

November 12, 2007 Meeting minutes

Announcements: Distributed via email and in writing at the meeting.

1. Please note the new council email address: **rogersparkcc@gmail.com** People may receive duplicate updates during this transition. Information is also made available on the council's website: <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/28.html>
2. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) will hold a **Recycling Town Meeting** on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Denali Elementary School, located downtown at 148 East 9th Avenue. The purpose of the meeting will be to present a consultant's findings on how to expand city recycling services and solicit community feedback.
3. November 6th is the final day for public comment on the **Municipal General Operating Budget and Capital Budget**.
4. **Educating students in the 21st Century.**
What do high schools need to educate today's teens?

- Change the graduation requirements?
- Use more technology in the classroom?
- Offer more career technology or online learning courses?
- Change school start times or create flexible scheduling?
- Host special programs to prepare more students for college or the workforce?

We need your help charting a path for the future of high school education in the Anchorage School District. Parents and families with children of all ages and community members are welcome to attend a series of forums on high schools of the 21st Century. Your opinion can only make a difference if it's heard. We are here to listen to you.

All meetings are 7 – 9 p.m.

November 6 Chugiak High Library

November 7 East High M2 and M3

November 14 West High Cafeteria

November 28 Eagle River High Cafeteria

November 29 South High Commons

5. **Strategic Parking Plan Underway for Anchorage**

The Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) is hosting a Public Input Forum to gather ideas and feedback on parking in downtown Anchorage. The information gathered will be used to craft a Strategic Parking Plan for Downtown Anchorage. The Public Input Forum will be held at Voth Hall in the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts on Nov. 7, from 6 – 8 p.m. To encourage and accommodate participation in the meeting, free parking will be available at the 6th & H Street parking garage.

6. **Land disposal in Mountain View.**

The following portion of a parcel in the Municipality of Anchorage general inventory is under consideration for disposal:

Parcel number 004-051-14 105,251 square feet of Tract A-1 of Orah Dee Clark Junior High School Subdivision, according to Plat No. 2006-62, Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Approximately 105,251 square feet of land currently exists as part of the Orah Dee Clark Junior High School Subdivision in Mountain View, on the western portion of the tract, which is not part of the Clark Middle School construction project. The area is proposed to be subdivided and transferred to the Anchorage Community Development Authority as part of the Mountain View revitalization project. The contemplated area is "land locked" with no legal access, but sits adjacent to the Glenn Square commercial development currently under construction. ACDA proposes to sell a portion of the parcel, that which includes a substantial slope and an elevation close to that of Glenn Square to the owners of Glenn Square for further

development of that commercial project with addition of a cinema. Another portion of the site, which shares a higher elevation with Mountain View Drive, will be combined with a parcel to the north also owned by the Anchorage Community Development Authority and will be developed at a later date. One of the conditions of the sale is for the owners of Glenn Square to also sell to the Municipality of Anchorage a site for the future Mountain View electrical substation.

Please call Tammy Oswald 343-7986 with any questions. If there are objections or interests regarding this disposal, please provide written explanation. Response to the Real Estate Service Department no later than Wednesday, November 7, 2007 by e-mail oswaldtr@muni.org or fax (249-7444).

7. **Northern Lights Sound Barrier:** Lights are on order with an unknown delivery date. They will be installed on the completed North segment as soon as they arrive, regardless of the weather

8. **Title 21 Rewrite** What do you want Anchorage to *look* like?! Where should the Municipality allow group homes and cell phone towers? What buffers should exist between businesses and residential homes? How high should your neighbor be allowed to build his addition? These issues are all being discussed regarding the land use code and design standards. Take a look around your neighborhood and throughout Anchorage. RPCC will discuss this (again!) at the November 12 meeting. Also there are public hearing scheduled regarding:

Chapter 3, Review and Approval Procedures;
Chapter 7, Development and Design Standards; and
Chapter 14, Rules of Construction and Definitions

<i>Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.</i>	Assembly Chambers, Z.J. Loussac Library
<i>Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.</i>	Wilda Marston Theatre, Z.J. Loussac Library
<i>Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.</i>	Wilda Marston Theatre, Z.J. Loussac Library

9. At the **December meeting** we will be discussing the Highway to Highway project as well as proposed federal funding to address the pedestrian crash rate on the Seward Highway at Northern Lights and Benson.

Heather Ireland called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Rich Gingras moved to approve. Bob Williams seconded.

APD Update: NO representative was present.

AFD Update – Mike Davidson, Senior Captain at Fire Station #4. Contractor ahead of schedule. Will be moving back in December 10-15. Opening ceremony – Saturday, December 15. Invited all of the community council residents.

Bob Williams: re: budget cuts proposed by the assembly. Will they affect the positions for the fire department?

Heather Ireland: re: budget advisory committee. Assembly considering the vacancy factor again/difference with the mayor.

AFD: Tax cap – bonding may include O&M or it may not. Estimate the cost of equipment and the O&M. Ultimately the Fire Chief and the City Manager make the decision re: how cuts will affect the department.

Heather: Public comment will be accepted at the assembly meeting tomorrow.

