
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM at Paddleboat Café'

Susan Klein, President; Robert McClung, Vice President, Sue Dulaney, Secretary-Treasurer

Agenda approved with addition of Dowl Engineering

The meeting minutes from December were not available for approval.

Dowl Engineering, Mary Ellen Tuttle

Bond Issue, "Alaska Crime Lab"

The Alaska Crime Lab is currently located next to Trooper Head Quarters east of Boniface. The facility is 30 years old and crowded. The Crime Lab teaches training classes and is the crime lab for the entire state. 70% of the work done at the crime lab is for the Anchorage Police Department. The project to have a new facility is just getting started. They will lease land from the Heritage Land Bank to build the new facility. The new Crime Lab will also bring new scientific jobs to the area.

There will be a site plan review in March and a bond ballot in April. It will then go to the Assembly in May or June.

The dog mushing trails will be relocated based on the current plan.
The Department of Safety will be using the current Alaska Crime Lab facility.

Sheila Selkregg

The assembly is currently working on Title 21 with a focus on high density. Sheila will raise issues regarding space between buildings, landscaping, etc. There are lots of changes in the specifications for business development

One example of an RO (Office Residential) is the office building across the street from College Gate on Northern Lights. (It is the ugly building with the flat roof.) Sheila will work toward getting an amendment to be sure that issues regarding building conformity with neighborhood, roof lines and increased distances between buildings will be addressed. (5 feet between buildings is the minimum that is required by fire code.) The goal is to get the requirements clarified and more understandable. There needs to be a partnership with all of the east side to review and improve the requirements.

Sheila is also supporting:

- After school programs for neighborhood kids
- Becoming a green community
- Addressing the ethnicity of the community
- Concern over traffic calming for Checkmate (Suggests Silliary and Checkmate stop sign)
- Currently there are no funds for the east side plan

If you'd like to discuss anything with Sheila it is better to call than to email.

Cable Starling, First Tee Proposal

This program has been 5 years in progress. The goal is to provide youth development through golf. Getting kids involved in athletics can help address some of the social issues that arise when kids don't have positive activities available. Golf is a non-combative sport and helps to teach how to get along in a positive way. Currently only kids from wealthier families have access to golf. There has been a curriculum written with 6 lesson plans that are being made available to the schools P.E. Programs. College Gate, Fairview and Bartlett are piloting the program. The training can be done in the gym with special equipment.

A key part of this program would be to make Russian Jack a PGA accredited 9 hole golf course. This would be used to progress kids up through the program and have them mentor other kids. Currently Russian Jack does not meet the standards for a PGA accredited golf course. This needs to happen.

Cable also asked that anyone that has good golf equipment that they would like to donate, please donate to Russian Jack.

Discussion

Sheila Selkregg remarked that the biggest concern of area residents is the impact on the existing park. Will there be tree clearing? It is a city park and we would like to have the designs presented. For instance, are they clearing field area? How will downhill ski paths be affected? What are the specifics of the physical plan?

The decision was made to have the planners/developers of the golf course present their plan. Land Design North is doing this work.

Rogers Park Community Council has approved a resolution 24 – 2 to oppose interior parking and tree removal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM/