

THE UACC UPDATE





March 2003

PROPOSED AGENDA

Appearances:

c.7:05 - UAA Master Plan: Presenter - Cyndi Spear, UAA and

c.7:25 - School Bond Issues: Presenter - ASD representative

c.7:40 - 3500 Tudor Rd Master Plan: Presenter - Clotho Spinner, **DOWL Engineering**

c.8:00 - Reports by elected representatives: up to 5 minutes each to speak and answer questions

New Business:

c.8:20 - Request for comments on preliminary plat # S11061: area is zoned PLI, 106 acres. The Muni, State of Alaska, and the Dept of Army own property in this area. The proposed plat subdivides the land into 10 parcels - Lots 1, 2, & 3 and Tracts A through G. At least one plan is looking into lands in this area -The Tudor Road Public Lands and Institutions Plan. P & Z hearing Wednesday, April 2.

Old Business:

c.8:35 - U-MED Feb 13 public meeting update • Folker Park Safety Project • Lake Otis Parkway Spot Safety Improvements

Other:

c.8:45 - Reports: Officers • Committees • FCC c.9:00 - Adjournment

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 P

LOCATION:

College Gate Elementary School Library 3101 Sunflower Street

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

President: Tim Neale, 333-4952,

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Standing Committees:

Please contact the President to serve on any of the following:

- Community Protection
- Parks/Recreation
- Planning/Zoning
- Traffic

NEWS from February 5 meeting:

- A brief report was presented of the Greater U-MED Neighborhood District meeting held at UAA January 11, organized by Representative Sharon Cissna. Some concerns presented included the proposed trail west of Wesleyan Drive residences - to pave or not. Paving would lead to the destruction of more trees. Significant opposition to permitting a "dog park" in the University Lake area was heard, some objections because of children's activities nearby, and the water fowl habitat disturbance.
- Curt Nading presented plans for a Teen Center at the former AK Corral location (Tudor at Laurel St). It would be restricted to 16-19 year old teenagers, and be open Friday and Saturday evenings until midnight. Security people would be located inside the building, and patrolling the parking lot at all times. A motion passed, with no opposition, to welcome the club to the UACC area, and to wish Mr. Nading success with the project.
- A request was presented by a council member to have UACC support the South Anchorage

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UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL Federation of Community Councils Community Councils Center

401 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste. 204 Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2814

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

(News, continued from front)

Coastal Trail. After much discussion, an amended motion included: The University Area Community Council advocates and supports construction of the south extension of the Coastal Trail in a location that is along the coast, and is as similar in character to the existing trail as possible, and to stay away from private property, and as close to the coast as possible. The motion passed with some opposition.

- Council member Craig Valentine gave a report from an Anchorage Waterways meeting Jan 29. Robin Reich of HDR wants to gather UACC concerns about Chester Creek with the deadline "right away". The last National Pollution Discharge Storm Water (NPDES) permit says the water should meet state water standards. These are not readily available. DEC is calling for drinking water standards but there are lesser standards such as recreation (swimming) contact water standards that would be acceptable. State stocks Chester Creek with 1000 rainbow trout each year that do not survive. MOA is planning to drop, temporarily, the Westchester Lagoon project, Chester Creek management plan due to the lack of funds. A motion, passing unanimously, was made to have UACC support the concept of Chester Creek meeting the standards for contact recreation since drinking water standards do not apply. Doug Van Etten said the Chester Creek Management plan is on hold temporarily as funds from DEC and EPA should complete watershed plans.
- Planning & Zoning Case # S11018-1, Folker Street Replat: A motion that UACC support the plan to vacate the portion of Folker Street near the API property passed unanimously. The properties on either side

of Folker are owned by South Central Counseling.

• Liquor licenses were brought forward for discussion. None currently up for renewal were objected to in the council area. However there was much general discussion on alcohol and the sale of alcohol; such as why should a business that sells gasoline also sell alcohol. Members suggested MOA staff be invited to a future meeting to discuss liquor and the law.

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#### **Other News**

• FOLKER PARK NEEDS VOLUNTEER CREW: This 2 acre wooded park, located at East 42nd & Folker St., has safety, health and camper concerns. A volunteer crew is needed to cut brush and low limbs, remove dead and beetle damaged trees, giving the park a lowlevel see-thru look, known as the 'European' style. Loppers and bow saws will be the primary tools. Removed trees will be cut into 5'-6' lengths and placed at the edge of the park as free firewood. Please call council chair, Tim Neale, 337-3076 or 333-4952 to volunteer. Currently, conditions excellent, and a start date is expected soon.

• Park & Trails: Call APD Dispatch, 786-8500, if campers are in a park, with a follow up call to Park Maintenance, 343-4722 or 343-6396. MOA Community Work Service, 343-4057 can be called for clean-up needs. If unauthorized use of park trails is observed call APD Dispatch.

