

**UACC Minutes**  
**University Area Community Council (UACC)**  
**May 4, 2016**

- 5 1. Opening: Paul Stang called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM. Paul next had the people in the room introduce themselves. Forty-four people were in attendance at the start of the meeting. UACC members signed in. An additional four visitors signed in and attended part or all of the meeting.
- 10 2. Approval of minutes: The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting. Al Milspaugh provided several suggested amendments. These changes were : Pg 3 Ln 5 ...Resolution 2016-(05); Pg 3 Ln 13 ... Resolution (05); Pg 4 Lin 14 Paul Stang mentioned that Susan Share was unavailable to introduce her Resolution 2016-04 UAA Drive Pedestrian Crossing; therefore, he was turning the meeting over to the Vice Chair Al Milspaugh, so that he may
- 15 introduce Resolution 2016. Al Milspaugh then asked Paul Stang to introduce Resolution 2016-04; Pg 4 Ln 15 ...Old (UAA) engineering ...; Pg 4 Ln 28 A motion was made and seconded, to approve...; Page 4 Ln 42 Insert "Al Milspaugh" turned to meeting back over to Paul Stang. Susan Kline made a motion, with Marguerite Iverson seconding, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was
- 20 approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Agenda: Paul Stang presented the May agenda and proposed to add a short presentation by Anchorage Water and Waste Utilities plans for upgrades of water lines on Northern Lights Blvd to the beginning if the New Business section. He also proposed that an item on adding the UAA Drive
- 25 Underpass discussed during the April 4, 2016 meeting to the CIP list be added to the end of the New Business section. The modified agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Informational Reports
- A. Reports from Public Servants

- 30 1. TJ Presly presented for Senator Bill Wielechowski. He said that Bill was working on the State Operating Budget, Omnibus Crime, Oil Tax Credit Reform and Medicaid Reform Bills
- 35 2. Samantha Straus presented for Senator Berta Gardner. She said Berta was also working on the State budget, Omnibus Crime, and Oil Tax Credit Reform bills.
3. John Church presented for Representative Andy Josephson. John said the house was working on the Crime Bill and Oil Tax Credit bills also. He said they subcommittee was trying to reach a compromise on the Tax Credit bill this coming week.
- 40 4. Ted Madsen presented for Representative Ivy Spanholtz. She talked about her involvement in the Oil Tax Credit bill and having to resolve this is holding up work on other portions of the budget. She also said she was disappointed with House Leader Chenault ruling that survivor benefits for spouses of public employees who lost their lives during
- 45 commission of their official duties was out of order and would not be included within the Omnibus Crime bill.
5. Elvi Gray-Jackson reported on several items that can be found in her assembly report found within attachment 1.
- 50 6. Dick Trani reported on several items. He said there would be an Assembly session on marijuana retail tax to be held this coming Friday from 11 to 12 at City Hall. Retail sales are estimated to start this September. There are questions about how taxes could be collected since retail outlets can not have bank accounts.
- 55 7. Pete Peterson was not able to attend due to prior commitments and sent his regrets. He was able to appear later during the meeting.
- 60 8. Forest Dunbar reported that he is newly elected and replacing Paul Honeman on the Assembly. He said prefers being reached via email at [Dunbar.Forest@muni.org](mailto:Dunbar.Forest@muni.org). His phone number is 343-4119. He said is involved in co-writing a 5 M property tax rebate with excess MOA funds. He said the Mayor's office is worried about whether State revenue sharing funds will be significantly reduced so the Tax rebate will be held in reserve until State funds are assured. Forrest mentioned that the

Muldoon Farmers market will be held this summer on Saturdays 9:30 to 2:30, at the Begich Middle School. He also said there is a proposed Assembly ordinance to name the newly constructed Fire Station 3 for the late Max Gruenberg.

9. Felix Rivera with the Mayor's office explained how the muni was dealing with the budget shortfalls. He said the current budget surplus results from a combination of low fuel and snow removal costs, health care efficiencies, and a small reduction in all department budgets. He also said that the property tax mill rate is going up by 1 percent, though still within 20 year average, while assessed vales are up 3 % across the board. There is also 300 million in bond construction. The pending local marijuana tax could also bring in from 500 thousand to 6 Million of new revenue.

#### B. Community Council Board Reports

Al Milspaugh on behalf of the University Area Community Council presented a certificate of appreciation posthumously to Max Gruenberg, for his years of dedication and hard work within State government fostering the needs and objectives of communities. This was accepted by Max's wife Kayla Epstein. Al Milspaugh also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the representatives of Senator Wielechowski and Senator Gardner and Representative Josephson to pass onto the respective legislators.

1. Safety: Al Milspaugh - Al stressed that with upcoming summer people need to be safe when they are out working in the yard.

