.

#### Old Business:

The yard at 3901 MacInnes has been cleaned up in response to a code violation complaint. Several members said that the clutter in the front yard had been moved to the back yard.

The council chair’s e-mail problems have been resolved. Future e-mailings should work.

#### New business:

The council discussed how members wanted to receive e-mails from various organizations. The council chair, Sheli Dodson, now filters the e-mails and forwards those she feels are of interest to Tudor Area residents. Council members reaffirmed their desire to have Ms. Dodson continue using her discretion on forwarding e-mails as she now does.

Leadership Anchorage is looking for projects to do. If the council has a suitable project, Leadership Anchorage will consider it for advocacy.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.