

**Rogers Park Community Council Minutes
February 11, 2013**

- I. Call to Order: Janet Bidwell, President**
- II. Review and Approval of meeting minutes: December 10, 2012 and January 14, 2013**

December Minutes Moved: Bob Churchill, Second: Marilyn

January Minutes Moved: Bob Churchill, Second: Tam Agosti-Gisler

- III. APD report of criminal activities in and around our neighborhood.**

No one present for a report because of staffing issues.

- IV. IV. Assembly Reports: Our Municipal Assembly Team: Elvi Gray-Jackson**

Title 21 testimony closed, work sessions on amendments now.

Traini ordinance allow bars to stay open until 5:30am, drink service still ends at the same time, but bars will remain open so patrons can trickle out, eat food, allow them time to get home. Flynn has his own ordinance.

Alley committee, met with Jerry Weaver, to make alley undergrounding a priority. Conclusion – Traini will work with muni atty. to draft an ordinance. When it's ready, will have another meeting prior to going to assembly for introduction and action

Latest news: ordinance by Hall/Johnson to revise Labor Relations code. This is really bad, does more harm than good. Some things are good things but they are just tearing the ordinance apart, disrespectful to our muni employees, forgetting that they pay taxes, contribute to the economy too. Work session on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Next Assembly mtg on the 12th.

Question: re: ordinance for single member districts, did it make it?

Answer: not that they are aware of. Deadline was Friday.

Question: Concerns expressed that a progressive assembly member was replaced by very conservative one and now a lot of destructive measures are coming through. Ballots were secret, seems unseemly.

Answer: Yes, it does seem that way – mayor is not behaving well, respecting process. Elvi also noted that the ballots are public now.

Elvi & Dick did not vote for the person who took the seat.

Traini Report: Discussed his ordinance, it will be going to public safety committee. Gives people time to sober up or get food rather than shove people out into the street. This gives them time to get a taxi home. Ossiander also bringing a measure forward to

Labor thing is interesting, came out at 4:30 on Friday, no one had heard of it except a member of the media who got a leaked copy a week in advance. Want to introduce it tomorrow, work session on Friday, pass on the 26th. That is not how you do labor negotiations, you do it fairly. You don't preload the game by changing the rules. This gets rid of binding arbitration. Removes half of police from union. You can't have work stoppages or strikes, mayor gets to do determinations.

Traini working on an amendment to ensure that no assembly person would be able to bid on City work in the future. Because this is really outsourcing public services. It's always cheaper the first year or two, then prices skyrocket. This will make them

Alley ordinance important. We need to fix up the alleys, appreciate everyone being involved in this process.

V. Legislative Reports:

Our Legislative team includes: Representative Andrew L. Josephson (Dist. 15); Representative Harriet A. Drummond (Dist. 16) and Senator Berta Gardner (Dist. H)

Meagan w. Rep. Josephson's office

They are still looking at capital budget requests. Have all the requests in from schools/muni's. Have had a lot of good feedback on increased lighting on Jarvis.

Big news is oil & gas taxes. House/Senate Democrats offered their own bill to deal with getting more oil in the pipeline. Last week a big push for increasing the base student allocation.

That is just a quick wrap up.

VI. Presentation, Discussion and Updates; as follows:

A. UMED Comprehensive District Plan Report: Kristine Bunnell, With MOA, Long Range Planning Dept.

Took awhile to get RFP out, make selection – just now have selected a consultant and signed a contract so that a notice to proceed can be issued.

Have a team of consultants, three from California, three local. The whole team will be together the last week of March. Will hold focus groups and an open house on March 28th. Please come out tell us what you think should happen in the U-Med district plan. If any of you want to meet with us outside of the open house, let me know.

There are a couple components. The plan is one, parking study is another, then co-generation feasibility study (ex. electrical power plant at Providence, could generate heat, and that could warm the hospital)

It's a district energy plan. Lots of requirements for energy in the area. Can save money co-generation plant located in the buildings. Can potentially hook into the grid, give power back to ML&P. Gas operated only one under consideration.

Questions: Draft scope of work we had in April- how can we get a new scope of work?

Ans: As soon as contract is signed, can make it public. Really tightened up requirements. She will send

Question: Who are local subcontractors?

