
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2006

Officers in Attendance: Susan Klein, President; Craig Valentine, Vice President; Sue Dulaney, Secretary/Treasurer; Don Hadley, Kelly Brown, Members at Large; Tim Neale, Past President

The minutes from the meeting of October 4, 2006 were approved with revision. (References to the extensions from Bragaw to Boniface have been updated to denote that this is the E. 48th Avenue extension.)

The minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2006 are still pending revisions.

Agenda for the meeting was approved following the addition of Beanie Boxes for Beans Café'.

Announcements:

Title 21 revisions are available for review. The current version shows changes as of October 6, 2006. Craig Valentine will review.

Three Amigos wanted to notify the UACC that they are in the process of renewing their license, even though they are not in our area.

Tom Obermeyer from Senator Bettye Davis's office brought in flyers regarding Beanie Boxes.

There is still a need for volunteers at the polls. If interested contact elections bureau.

Teri Albrecht, Community Capitol Coordinator reported:

- The annual project management report has been completed and Teri made it available for review during the meeting. It lists all upcoming projects.
- Two blocks in College Alps currently vote in mid-town and they are requesting to be moved to same area as other residents of College Alps and College Gate.
- Discovery Construction for Bryn Mawr development is still working on several angles to get approval of the development. Nothing is concrete at this point. A letter outlining conditions that need to be met with regard to ingress and egress was sent to Discovery Construction by MOA Traffic.
- Teri will be out on medical leave but we can still contact her via phone if we need her.
- Open House for the FCC was a success. Plan to begin Town Hall meetings based on region at the beginning of the New Year.
- There will be a hearing on the appeal for access to Northern Lights by Lee Baker of Discovery Construction.

Cindi Stanton, APD Liaison reported

- Whenever you feel that there is a disturbance or problem anywhere, including the Rescue Mission, please call APD. They may not always get there right away, but they will come. In order to follow up on the outcome, you can request incident # and this will expedite the staff in researching your inquiries. You can also contact Cindi for follow up if you prefer.
- APD routinely patrols the Chester Creek area and attempts to clear out the area and find alternatives for the homeless.
- Anchorage is in the top 300 cities with regard to crime rate. Some of the contributing issues are the lack of sufficient police, and the difficulty in recruiting new officers. There is currently a 43% failure rate at the Academy.
- Cindi will bring in information relating to gang activity next month.

Representative Berta Gardner reported:

- Represents the area of 40th and 42nd including the area of the Rescue Mission.
- There are no pending issues in the legislature, but a special session will be called to determine regulations on health benefits for same sex partners.

Jeff Gonnason reported:

- Jeff is campaigning for election for the 6th Precinct in the Reflections Lake Area.
- Jeff has 30 years of community service experience.

Representative Ken Stout reported:

- The proposed budget has been completed. There will be revisions in the first quarter.
- The city has purchased 26 acres off Muldoon Road. This tract had been foreclosed by the IRS but MOA was able to get it. The back portion will be soccer fields and the front will be development.
- MOA has been busy with elections.

Denis LeBlanc, City Manager reported:

- The Rescue Mission on Tudor road is legal. It started as a sleep off facility and is now caring for up to 100 people. Currently, there are 25 in alcohol/drug rehab and typically sleep around 69 people a night. The Tupperware Building was housing people but it was shut down due to the fire code. Also, the current zoning code for that building is incorrect for sleeping. The Rescue Mission also owns additional properties around these buildings. MOA is working with them to relocate the facility. Their function is no longer to act as a sleep off facility. MOA has identified over 600 possible locations for the facility to consider for their relocation. One driving force for relocation is to help a larger number of people. Currently there is no way to house emergency clients once they hit the 69 maximum.
- Safe Harbor transitional housing is also looking for another building. Safe Harbor only takes referrals.

- If you see inappropriate behavior around the Rescue Mission area, call APD. If they don't respond, call the City Manager.

Maryellen Tuttle and Kristi Stuller, representing Dowl Engineering reported:

- 40th Avenue extension will have a walk through on November 11th. Meet at the parking lot at Dale and 40th. There will be a public meeting on November 13th at Wendler.
- 48th Avenue extension – still working on the trail alignment and connectivity across streets.
- Tudor/Lake Otis project scoping document and preliminary project reports are in progress.
- Our UACC site has links to the information on these projects. Also see www.dowl.com

Representative Sharon Cissna reported:

- A special session may be called for the health benefit regulations. There are currently no facts available. It will be determined on November 13th if there will be a special session.
- Alaska leads the nation in alcoholism. We as a state put up with it and therefore enable the alcoholism.
- Sharon will discuss her plans for next session in the December meeting.

Representative Harry Crawford reported:

- The Pebble Mine project is huge. They may develop just the underground part. No firm proposal is available at this point. Two years away from applying for a permit. Northern Dynasty is a Canadian Corporation and also part of Kennecott Corporation, which is owned by a South American Corporation. It may provide jobs, but still have lots of jobs in Bristol Bay that we don't want to impact with mining in the area.

Assemblyman Dick Traini reported:

- May help the Rescue Mission area if we had People Movers relocate the people when the Rescue Mission doors close at night.
- The Anchorage area has been able to slow down the drinking and driving issues by impounding and selling the vehicles.
- He voted against Walmart in Muldoon area, but lost. There is a concern that Walmart does not keep their promises.
- The budget passed on Tuesday.
- Ken Stout rewrote the Ethics Laws and Dick made some changes to it. It now bans members of the legislature from being lobbyist. (Now or in the past.)

Adjourned at 9:05 P.M.