
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes (corrected)
September 1, 2010

1. Called to order by President Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Susan Klein

2. Minutes

May minutes not available.

3. Agenda- Added:

Mr. Dunlap

Tim Spernak

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings.

Two businesses (Blue Fox and Uncle Joe's Pizzeria) serving alcohol will have licenses renewal and comments can be made.

5. Elected Representatives

Elvi Gray-Jackson

- Average meeting during summer months has ended at 8:00 p.m.
- Illegal campsite ordinance scheduled for public hearing September 14th.
- Approved an ordinance allowing nonrep and executive employees to opt out of insurance coverage. For example, a married couple working for the MOA could opt out of both parties having coverage. There will be some employee incentive in terms of cash, but the MOA will still save money.
- Introduced an ordinance to prevent Assembly, Mayor, and School Board members from having municipal employment until one year. Contracts are allowed but must go through the competitive bid process. Public hearing closed. Will be discussed at joining ASD Assembly work session on September 10th. Action at the meeting of September 14th.
- Fill the Boot – MDA – Will be filling the boot with fire fighters on Friday.
- Lots of appropriations and contract awards for projects throughout the MOA.
 - Next Meeting – September 14th

Elvi talked about the budget.

Senior Captain James Dennis and Ed Scully, Fire station 14, addressed the group. They are available to answer any questions. Friday is fill the boot for MDA. No fire engines will be out and no on-duty firemen will be there, all are off-duty

Celeste Hodges, representing Senator Bettye Davis

She discussed Senate Bill 10 regarding Cancer Care, HB 50-12, Nurses Time Off and HB 307 - Grants to Covenant House. Handouts were available for these bills. One important part of the bill covered insurance benefits through age 26.

Mike Coumbe, temporary representative for Berta Gardner

Discussed area that is part of her district.

Kelly, representative for Paul Honeman

Spoke on University Lake Drive extension. Project funded by Federal earmark, still in planning stage. Outreach will be coming later.

2011 budget process is starting and various meetings.

7. Sharon Cissna

Rep. Sharon Cissna and her husband were presented and she passed out the attached hand out on Caregiving and the Aging, and the Conference on Homelessness in Alaska which was held on August 18th. She noted that the older population of Alaska is on the increase.

Ms. Cissna said that she wants to do a workshop on getting funding and stated we would have to present a plan.

8. Mental Health Trust, Tim Spernak

Trust Land Office and Jim Sawhill presented UMED plans for Laurel and 40th projects that will include removal of a hill from two tracts of land off of Lake Otis. The trees will be removed first before bird nesting season and after the soil is removed, the land will be seeded. Medical buildings in the future are a probability. They want to do it at the same time as the 40th Avenue project.

9. Community Patrol: Liz Patrick

Applications were available and the successful program at Nunaka Valley was discussed. Those interested were invited to attend the program and training with the Nunaka Valley group. Also on this same topic was the Citizen Academy of the Anchorage PD. Applications for this must be in by September 7th.

10. Other Business.

Jim Dunlap brought up the problem of heavy traffic on 42nd toward Boniface due to the high number of military personnel residing in the apartment complex at the corner of Tudor and Checkmate. They showed that a map of the city showed that 40th Avenue goes through to Boniface, which in fact, it doesn't. According to the President, this plot of land had been suggested for a neighborhood park, but is designated as a road by the Municipality. He noted they have trouble getting out of their driveway due to the heavy traffic on 42nd and a testing strip had registered about 700 vehicles per day on that street.

Another problem noted was the fence on the corner of Tudor and Checkmate that has been flattened. The property is not private, but owned by the Municipality, which is responsible for removing it. It was suggested that a barrier be put there to prevent an accident. It was also suggested that a traffic light be installed at that intersection on Tudor and Checkmate.

Another topic brought up was beautification of College Gate/Castle Heights similar to those done in other parts of town. This would be considered a Capital Improvement Project and the homeowners in the area might be

assessed to pay for it.

11. Wall mural

A letter with photographs was presented by President McClung regarding the new wall on Lake Otis and the individual interested in painting a mural on the wall. The council will respond and give them a contact within the municipality.

12. Meeting adjourned.