Ans: Kittleson , RSA Engineering,

Question Will there be a technical advisory committee made up of local community council reps?

Ans: Yes, did not anticipate having two of them, but we would like to have a rep. from here. Just communicating with Janet now.

Question: Does a district plan like this have any teeth of any sort? Is it binding on anyone? Ex. UAA master plan

Ans: UAA master plan has teeth, because it allows them to develop in the best way forward and get funding for what they want to do. The district plan has teeth, in that it will guide development. The strip mall on Tudor – may come out and say its better to have another kind of development there. Of course, up to landowners to determine if they want to do that kind of development. Not like Muni code, where we tell the developers yes/no because of code.

Clarification: It is advisory, not binding. Answer: Yes.

Question: So concept not co-generation between existing generation of PProv/APU/Etc., an entirely new facility?

Ans: no, looking at what's out there right now, how we can expand on capabilities right now. Will be using consultant with AK experience.

What do we have? What is potential? What are limits? How do we make it happen? Might not need to build additional plants, maybe can be located within the buildings.

Question: When will committee be set up?

Answer: Not until end of March

Question: Is the committee just for that last week?

Answer: No. Will be ongoing for awhile. Make sure you're committed if you sign up.

B. UAA Public Facility Site Plan Review: Michelle Ritter, DOWL HKM

Director of Facilities, UAA

John Fonce, Director of Facilities, UAA

John Hanson,

Lonnie Mansel,

Paul, Michelle, Tonya and Gary – all consultants working on this plan.

Building a new building – three pieces. Gave PPT.

Site Plan Review for proposed new UAA School of Engineering and Industry Building and parking garage.

- 1) construction of a new four-story, 81,500 gross square feet Engineering and Industry Building located on Providence Drive, in the UAA South Parking lot;
- 2) renovation of the existing three story, 40,000 gsf School of Engineering Building; and,
- 3) construction of a multi-story structured parking facility with approximately 485 parking spaces. (required to add parking with new construction)

Future phases – planning for pedestrian sky bridge, connection to spine.

Labs designed to be flexible, movable, collaborative spaces.

Parking garage – also four levels. Will connect to old engineering building. Looked at a bunch of different locations for the parking garage, and this one met our criteria. Looked at sites all around the campus, this one came out as most desired, based on access and egress, soil conditions and compliance with master plan.

If it had to be a surface lot, studied footprint, would be much larger, not really interested in that, trying to preserve space for future academic buildings.

Master plan is looking at some of the things we can do to improve circulation, want to use the road network in existence, minimize cross-campus circulation. Old building will get same siding as new building, will be repurposed, still used by Engineering Dept. This is done sequentially. Will be two years in construction.

Intersection at Mallard will be straightened out, traffic patterns redone. At intersection, federal funding for intersection improvements to more quickly flush the intersection. Total project \$120 million. Expect more funding from Legislature this year.

Questions: You talked about undergrounding at parking structure? How many floors?

Ans: one floor below road grade, daylight, not really underground.

Question: What is happening to president's house?

Ans: That's a private property, not university

Question: Have you investigated possibility of adding additional staff parking by library social sciences? Huge disproportion in use of parking lots over there, many accidents.

Ans: yes, further from campus, easier it is to park. Want close to Mostly rates are the same, some spaces are a premium.

Question: Thought that staff structure was all premium?

Ans: no, two floors

Question: Engineering building, will be on frontage of Providence drive?

Ans: Yes.

Question: So, when building was planned, left adequate roadway for Prov to be extended to six lanes, if/when needed?

Ans: There is an existing right of way, we are off set of right of way.

Question: Enough for another lane?

Ans: Yes, probably, but don't hope to have that type of transportation in the middle of the district.

Question: All the money in the parking structure, why not just do more floors? Solve future parking problems too.

Answer: Great concept but we have some level restrictions, really does increase costs with new requirements.

Question: How many spaces lost in first year of construction?

Ans: 236

Question re: pedestrian safety/planning for traffic.

Answer: Design of the garage is to not encourage pedestrian traffic along UAA drive. Get on the shuttle or go to new building.

Question: what parking will still exist at UAA/Wells Fargo?