2. FCC: Al Milspaugh

a. Al has the FCC quarterly accounting report if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

b. The FCC has a new wireless Polycom telecommunication system for the Community Council to use for their meetings.

3. Parks and Recreation Subcommittee- Barbara Garner said that flowers are being prepared for Folker Park, and possibly Castle Heights Park. She is looking for volunteers for helping with the planting at Folker Park. Barbara said that homeless people are starting to show up at the Park and there is need for volunteer workers to remove brush

from the park to maintain safety. She also indicated that a safety issue exists within the lot to the north of the park, from the brush stubs left when the brush on the lot was cut down. Children using the area could potentially be impaled on the stubs.

100 4. Jacob Gondek reported that a Jack White Commercial Lease real estate sign has appeared on the residential lot on the corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and Bradley. It appears that there may be a code enforcement problem, with a potential commercial enterprise being located on a residential lot. Pete Peterson indicated that he would check with MOA code  
105 enforcement to help resolve the conflict. Tim Potter suggested that a call to Jack White be made to find out about the issue.

## 5. New Business

### A. Anchorage Water and Waste – Northern Lights Waterline Reconstruction- James Armstrong

110 James talked about the AWWU plans for the repair of the water lines under Northern Lights Blvd. He said that in 2016, plans are for the street to be shut down for a couple of weekends to complete repairs in the vicinity of the ARC building. The street shutdown would most likely occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day weekends to minimize disruption to traffic.  
115 In 2017 a more extensive reconstruction project would occur, this being in the vicinity of the “S curve” between Bragaw and Wesleyan Drive. This would require several weeks of work, with crews going 24/7. Traffic would be impacted, with both directions of the 4 lane traffic being redirected onto 2 lanes until the work is completed.

120 There were questions about whether there are lead concentrations in the water system in Anchorage. James indicated that this is not a problem, as lead solder has not been used since 1982, and there are no lead pipe systems, such as those used in Flint Michigan. Some of the old cast iron pipe may have lead pounded gaskets to seal the sections, but  
125 these have only minor exposure.

B. Anchorage Talks Transit-How People Mover Should Be Using Its Resources –Collin Hodges, Transit Planner, Anchorage Dept. of Transportation

130 Collin described the People Mover system with its 14 routes, 1000 stops, 6000 miles of line, and 3.4 million annual passengers. People Mover is looking at the choices about how the bus system should function in the future. Collin said that there is a Kickoff event for the program May 5<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that Jerrod Walker, noted transit system expert, would be keynote speaker at the event. During April and May, Collin will be going out to 135 community councils to get their input. There will also be three meetings in May at East/Mountain View/South venues. Collin described the meetings will focus on the range of alternative choices. An example would be whether to have more frequent stops on particular routes compared to having greater area coverage but less frequent stops. Another example 140 would be whether routes should provide direct travel, with fewer stops but would provide faster more efficient commuter travel, versus complex routes with lots of stops providing for more coverage but making for slower transit. Colin said that one can go to the MOA website at for more information on the meetings:

145 [transitplanning@muni.org](mailto:transitplanning@muni.org) and [www.PeopleMover.org/TransitTalks](http://www.PeopleMover.org/TransitTalks)

Al Milspaugh had a question about lighting and how it relates to safety at the bus stops. He indicated that more stops would make it harder to maintain the stops, while fewer stops may mean that the stops could have more lighting and shelters thereby making the stops safer. Collin indicated 150 that there is an LED lighting upgrade program to provide better lighting at existing stops. Barbara Garner suggested people mover should partner with the Anchorage School District with students using the People Mover System. Collin said that the frequency/routes of the People Mover system aren't in sync with ASD school schedule. He did say that they plan to meet 155 with ASD to work on cross priorities.

C. The Alaska Pacific University Institutional Master Plan- Tim Potter, DOWL

Tim said they are back again due to the need to meet formal public meeting requirements of 21 days advance notice. Tim went on to explain that the plan is a modification of the 2012 APU Master Plan. Tim said that the endowment lands that the plan update would cover, would be retained in APU ownership and leased to private agencies and companies to provide funds for University facilities and operations. This could provide for 25 percent of the funding needed to run the University, which has had a history of financial difficulties. The leasing entities would hopefully be associated with University programs. Examples would be hotels and the hospitality education and medical programs. The leased space may also have co-located classroom or conference space. The Plan update calls for University Lake Drive to be extended passing through the endowment lands and eventually tying into the proposed UMED Northern Access road. Tim said that the draft plan update will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 11 at 6:30 PM at the Loussac Assembly Chamber.

