

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2013

First Church of God at Tudor/MacInnes

Tod Butler, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Meeting minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Assembly report: Elvi Gray-Jackson and Dick Traini shared information regarding Assembly meetings and issues. Assembly meetings can be watched live, on-line, or on channel 10 every Tuesday night.

Legislative report: Noah Hanson said that the Anchorage Legislative Information Office (L.I.O.) will be closing, and Berta Gardner will be working from her home office. They are currently busy doing school visits and also tackling school bullying policies.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report: The FCC meets the third Wednesday of each month and if anyone would like to attend see Tod Butler for details. Exciting news! Darrel Hess, the city ombudsman, met with the FCC and he is going to have training for the presidents of community councils next March. This is an effort to teach new and existing leaders how to run effective meetings and to explain the community council process for funding and getting things done through the Municipality of Anchorage. The State of Our City Forum will be held November 18 at 6:30 at Wendler Jr. High School.

Old business: None

New business:

Guest speakers:

Firehouse rep. Mike reminded us to have a CO detector in each room of our homes, ideally, or at minimum, one on each floor. The office number at the firehouse is 267-5004 if you'd ever like to go visit and tour the firehouse or have a question.

Robin & Elaine with Move to Amend spoke about their efforts to create a constitutional amendment regarding corporate personhood. They would like us to consider signing a resolution, as a community council, to support their efforts. Kenny Petersen, of Allen & Petersen, spoke to us about his efforts to understand the homeless issue in Anchorage. He is on the Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Carlson, temporary volunteer secretary

* *Assembly Report*

Public Hearing on Ordinance submitted by Assemblymembers Traini, Gray-Jackson and Honeman to have the AO 37 Labor issue before the voters at the April 1, 2014 election was held on October 9th and it was approved on October 22nd – 7 – 4. Mayor vetoed ordinance on the floor and the issue is now before the courts to determine if the Mayor has veto power regarding selection of an election date.

Assembly approved ordinance to Repeal AO 37 and after the public hearing, it was approved 7-4 and Mayor vetoed ordinance on the floor.

Citizen's Tax Force Recommendations - The Rules Committee met on November 7th discuss suggestions that can be implemented through changes to the Municipal Code and those that can be implemented through policy. The Committee will be again on December 12th to finalize recommendations some of which will be added to the Anchorage Municipal Code and others will be Policy. Task Force recommendations can be found on-line at www.muni.org

Title 11 – Taxicab Ordinance – several changes to this section of the Code to address taxi availability for the disabled, bar closing hours, and other issues. Ordinance can be found on line at www.muni.org. The Public Hearing was continued at the November 5th meeting and closed. There will be another work session to review proposed amendments and debate and action will take place at the November 19th meeting.

The Administration's new Financial, HR System aka SAP scheduled to go live on October 1st has been postponed and is costing the taxpayers' lots of money. Initial cost quote in a July 2011 Press Release was \$9.8 Million and it is now up to \$20.6M and the Assembly approved another \$7.5M at the October 22nd meeting. The Administration hired the Peloton Group as the new Project Manager to fix the problems that have occurred with Black and Veatch (previous Project Manager). Although they reportedly have lots of experience, one of the Partners used to work for SAP, the other had contracts with SAP and the Peloton Group has been in business since January 2013.

Tennis Court Issue – Assembly approved the 2013 Capital Budget and Legislative Program submitted to the Legislature which did not include funding for tennis courts. Funding for the Library maintenance project was not appropriated by the legislature along with other community-wide and much needed requests. Public Hearing was held at the October 8th and November 5th meetings and was continued to the meeting of November 19th. At an earlier meeting, the Assembly approved \$26M in State grants for other projects and held off approving remaining \$10.3M with a revision to complete maintenance at the Ben Boeke, Dempsey Anderson and the Sullivan Arenas. The Mayor has a resolution on the floor to re-appropriate the entire \$37M in order to fund the Indoor Tennis Court.

The second public hearing on the 2014 budgets was held at the November 5th meeting. The Assembly will have a Work Session on November 15th to review proposed amendments submitted by the Assembly. Approval of the budget is scheduled for the meeting of November 19th – December 3rd at the latest.

Public Hearing on Fees and Fines increases was held at the November 5th meeting. Proposed increases includes:

Department of Health and Human Services – Noise Permit Increases

Community Development – On-site Water and Wastewater Fees, and Rights-of Way and Land Use/Planning Fees.

Fire – Ambulance Fees

Public Transportation – Adult, Youth, Senior, and Medicare Single Trips, Day and monthly passes, and AnchorRides increase. Free Wednesdays for seniors will remain intact.

Next Meeting – November 19th