

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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JUNE 2004

GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, June 2, 7:00P, College Gate Elementary School Library, 3101 Sunflower Street

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- **Anchorage Police Department Sgt. Ken Spadafora:** APD's assigned rep to UACC.
- **Composting Dog Feces:** Presenter, Crystal Leonetti, National Resources Conservation Service, Anchorage Field Office; A successful project in Fairbanks that converts dog feces into useable fertilizer. Anchorage dogs create 22 TONS of poop daily.
- **Transportation Myths & Realities:** Presenter, Cheryl Richardson, Anchorage Citizen's Coalition; Power Point presentation includes Bragaw Extension
- **Piper Street Extension:** DOWL Engineers Traffic Impact report

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MAY 5 MEETING NEWS:

Harold Henderson, State DOT Project Engineer, gave an overview of the Lake Otis Parkway **RESURFACING PROJECT**, from DeBarr Rd. to Tudor Rd. Wilder Construction is the contractor. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks will be improved or replaced as needed. Most of the roto milling and paving will be done in the 'night' hours and might affect those that live directly on Lake Otis Parkway. This project will not widen Lake Otis; it is simply going to resurface it. There is concern from the State DOT and Wilder Construction that motorists will "cut through" neighborhoods in order to avoid the construction zone. Temporary speed bumps are being considered as one possible solution to this. Intersection closure dates include:

- June 12-13: Lake Otis at 36th Avenue
- June 19-20: Lake Otis at Northern Lights Blvd
- June 26-27: Lake Otis at DeBarr Rd. (15th Ave)

Also included in the scope of this project:

- The Boniface Parkway at Northern Lights intersection will be affected similarly as Lake Otis.

Brad Doggett with DOWL Engineers gave an update on the **HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** that will affect the UACC area. The project set for construction this summer is the Bragaw at Northern Lights intersection. There will be minor modifications. The main concern at this intersection is the eastbound L turn lane and the high number of rear end crashes that happen there. Improvements include increasing the length of the turn lane storage area and looking at possible median striping to discourage motorists from switching lanes to a faster light signal. Another problem at this

intersection includes the high number of pedestrian accidents on the southbound R turn lane. One solution would be to prohibit a R turn on red. Comments are welcome to DOWL Engineers regarding this project until May 30 at 562-2000.

The **TUDOR ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY** update was given by Brad Doggett of DOWL Engineers. It has been delayed for numerous reasons including the Mayor's plan for the Lake Otis at Tudor intersection. The study is expected to be finished later in May. Piper Street's connection from Tudor to Providence Drive will be an added safety concern for the residential neighborhood it bisects. Executive Board members met with the MOA Traffic Engineer and Planning staff to discuss this issue, and the UACC's goal to revitalize this residential area. The Piper connection is in the UAA-Providence land exchange draft plan, to be heard by Planning and Zoning after a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is finalized. Previous hearings were postponed.

Support for the **CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS** resolution regarding neighborhood road design was passed by the Council. The **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (CIP) list proposed by the Executive Committee was accepted by the Council to forward to the Municipality.

Assembly Members:

- New assemblyman Ken Stout introduced himself.
- Dick Traini informed the council that the Municipal web site now has the supporting text linked to the agenda items for the Assembly meetings. www.muni.org He suggested we send our letter of support for the "Jim Parsons Trail" to the nomination committee soon.
- Brian Whittle filled us in on the National Drug Control Policy that is geared towards reducing youth violence. Russian Jack neighborhood is the first neighborhood to get involved in the program.
- A council member asked Assembly members about a city sales tax and what their opinion was on the issue. The response was that it will likely not happen because a sales tax requires a 60% approval vote. Also if there were relief coming into the local economy from a POMV, it would be to reduce property tax as the total amount of taxes cannot go over the tax cap.

OTHER NEWS:

- May 3, afternoon volunteers from Providence Horizon House, and evening UACC volunteers cleaned up **Folker Park**, located at 42nd & Folker. A well earned picnic at the park followed.
- May 22, **Castle Heights Park** volunteers planted its flower beds. The P&R North Park Maintenance Dept is aware of the deteriorating fence issue.
- Both Folker and Castle Heights Parks have been adopted by organizations who will clean up trash and report vandalism.
- **Council meetings in July and August** will not occur unless an issue arises that requires otherwise. Announcements will be e-mailed to the UACC address list, also the ADN Datebook.
- The September meeting will have an **election of officers**. Please contact President Tim Neale (333-4952) if interested in being nominated. The agenda will include the **dog park** at University Lake Park. The ordinance creating the dog park will sunset at the end of September unless reauthorized by the Assembly.
- UAA Drive **Pedestrian Improvements** are expected to be finished in June,

including paving of the final trail section and completion of the landscaping. This project was strongly promoted over several years by Jim Parsons, UACC's immediate past president who died April 4. The council is proposing to the MOA that this trail/path be named for Jim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Helicopter Noise Complaints:** Contact Merrill Field Airport Manager's Office, 343-6305, David A. Lundeby, Airport Manager, lundebyda@ci.anchorage.ak.us
- Monday, June 14: **Bragaw/Abbott Loop Extension** public meeting, 5:00P, Service HS

PLATTING BOARD: (www.muni.org for P&Z case details)

- Jun 2, **Case #S11249-1**, To subdivide 5 tracts of land and one unsubdivided parcel into 6 tracts of land with the vacations of a 60' Road Reserve, 50' Right of Way easement, 30' water line easement, 10' T&E easements & 20' utility and T&E easements, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, University of Alaska, Providence Alaska Medical Center & Sisters of Providence; Representative: Dowl Engineers, Tim Potter; Location: south of Providence Drive, east of Lake Otis Parkway, west of Bragaw Street and north of East 40th Avenue; Providence Hospital Site, Tract 1; MHTL Subdivision, Tracts A,C & D; University of Alaska, Tract A, and an unsubdivided parcel.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

- Jun 14, **Case #2004-105**; An Ordinance amending provisions of Anchorage Municipal Code 21.40 governing construction of Single Principal Structures in the R-2M, R-3, and R-4 districts, requiring issue of Conditional Use Permits for construction of Multiple Principal Structures in said districts, enacting a new section, 21.50.315 setting standards for Multiple Principal Structures and providing for an effective date.
- Jul 12, **Case #2004-108**, A conditional use to allow a health care facility in the PLI District per AMC 21.40.020.D.16. Providence Hospital Site, Tract 1 (Future Tract 1-A) Located at 3200 Providence Drive, Petitioner: Vince Huntington, Providence Alaska Medical Center, Representative: Dowl Engineers, Tim Potter



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