Answer – still will be spaces at Wells Fargo to the

Question: Toys for structural engineers? Shake tables, etc.

Ans: Yes – will be lots of toys.

Question: Parking agreement with Prov for new sports center? Any thought to using that?

Ans: Agreement now is for SE tower, closest to wellness/sports center, that is only at night when Prov has lower traffic. Haven't had that discussion, probably need to. This parking is not part of discussion.

Question: AT least three engineering facilities on campus – Conoco Phillips, ANSEP, existing facility. How will this complement them?

Ans: Conoco is really science and research. Engineers do some of those things, study there. ANSEP, not just engineers but all A/N science and engineering, more for tutorials, student learning, programs, lab prep, etc. but not classes. Most engineering programs have 40/ft per engineering student. We won't get there, but allow them

Question: Will building be expandable, or is it fixed?

Ans: Not designed to go up – it is designed to go north or east.

Question: Always struck by the fact that Campus is virtually vacant on Fridays, brings up on question of efficiencies. Building more facilities, when campus only operates four days out of seven. As a tax payer....if facilities aren't being used to full extent

Answer: Much of what is in here is facility space, labs, etc. not duplicating anything that already exists on campus like class/lecture space.

Question: Looking at a copy of 2009 UAA Facilities Master Plan Map – 2009-18 plan did encourage engineering building, but didn't include parking other than sports center, health building. When this plan was written, where was parking going to be? Also, see another building proposed for Honors college- where is parking for that going to be?

Ans: Great questions. Master plan is a guide, what we aspire to. It's currently being rewritten. Parking usually comes along with buildings, not something we

can afford to do on its own. Not something legislature will fund outright. So that's why you don't see building footprint. Future master plan will look at campus, organized by buildable zones across campus. 09 Master Plan spoke to moving parking out of center of campus. Can't afford to build lot big enough to

Question: Parking agreement with providence only for special events. What is being done as far as parking at Prov by students, who are essentially getting a freebie?

Answer: nothing being done by UAA facilities, in the bigger picture that may be something we address, parking in the U-Med district.

Comment: Say Master Plan, parking on outskirts, so main core set aside for instructional buildings. Anchorage is pretty spoiled in that. Other campuses you might have to take a shuttle two miles.

Question: What parts of structure by library are just yellow permit?

Ans: Ground floor, and sometimes the roof. Intermediate floors are platinum.

Question: Do you expect that the Muni will require a light at Mallard?

Ans: It's our preferred alternative, but Muni is adamantly opposed to a light. Moving street 300 feet, should help out with some of the internal movements. State project will include double left turn late from No.Lights into UAA. Double lane will continue direct to Mallard, as a right only for garage entry.

How to best contact them – 786-1110 is his office.

C. Alley Committee Update: Iris Mathews

Brief update – making good progress, Elvi & Dick doing well. Paul Alcantar very happy.

Paul Honeman – also spoke to the importance of the alley paving. Will be lobbying in Juneau for the alley paving money.

VII. Head Count of Members for the record: show of hands

15 members

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Forrest \$170.90

Janet – will be asking FCC for conferencing equipment. Hopefully won't take too long.

IX. Federation of Community Council Update from FCC Rep Bob Churchill

Dick Tremaine is now the vice chair. FCC had a report from school board. Looking at moving from middle school to jr, high model, will reduce class offerings, reduce staff size. Also had a presentation on Remembrance Park – where Sat. Market is, championed by Robert Halcro. Will be developing thing, looks complicated, they're working with DOWL. Community patrol still an issue in terms of liability and funding.

FCC website, no idea if it will ever become a reality.

X. Public Comments

Paul Honeman, Anchorage Assembly – still continuing title 21, public hearing process closed unless you own I-1 and I-2 properties. Beyond that, still welcome to send email suggestions. Only 900 pages long, this is important, how we are going to develop/redevelop Anchorage.

Other thing is that we are doing govt. hill master plan. This is controversial, essentially planning for what community might look like if KABATA happens.

Last Friday, ordinance introduced to amend 3.70. Worked well for all past mayors, including republicans. Process doesn't look fair, collective bargaining tenets are good faith and fair play. Stand by, should be lots of controversy. We are entering bargaining on March 1, if we don't have any changes by then, will

Also, he is Chair of Scenic Hills foot patrol. Sometimes he carries, sometimes he doesn't. He is former law enforcement, has right to. When he is carrying you won't know. What he is being told, more control FCC tries to exert, they are assuming the liability, instead of passing along, then only thing they are doing is acting as a funnel of the state funds.

