
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2006

Officers in Attendance: Susan Klein, President; Sue Dulaney, Secretary/Treasurer; Don Hadley, Member at Large; Tim Neale, Past President

The minutes from the meeting of September 6, 2006 were approved. The minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2006 are still pending revisions.

Agenda for the meeting was approved following the addition of Dowl Engineering.

Maryellen Tuttell from Dowl Engineering reported that the Tudor Road Corridor study for Bragaw/Lake Otis is available at the Dowl Engineering Website.

Betty Adkinson, UACC Representative for FCC reported the following:

- There is a planning meeting October 12, 2006 to review expenditures on the Knik Arm Bridge. The meeting place has not yet been determined. (Library?)
- There is a meeting on the last Friday in October between the mayor and the community councils from 1 – 2 PM at City Hall.
- Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to count and report bus ridership, road crossings and bike traffic in the Lake Otis to Piper Street area.
- October is Community Council Awareness month.
- FCC class in effective volunteer recruitment 10/19. If interested, Community Council will pay the fees.

Assemblyman Ken Stout reported:

- Friday, October 6 there will be a work session for rewriting code of ethics for the city. The document is now ready for review. Comments and vote. It has been five years in the making. It will be reviewed at the meeting.
- For Baxter Bog they are attempting to get trail between Northern Lights, Tudor and Patterson. Part of the process has been to put in platforms and culverts to manage water issues. See Teri Peters for additional information.
- The Walmart/Sams Club Project in Muldoon project is generating lots of emails and they appear to be split in their opinion. Walmart owns the property and will build. The important thing is to get the zoning changed so that the end result will be nice. To get the zoning change passed will require a 'super vote'.

Tom Obermeyer from Senator Bettye Davis's office reported:

- The university expansion of the science buildings is to add ability to acquire advanced degrees in such areas as nursing.
- Discussions regarding disadvantaged youth program, youth violence were held at East High School and included a talent show and involved youth from all across the city.
- No update on the gas pipeline. We are competing with the Gulf Coast natural gas terminals and need to come up with solutions so that we don't lose out.

Representative Sharon Cissna reported:

- The summer session was dominated by Gas line discussions. Waiting to see if Governor Murkowski calls another special session. Important that representatives get feedback from the voters on what they want.
- Another issue is the growing cost of health care. Of concern is the issue of obesity in the young. This growing epidemic will continue to impact health resources. Representative Cissna plans to continue the UMED Health Fair on an annual basis. This year's fair was designed to help increase awareness and brings attention to fun ways to exercise.
- Mental health issues are still present. There has been lots of discussion on institutional versus community care. For information and location of monthly lunch program call 269-0190.

Cindi Stanton, APD Liaison reported:

- Challenged all attendees to bring a neighbor next month.
- There were no calls or concerns expressed in our area this month.
- Cindi pulled up the stats for general info but the data has not been processed so the calls may be listed as the incorrect call type. Once the data is processed the call types are corrected.
 - Dispatch Center responded to in our area in the last thirty days:
 - 675 calls from July to August
 - 742 calls from August to September
 - The traffic stops almost doubled from 49 to 84.
 - When school started alarm incidents dropped.
 - Assault with weapons 5 (Increased)
 - Disturbance with weapon involved 2
 - Misconduct with weapon 10. This category would include reports of shots fired which could include fireworks.
- Cindi explained the difference between different types of robbery:
 - Theft includes such things as an item taken from your shopping cart.
 - Robbery means that something was taken from your person
 - Armed Robbery means that something was taken from your person and there was a gun involved in the robbery.
 - Home invasion means that your home is broken into while you are home.
 - Burglary means that your home is broken into but there are no people at home.

Teri Albrect, CIP Coordinator reported:

- The City Manager and the Mayor are looking for new locations for the Rescue Mission. It was discovered that there is not a program there for sexual offenders. However, there is a substance abuse program.
- Planning, zoning, platting is researching to see if the office could be moved. They have been ordered to find a new, more appropriate, location. Meeting with Police Chief to see if there is a fight or other incident the department can be more responsive. They have only 100 beds and as the weather gets colder the area will need to be monitored and new solutions will need to be found.

Rescue Mission Update: Substance Abuse program is located in the “Tupperware Building”. Barbara Garner reported that she had talked with several Rescue Mission clients. She found that there were several different types that use the mission, some down on their luck, some with substance abuse problems, and some with mental disorders.

Mental Health issues are increasing in Anchorage. Post traumatic stress from veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq are contributing to the increase. Veterans Outreach could help with these cases.

The timeline for a move is not known. The Board at the Mission is to meet with the city again. They cannot continue to ignore the neighborhood.

Bryn Mawr Update: There is no news on the Discovery Homes project. Lee Baker is appealing the ruling on access to Northern Lights.

Teri Peters, NE Park District reported:

- Youth work helped clean park areas along with other volunteers. Folker Park, Russian Jack and the University Dog Park were among those that were cleaned up.
- The Community Schools is out of business and Parks and Recreation has added some instructors from there. Classes at same location include self defense, ballroom dancing. There was a flyer in the Sunday paper two weeks ago to list all available classes.

Kristi Stuller and Maryellen Tuttell, representing Dowl Engineering reported:

- Extensions are being made from Bragaw to Boniface. They are in the process of performing environmental studies on the area and meeting with dog sledgers and other activity groups. There will be a second public meeting next week. You can find the study for this roadwork on their website. (www.dowl.com)
- There is also a new project around 40th Avenue at Dale Street and Lake Otis between Providence Drive and Tudor Road. There will be a report presented on this at next month’s meeting. They will also add this project to the website.

Julie Riley gave a very informative presentation on invasive plants. It was very informative and gave a list of plants to avoid adding to our gardens. She also provided information on how to prevent additional spreading of existing undesirable plants. The invasive species damage our native environment and need to be controlled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM