
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2009

1. Called to order by President Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Susan Klein, and Patricia Williams

2. Minutes

December minutes required editing.

3. Agenda- Added Barbara

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings.

- Requested we make no resolution for or against Knik Bridge. Request we keep it on the back burner. Robert found out that the Government Hill Community C is against it.

5. Elected Representatives

Noah Hanson for Rep. Berta Gardner

Rep Gardner leaving for Juneau on Friday. New bill to create Aug 7 as Purple Heart Day – brought by a constituent – 16 other co-sponsors. Asks – what our ideas and concerns are. Barbara – asked about hydro, geothermal. All new emerging tech will be supported by funding. Wind may not be in it. Need to be open for business for oil industry (low taxes for oil industry) – Marguerite Iverson. Can 269-0174 or email Berta if have any other ideas.

Elvi Gray-Jackson

No meeting since Dec. 15th. Next meeting is next Tuesday. Ordinance to eliminate compensation for boards and commissions. Will save \$100 K if not given stipend.

Ordinance authorizing online notice of public ordinances. Also, ordinance – repealing and reenacting property appraisal ordinance. Different filing deadlines for each exemption – from Jan 15 to March 15. Add state exemptions to our code.

Elvi has asked muni assessors to let seniors know about property tax relief. Not all know it.

Town hall meeting on ID required to purchase liquor. 6-9 Wilda Marston – Jan 7.

Mayor introducing ordinance to eliminate I & M program. New ordinance voted on earlier in 2008 required report back to Assembly-Elvi would like to see this report first.

(Barbara – has to go through the feds)

Discussion about liquor store on Tudor – asked by M. I.

Next month Elvi will give hour presentation on understanding the municipal budget.

Sheila Selkregg

Wanted to know if there was anything to tell her. Thinks East side plan survived budget problem. Looking at distracted driving ordinance.

6. Bed and Breakfast (B and B) on Vance

Dr. Paton – owner – opened B&B on Vance about 2 years. Back yard backs up to ANMC campus. Moved to be closer work. Decided to B&B for finances and need of patients. Allows 3-guest room B&Bs in anyone's home with no zoning required. B&B to med travelers from bush – to get med care at ANMC alcohol, drug smoke free. Most clients come by taxi or walk back and forth to hospital for med care.

Mission, year round clean safe area – esp. for Medicaid in summer due to high room rates.

Request a variance for 5 bedrooms – for Medicaid patients and so he can retire. Would like additional income to help support the house. Have two third grade twins. Also have three adopted children – two leaving home. Granted variance for using five bedrooms – w. conditions – expires in 5 years – at request of Mr. Williamson.

Bud Williamson – owns four properties in Castle Heights and two other properties has financial interest. All in Castle Heights. Concern about what happens when Dr. Paton leaves. Unit had questionable history before Dr. Paton. R2 zoning. Taxi cab traffic – will add 60% more traffic when add two rooms? Doors opening and slamming. His tenants don't think it is an important issue. He is concerned about traffic to ANMC – walking traffic.

Wants rental income and property values to be maintained. There is an appeal process. Report will be out in about 3 weeks, appeal after 21 days. Only owners on his petition – not renters. Reported new funding for Denail Kid Care.

7. Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, David Williams

Community relations is David's #1 priority. Recovery program is important component of Rescue Mission. Asking for year variance on old Tupperware building to expand New Life Program. Need to spend 50-70 K to upgrade building. But community wants to be able to pull plug at any time. 70% of funds come from homeless services – so need this money. Food services and homeless services – then couldn't cover operating expenses. Would change policies to be stricter. Absolutely no alcohol tolerance.

There will be a lunch tour of Rescue Mission on January 14th – 11:30 Am.

8. Other Business.

Barbara spoke of the crime in the area. Briefed council on the crime map available on the municipalities web site.

9. Adjournment