Bob – agreed, we have been discussing how to get out of the loop of that funding, and get it to them directly.

Question to Paul: Stand your ground bill in Juneau now – how does that enter into mix of concerns?

Ans: It basically says, on property you own, you or your agent can use deadly force, w/out duty to retreat. Stand your ground laws, says there is no duty to retreat in any situation/any place. Stand your ground kind of already exists, in DA discretion. Not a good thing, he thinks personally - Muni can't rewrite, make law stricter. Anyone could carry a concealed weapon.

Concealed carry class was very insightful, many people have grown up hunting, not familiar with side arms.

Comment: With CCW if want to have sidearm

Question: chronically plagued Port got \$50 million, mayor seems to be big supporter. What is current status?

Ans: Last thing we had was exec session, suffice it to say not a secret, we're looking for who to sue. He suspects, a rep of the Muni had heavy influence on some of the decisions made, at the expense of quality assurance.

Open sheet pile design has worked other places, including port makenzie. Not sure why not working here. Fault line, higher you go b/c of silt in inlet – still looking at project scoping through corps of engineers, should be hearing sometime soon.

Scott Davis gave a cell tower update:

They lost on the appeal, it was unanimous decision. Haven't entirely given up, felt like it might have had some ethical violations. One commissioner has 6 towers on his property, was very active and did not recuse himself.

Did not look at dumpster requirements, which would take up more parking spaces. Have three spaces left over, no room for snow storage – means 72 hour removal – how will that be enforced? Atlas tower did another plot plan, never circulated, that was presented at meeting, and approved. Made changes, uses written agreement between Don Jose's and previous owner, re: no fence will happen. Have already spent \$1200.

First road is ethics – then we'll see what happens. The whole meeting was very pro-Atlas.

Roger El Conin - Public Comment, Rogers Park School:

Community should know what direction our school is going in. Carol Comeau sent him some data – school divided into neighborhood school/gifted school. The neighborhood school is one of the worst performing in the district but the school report cards show the two combined. The neighborhood school is shrinking quickly – shrank by 20%, gifted program grew by 50%. Traffic is an issue, b/c gifted kids are driven in. PTA is run at pleasure of principal. Has been given advice to have a community discussion about the health of the school. There is no real forum for that now...

Wants to know if there is interest in having a deeper discussion about that. General consensus that there is – lets have the numbers in advance, put it on the agenda for March.

Example: 08/09 - science proficient is 65%, 2010/11 – 31% proficient.

Question: When gathering statistics – really important to see about boundary exemptions. How many neighborhood kids are not going to their schools?

Answer: There is a reason why they're going elsewhere.

Comment: There is a statistic that we're not getting, b/c of the reputation that we have as a good school, lots of kids phony their way in with grandma's address, etc.

Tam and Natasha have been the first school board members to talk to him, for a full hour so there is some hope.

Tam comment – have to ask for current info, b/c new strategy is for assessment on much more regular basis, dramatic changes happening with new Superintendent. There have been a lot of changes since July 1, and will continue to be many more. She has been asking for more transparency with all schools that have disaggregated populations. It is happening all over the district.

Mjos – response to opinion on funding?

Ans: We are having a hard time, forced to pass a budget prior to legislative session, then we get some more \$\$, last year flat funded cut \$21 million, all indicators are that there will be nothing, \$25 million this year, next year more – just basic increased costs that aren't controlled, medical, retirement, energy, etc. Looking at some lean years unless some political willpower exists. Would like

inflation proofing BSA, forward funding education – there are bills for both of those.

Because of state bill that says if muni gives more, state will give less, makes us completely dependent on state funding. Federal \$\$ is drying up.

Comment: Maybe also need to invite someone from administration just so we have a balanced perspective.

Scott Davis, Curling Club

Anchorage curling club is trying to relocate from Govt Hill and they are looking for some help to move over to Goose Lake. Multi-use facility.

Adjourned 9:02 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Next RPCC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013