

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2003

RECEIVED
Date: 1-23-03

The University Area Community Council serves the area between Northern Lights Boulevard and Tudor Road, Lake Otis Parkway and Baxter Road.



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00P
College Gate Elementary School Library
3101 Sunflower Street



AGENDA

Appearances:

- c. 7:05P - Report: Greater University/Medical Area Discussion about future challenges - held at UAA, Sat., Jan 11, organized by Rep. Sharon Cissna
- c. 7:25P - Teen Club application: Presenter - Curt Nading, President, OK, LLC. An application for a Teen Nightclub/Cultural Center in the former AK Corral at Tudor and Laurel St.
- c. 7:45P - Reports by elected representatives: up to 5 minutes each to speak and answer questions

Old Business:

- c. 8:05P - Craig Valentine report: Anchorage Waterways meeting Jan 29

Other:

- c. 8:15P - Planning & Zoning cases: Folker Street Replat (*case info below)
- c. 8:20P - Officers', Committees' and FCC reports:
- c. 8:40P - Adjournment



News from December 4 meeting:

- Randall Burns, API's CEO brought a 3-dimensional scale model of the proposed new API building. The building was designed by Koonce, Pfeiffer, Bettis, Architects and is to be built by Neeser Construction starting this spring, with completion by April 2005. Tim Potter of DOWL Engineering and Ken Burkhart of the architectural firm pointed out the features of the model and how it will fit into the existing neighborhood. Providence Hospital now owns Tract A where the existing API building is located. Future demolition of the building remains a State obligation. A final conditional use permit will be requested at the January 6 PnZ meeting. A motion of support for the proposed building and location of the new API passed unanimously.
- A proposed division of 2.3 acres on the west side of Baxter Road, near East 36th Avenue was presented by Ron Watts on behalf of the property's owner. The tract would be subdivided into 7 lots, each approximately 12,000 sq.ft., the goal to sell them individually for residential custom homes. After a brief question and answer period, a motion of support passed with no opposition.
- Terry Schoenthal of Land Design North, and Brooke Blessing of MOA's Parks & Rec. Dept. made a presentation about the Goose Lake playground, Picnic Pavilion and multi-use field regrade. The project is part of the Goose Lake Master Improvement Plan, though it is considered a preliminary concept at this time. UACC questioned the location of the Pavilion, also had concerns about the lack of visibility from the parking lot and the pathways, and overall safety aspects of the park. The election in April 2003 will include a Park Bond with funds directed to this Goose Lake project.
- Craig Valentine reported on the Chester Creek Watershed Committee meeting. Craig outlined his qualifications and expectations of future meetings.
- University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) received a GREEN STAR Air Quality Award for efforts in air quality improvement. Some accomplishments included: Students using the People Mover U-Pass means 400 vehicles per day are off the roads... Less need for parking lots... Cleanest sidewalks and trails in Anchorage... Provided bike racks... Improved UAA vehicle maintenance... Furnace/boiler maintenance or replacement... Using low VOC paints... Space heater amnesty (while using power, it contributes less problem to air quality). Congratulations UAA!
- A Far North Bicentennial Park trail committee met Dec 2, with three UACC representatives attending along with varied trail and park users. All came to agreement that the northern end of the trail was in