Assembly Report: Mr. Coffey and Mr. Traini – none

Legislative Reports – Rep. From Johnny Ellis’ office – breakthrough on the floor of the house on the oil tax vote to raise to 25%; will generate over 1 billion \$. Berta sent a e-mail today with her thoughts. The bill is now in the Senate Finance Committee and may be on the floor by Wednesday. Ellis’ office is working on French bill to extend health coverage to all Alaskans; the bill similar to what Massachusetts has done. Ellis is also working on education funding; a task force will be set up to look at the formula.

Treasurer’s report - \$157.83.

Presentation/Discussion Topics

- A. Budget – General Operating and Capital
- B. Community Correctional Residential Centers (Staff memo attached.) – an ordinance code change is before the assembly. The public hearing is November 27.

Kevin Bruce representing Cook Inlet Tribal Council: proposed program will serve 3 populations, corrections (ordinance will change so that it may include misdemeanants and felons (cannot be a danger to self or others), chronically homeless and substance abuse. The Delancy Street Project will serve men only; residents will be taught life skills and jobs skills and will set up businesses. Residents will generate funds through their labor to maintain the program. 95% of persons who go to prison in Alaska, get out. This is a transition program.

Question: Why is Cook Inlet Tribal Council involved in this program?

Kevin Bruce discussed the mission of Cook Inlet Tribal Council and made available a staff report that discusses the ordinance change.

Rich Gingras moved that the Southcentral Foundation program proposed at 36th and Cottonwood be placed on the agenda tonight. Paul Bauer seconded it.

Paul Bauer: This type of program not suited to residential use and has not been tested yet.

Heather Ireland: This project was approved by Planning and Zoning.

Bob Williams: Asked about the law that governs this project; it is state or federal.

Pete Mjos: Federal law governs services to special populations; the Americans for Disabilities Act protects persons with disabilities.

Question: Do we need to discuss this tonight when the representative is not here? Proposed that we discuss it at the next meeting when the representative can be here.

Bob Williams moved that we asked the assembly members to postpone action on the CCRC’s until we have had further discussion on the issue. Jim Wright seconded.

Discussion: Mel recommended that people could read about the issue and make recommendations to the assembly.

Vote: 9 in favor, 10 opposed.

Question: re: the APD report? We had break-ins into cars and teenagers harassing people and dogs on Halloween. A resident said that a drunk tried to get into his garage tonight. Another resident said that cars had been rifled/broken into. Paul Bauer said that he started a neighborhood watch in College Village about 15 years ago and would be willing to assist again.

C. Title 21 Rewrite – Heather stated that the P & Z hearings closed last week. It will come before the assembly after P & Z makes their recommendations. The municipality is rewriting the zoning codes, now is the time to make comments. Bob Williams mentioned that residents can attend the meeting of the working group of assembly members who are working on Title 21.

D. UAA Sports Complex Planning (information at www.goseawolves.com) - PP presentation. Athletic Center or the Sports Complex. Seawolf athletics – will not only be for athletics will be for other activities, such as graduation - 15,000 students. Fairbanks has six regulation basketball courts. Site studies have not been done yet. What we need has not been determined. No indoor track in the drawings. The project will be green, the university values being a good neighbor.

Question: What is the total cost of the project?

UAA: We don't know yet – we don't know what we need.

Bob Williams: Why does Fairbanks have six basketball courts and UAA has none. Are you going to try to build this facility large enough to accommodate football?

UAA: No, only basketball, concerts.

Jim Wright: how are you fixed for swimming pools?

UAA: Our pool was improved a few years ago. This new complex may include a new pool. The existing facility will still be used.

Rich Gingras: Will this facility attract new students?

UAA: Yes. Student enrollment will increase between 12-15%. Physical education and recreation opportunities will increase, intramurals, wellness programs for faculty and staff and men and women's soccer. See website: www.seawolves.com

Question: How many are full-time students?

UAA: About 6,000. It is increasing; space for 1,000 on campus. Waiting list is long – in excess of 100.

Pete Mjos: Question re: partnering with the municipality on the Sullivan. What about the new dome?

UAA: We signed a contract with the dome. It is now totally booked up. This discussion re: Sullivan is now stalled. I can't tell you where it is now. It stalled for one reason – Sullivan has \$20 million in deferred maintenance; horrendous parking situation.

Tom Obermeier: stated that UAA should focus on academic programs, i.e. nursing, medical school, dental school, law school.

UAA: New nursing facility is the top priority now. We have to fix the academic things; we need to meet the needs of the people we serve.

Robert Churchill: How many square feet are you proposing?

Bob Williams: Residents can use the existing center now.

Pete Mjos: Asked about the Bragaw Extension; do APU and UAA share this now?

UAA: There is a problem with the Bragaw Extension: there is not agreement. Some want a four lane; others want a winding road. There is not an official university position on the Bragaw Extension.

Heather: There is money to conduct a study. What is different about your request this year?

UAA: Last year, we were caught in the political crossfire. We are going to educate people more about the need.

Heather: Asked about the parking garage.

UAA: Science Bldg going forward; parking garage planned.

Robert Churchill: How can we support sports complex?

Question: Is there any more information about the planning process?

UAA: We need more money to continue planning. We are only in the beginning stages. We want to hear from responsible people. We want to be good neighbors.

Bob Williams: What profits do you get from events, concessions, parking?

UAA: We get nothing.

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