

# Campbell Park Community Council Minutes

in person and via Zoom  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay's Room

**I-IV Call to Order** by Chair Nicoll Cupp at 7:02 PM. A quorum was declared. **Approval of agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented. **Expressions of gratitude:** Attendees expressed gratitude for the recent election and the recovery of a relative from a stroke.

## V. Unfinished business.

- ▣ **Community Council Boundaries 10 Year Review - Resolution to Approve or Oppose Changes - Steve Johnson.** As part of the ten year review of community council boundaries, the municipal ombudsman has requested that Campbell Park CC approve or reject proposed changes to boundaries that border or involve Campbell Park:
  - ▣ (1) merging of inactive Tudor Area Community Council with University Area Community Council;
  - ▣ (2) no change to current boundaries of Campbell Park Community Council.
  - ▣ A vote on the resolution will appear on the agenda for the January 16th meeting. **A copy of the draft resolution is included in the appendix to these minutes.**

## VI. New Business

- ▣ **Tudor Elementary School - Closing Proposed for 2025**
- ▣ School Board Member **Dave Donely** commented on the proposal to close Tudor Elementary School, and other schools, to be voted on

December 17<sup>th</sup>. He opposes the closing of Tudor School and noted that the closing does not comply with the rightsizing criteria of not closing schools with special programs, such as Montessori. He also responded to question on rightsizing posed by legislators and explained current and future state limitations on local funding for schools. A representative from the Tudor Elementary PTA then read a resolution in opposition to the proposed closing of Tudor Elementary School. More information is available at <https://www.savetudor.org>.

- ▣ **Effects of Homelessness on Local Business** - Andrew Satterfield described how ongoing and increasing lawless and threatening behavior of homeless individuals in mid-town led him to end a large account for his janitorial business. He suggested that a sales tax could be a tool for restoring community standards for safety and civility, through increased policing, punishment of criminals, and rehabilitation of offenders and the homeless, rather than reducing property taxes. Discussion followed.

#### ▣ **VII. Election of Officers**

After discussion, a slate of officers was nominated for the election to be held at the January meeting.

Chair - Nicole Cupp

Vice-Chair - Andrew Satterfield

Treasurer -TJ Andrew

Secretary -Steve Johnson

FCC representatives (alternating meetings)

Nicole Cupp, TJ Andrew, Deirdre Goins

#### **VIII. Reports**

**Housing &Homeless Committee-Michael Burke, TJ Andrew** No report.

**FCC Representative** At the end of his term in January, **Kevin Fimon** is stepping down from his many years as FCC representative. In discussion of nominees for the Election of Officers, above, he noted that the Municipality increased funding of FCC, enabling hiring ed of

a full time executive director and increased resources for training of community council board members and implementing the Capital Improve Project process. He stated the importance of our council having a representative participating in each monthly meeting of FCC, on the Wednesday evening before our council's Thursday meeting .

**Vice-Chair - Andrew Satterfield** - no report.

**Treasurer - TJ Andrew** - no report.

**CPCC Chair - Nicole Cupp** said that her priority for the next year is to increase community engagement with the council through outreach to businesses and individuals and through community events.

### **Legislature**

**Senator Gray-Jackson** said that she has been attending CPCC meetings for 16 years. She thanked long time participants, Kevin Fimon in particular, for their activities. She expressed enthusiasm for the bipartisan majorities organized in the state house and senate. and noted that she would not review her full report, distributed via email. She also asked that the minutes to the meeting include a link to a letter on recent pedestrian deaths from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The letter may be accessed on the FCC website at <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/24412.pdf>.

For **Senator Dunbar, James Holzenberg** reported on legislative priorities for the session ahead: (1) Increased funding for legal services; (2) expand the mission statement of the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority to include addressing the shortage of multifamily housing; (3) and direct the state to accept, rather than turn down, federal funding for electronic benefit transfers (EBT) for summer nutrition programs.

**Representative Andy Josephson** commented on recent activities, including a tour of the Hope Center and attendance at the Resources

Development Conference Council. Legislative priorities include reform of vehicular homicide statute to make it more intuitive for juries; increase in penalties for shoplifting; and increasing fines for oil spills, which have not been updated since the early eighties.

**Representative Andrew Gray** commented on two Anchorage specific issues: On a police car ride-along, a police officer with twenty years experience told him that the lack of a pension, rather than low pay, was the reason that the Anchorage police department has fifty unfilled police officer positions. Rep. Gray also noted his testimony in support of pending Anchorage Legislation requiring showing of ID before purchasing alcohol in restaurants and bars, consistent with the existing statute for liquor stores. Upcoming episodes of his East Anchorage Book Club podcast with feature interviews on health care issues with Elizabeth Rosenthal and with Charles Woolforth.

### **Municipality of Anchorage**

**Assembly Member Meg Zaletel** reported an increase in budget for camp cleanup, no change in capital projects for Campbell Park (bridge over Lake Otis not yet in budget, only in Transportation Improvement Program), an increase in funding for police, and suggested code requirement for funding the Mobile Crisis Team. Regarding the Port of Alaska, she noted misinformation about the cost of increased tariffs on important, which are not connected with seven percent price increases recently announced by SPAN Alaska.

**Assembly Member Felix Rivera** - Not present, no report.

**Mayor's Office** - Not present, no report.

**School Board Dave Donley.** Report presented above at **Tudor Elementary School - Closing Proposed for 2025**

**IX. Open Forum.** TJ Andrew commented on ending daylight saving time in Alaska. A show of hands indicated support of those at the meeting.

**X. Next Meeting** Thursday, January 16th, 2025 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay's Room, 2222 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK and via Zoom. *Campbell Park Community Council will not meet in December.*

**XI. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

## **Appendix**

### **Resolution 2024-##**

#### **A resolution [advocating/opposing] the proposed Community Council Boundary changes to Survey Areas 13 and 13.**

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of."

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS Campbell Park Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 12, Tudor Area Community Council, being merged into University Area Community Council.

WHEREAS Campbell Park Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 13, maintaining the current boundaries of Campbell Park Community Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campbell Park Community Council [supports/opposes] the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 12 Tudor Area Community Council and Boundary Suvey Area 13, Campbell Park Community council.

**Campbell Park Community Council, after obtaining a quorum of 10 or more members, approved this resolution by a vote of [#] Ayes, [#] Nays, & [#] Abstains. Attested this [Insert Date].**