
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Klein at 7:00 pm. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was postponed until the next meeting due to the illness of Secretary Sue Dulaney.

Items added to the agenda were: The decorative lights at the corner of Piper and 42nd need to be replaced.

The name of Bragaw has been changed to Elmore without any public process.

The agenda was approved as amended, so moved by Mary Lou Harle and seconded by Barbara Garner.

Announcements

The new Providence Cancer Center has an open house for the Community Council members who wish to attend. There is a sign up sheet circulating.

Representatives for Senators Bettye Davis and Johnny Ellis were present. Sen. Davis wants to be kept informed of local issues. Sen. Ellis's representative reported that the oil tax bill is in the Finance Committee and has been restored to 25%. It is scheduled for a vote next Saturday.

Teri Peters, NE Parks Representative spoke of lots of clean ups in various parks. Volunteer groups from King Career Center have helped with many projects in various parks. Trail Watch cleared out overpass area near East High School. Youth Employment worked at Goose Lake. 2008 Challenge Grants will be let soon. Community programs at Baxter and Begich for adults and youth have been suggested, especially an after school program for youth.

University Lake Master plan is delayed, waiting for Tudor Trust medical area) TRAIL PLANS.

Windows Inn has plans for athletic programs at the Paddleboat Cafe. They are looking for a music program to be included. They served over 5000 free meals to 18 and under this summer. They have very specific rules that must be followed. They are trying to establish a "mass disaster feeding program". This would be needed if another major disaster occurs. Every family needs a disaster plan. Training for personnel to feed large groups has been funded.

DOWL Engineer Mary Ellen Tuttle explained the 3500 Tudor to Elmore to Tudor to Boniface new Master Plan for this area. It is all Municipal property (226 acres total). Some will be open space. Some trails will be rerouted; there are bridges so trails will go under. This will be before the Assembly next Tuesday.

APU and NANA are planning to build a three-story hotel north of University Lake. APU plans to start a "hospitality specialties program".

Students will work in the hotel as part of the training. UAA will reserve 30 rooms per year to house visitors. There will be no food service.

There may be outside catering if needed. There will be 162 rooms and 165 parking spaces. The hotel will be 30 feet back from the property line and 100 feet from the lake. There was some question about where the storm drain empties. The parking lot is very close to the Chester Creek. The hotel is scheduled to open the summer of 2009 if all goes well. APU wants the building to fit into their campus design and they will have their own review process.

The lights at the corner of 42nd and Piper were broken and are waiting for an insurance settlement. The Community Council wants to see the repairs completed. Barbara Garner is going to write a letter to the street maintenance dept. with a copy to Bob Kniefel.

The Municipality renamed Abbott Loop north to Providence Drive "Elmore" instead of Bragaw. Craig Valentine made a motion to change the street name back to Bragaw from Providence Drive to Abbott Road. Mary Lu Harle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Robert McClung has been attending Title 21 meetings. The last meeting was about affordable housing. The changes would allow less parking than other housing. We need to develop an Eastside Plan.

CCRC vote will come before the Assembly this month.

Parks and Rec. are planning golf course repair, there are funding issues. Need to have Russian Jack developed.

The residents of 40th Ave. do not want the diverter being planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:3p.

Submitted by Betty Adkison, acting secretary.