There were questions about the tenants of the leased endowment lands. Tim indicated that APU was not looking toward “big box” tenants and might look toward a more technically oriented industry which could provide teaching opportunities at APU. He also said APU is looking at maintaining the natural character of the landscape, and used the example of how the height of the Aspen Hotel was controlled. The hotel was originally designed to be 4 stories, but the designers used balloons to determine that mountain views from Grant Hall would be impacted and this resulted in a lower building height. There were questions about how water quality and wetlands would be protected. Tim indicated that water would be treated before it is released to the western wetlands. There was also discussion on how business opportunities may be affected. Tim said that a Community Center with restaurant and other amenity facilities could be constructed. He used the example of the 1000 acre APU Mat Su Valley endowment lands providing sustainable produce for the restaurant and APU campus. There were also questions about the existing ski trails crossing the endowment land. APU has met with the NSAA Ski Club to

190 discuss how to best maintain the use of the trails while meeting APU  
objectives. It was acknowledged that the trails would have to change, but  
that when construction equipment is present for building, there might be  
opportunity to upgrade the quality of the trail with the construction  
equipment available on site.

195 D. Providence Rezone/Re-plat of three parcels on Piper St. between Tudor  
Road and 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave- Michele Ritter, DOWL

Michele described that the request is for the property to be rezoned  
from R3 to RO, which would allow for Providence Hospital's intent to  
develop medical office or assisted living facilities on the space if the  
property can be rezoned. The three lots would need to be re-plated to a  
200 single lot. Moving medical office and/or assisted living facilities to these  
Piper Street properties would make room for critical medical functionS at  
the Hospital.

Barbara Garner expressed concern about increased activity on Piper  
Street. She indicated there is currently cleared land north of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
205 that could serve the stated purpose. She indicated that what the area needs  
is a grocery market and this needs to be considered by Providence Hospital  
if the lots are rezone/re-plated. There was discussion about a traffic  
analysis needs to be done, and that it should be done after late August  
when school is back in session. Michele felt access to the lots could come  
210 from Tudor. There are no current plans for construction for the lots. There  
was a question about what impact the rezone would have on property  
values. Michele replied that Providence has a good record for doing quality  
building and does good maintenance on their properties, so one should use  
that to judge the impact. Jacob Gondek questioned whether Providence has  
215 plans to develop a Master Plan including lands south of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

E. Resolution re: Anchorage Parks and Recreation University Lake Park Master  
Plan drafted by Stephen Rafuse- Steve Zemke, UACC

220 Steve briefly explained how the UACC Resolution 2016-02 passed on April 6, 2016 dealt with the University Lake Master Plan, and the Stephen Rafuse drafted resolution would be redundant. Susan Kline suggested that not taking action on the motion would resolve the matter. The resolution died for lack of a motion.

F. UAA Drive Pedestrian Under-crossings- John Faunce UAA FPC, Director

225 John presented the design for the underpass, and indicated that UAA would like for the UACC to add the project to the CIP list so that it they could look toward competing for State funds to complete the project. Aspects of the project, other than the actual underpass, would be to fence some of the area to control unrestricted pedestrian crossings, move the existing bus stop to the north, and leave the door to the “Old” engineering building closed. John stated that UAA needs a resolution or letter to the CIP of support for the project and requested UACC to add it the list by May 31<sup>st</sup>. They are planning to present the project to the UA Board of Regents during their June 2-3 meeting. A motion was made and seconded for the UACC Executive Board to draft a letter of support and add the project to the CIP list. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

G. UACC June Meeting- Paul Stang, UACC President

240 Paul presented the question whether UACC should meet on June 1, 2016. Al Milspaugh moved, with Scott Kohlhaas seconding, that UACC meet in June. The motion was passed with 13 voting yes and 1 voting no.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 9:00PM. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at the University Baptist Church.

Signed

245 Paul Stang, UACC President

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- At the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Assembly approved the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Revisions: Highlights follows:

- 250 ○ \$1.07M for Vote by Mail Start-Costs which include equipment
- \$425,000 to assist with Homelessness issues
- \$250,000 Attorney Fees

H. Assembly approved amendments follows:

- 255 a. \$5M property tax rebate depending on availability of funds on or after September 1, 2016 and no later than December 31, 2016
- b. \$51K for a Code Enforcement Officer to assist with the marijuana industry regulation.
- c. \$83K for an additional Fire Inspector
- d. \$75K to 4A's to provide housing support for 13 clients

260 I. The Assembly also set the 2016 Mill Levy as follows:

- a. ASD Mill Levy - 6.73
- b. General Government Mill Levy – 8.16
- c. Total Mill Levy – 14.89
- d. Taxes on a \$350,000 home before exemptions - \$5,211.50
- 265 e. Taxes on a \$350,000 home after \$20,000 Residential Exemption - \$4,913
- f. Taxes on a \$350,000 home after \$150,000 Senior Citizen or Disabled Veteran Exemption and \$20,000 Residential Exemption - \$2,680

Next meeting – May 10th