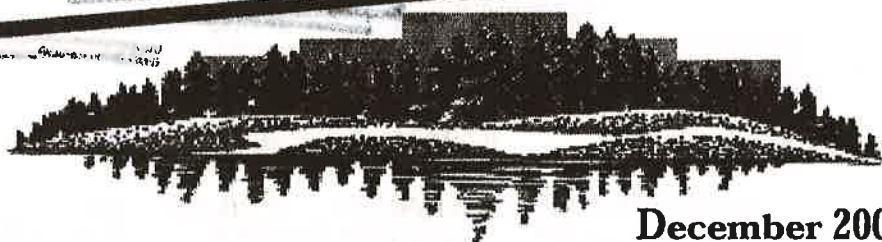


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THE UACC update



December 2003

proposed AGENDA

- Abbott Loop (Bragaw) Extension: Presenter, Bob Kniefel, DOWL Engineers, a project update
- University of Alaska Anchorage Draft Master Plan: Presenters, Dianna Durst, UAA, and Paddy Tillett, ZGF, Portland, OR, a 45-60 minute power point presentation

ALERT

UACC had a substantial November meeting agenda change following the Newsletter's deadline. The council's e-mail address list received notification of the changes. Also, costs for postal mailing approximate \$800 per year. The funds for this FCC service are being considered for deletion in the MOA 2004 budget. If possible, we strongly suggest the newsletters arrive by e-mail. To subscribe or unsubscribe, contact UACC at: bbgarner@alaska.com or call 333-4952.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 P

LOCATION:

College Gate Elementary School Library  
3101 Sunflower Street

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NEWS from November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Dora Gropp, PE, an engineer for Chugach Electric Association, reviewed the plan to rebuild a section of the 115-kilovolt transmission line along the south side of Northern Lights Blvd. from Patterson to Pine Street. This will be a joint program for PG&E, Matanuska and Chugach Electric, needed to increase capacity. Construction will start in 2004-05. Photographs of the current towers/lines were contrasted with the proposed design.

- Brian Vanderwood, MOA Solid Waste Services (SWS), asked for ideas to generate revenues or changes to increase efficiency for residential refuse collections.

An option being considered by MOA is an exclusive contract for Anchorage Refuse (Waste Management, Inc.), a private company that currently services 80% of the Anchorage area. In the event WMI gains the contract, SWS would be dissolved. WMI is currently regulated by the State. Rate authority would transfer to the MOA Assembly under a new contract. UACC passed a motion: "With the facts as we know them and with the understanding that there may be an increase in rates, we are satisfied with and approve of the service we have now."

- Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC) Associate Administrator, Vince Huntington, spoke of the developments in the land exchange between PAMC and UAA. The deal has been approved by the University's Board of Regents and the Medical Center's Board of Directors. They are in the platting process which will eventually go before P&Z. He shared a map indicating the land being traded:

- UAA's triangular shaped wooded/wetland property that borders Chester Creek, East 40th, and Piper Street's trail extension... with

- The north section of the 24 acres Providence owns where API is located. The API

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building is not owned by PAMC. It continues in use until the new API building is completed in 2005. A substantial redevelopment plan is being discussed for this area. Traffic studies are planned for the extended area to the south from Lake Otis to Bragaw.

• Traffic related situations discussed at length included:

• An extension of East 36th Avenue through College Gate subdivision to Baxter and Patterson is opposed by many people and the institutions.

• The Pine Street extension has been revived by people outside of UACC. It was not recommended in the U-Med adoption. UACC is prepared to advocate against this suggestion.

• The Mental Health Land Trust zoning change request at the SE corner of 36th/Lake Otis has been presented as an increased traffic setting by the two councils west of UACC. The Assembly heard this case #2003-072 November 18.

• It was learned that not all people with property along Chester Creek own the land to the middle of the creek. An ownership issue has some Federal laws in conflict with MOA's present policy.



**Other News:**

- The UACC executive board seeks interested people to actively participate by researching issues, gathering data, attending occasional special focus meetings, etc. Please contact the President to serve on any of the following: Community Protection, Parks/Recreation, Planning/Zoning, Traffic.
- UACC's January 7 meeting will include the following presentation:  
Boniface Parkway at Northern Lights

**Boulevard – Intersection Improvements**

“The ADOT&PF has begun a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project at this intersection to mitigate the high frequency of southbound rear-end collisions and queues of left-turning vehicles that spill out into the through traffic lanes. A draft design study report has been completed that looked at extending the southbound left-turn lanes and adding a southbound right-turn lane. The turn-lane improvements will provide some flexibility for the Municipality of Anchorage Signal Operations Section to be able to improve the signal timing and phasing after this project is constructed. The project team will attend the January 7 community council meeting to brief members of the public on the project. If you have any questions, comments or you would like additional information please contact: Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator via telephone (272-1877) or email ([comments@brooksandassociates.info](mailto:comments@brooksandassociates.info)).”



**Planning & Zoning Cases:**

See [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org) for full requests

- Dec 11, Thursday, #2003-180, Southcentral Foundation, 4341 & 4165 Tudor Centre Dr, A variance to allow parking off the primary parcel on an adjacent parcel. B-3 General business district

**Public Meetings:**

- January 5, Service High School: Abbott Loop Extension Public Meeting: to 1) present the project Reconnaissance Report, 2) Discuss the comments heard to date, and 3) take public comments.

