

UACC Minutes
University Area Community Council (UACC)
January 8, 2014

1. Opening: Jacob Gondek called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Jacob next had people in the room introduce themselves. Twenty-nine people signed the meeting sign in sheet and attended part or all part of the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes: The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to modify the Agenda to add Pastor George and Susan Klein to the informational reports section. The Agenda was approved with these modifications.

4. Informational Reports

A. Reports from Public Servants

- a. Elvi Gray-Jackson - Elvi reported on several items which can be found in her report found within Enclosure 1.
- b. Dick Traini reported on several items:
 - Reported on the status of the ethics board deliberations. The ordinance proposed by Chris Birch would take away decision power of the ethics board.
 - He mentioned the Community Council By-Laws update will have a vote for approval in January. If passed the Community Councils would have several months to come into compliance. Major points would be that members need to be 16, rather than 18, to be an official member of the community council. Also, dues would not be required to be part of the Councils as is currently the case in some Community Councils.
- c. Ted Madsen for Max Gruenberg reported on several items
 - Max is leaving for Juneau on January 16th
 - He can be reached at his interim Anchorage Office at 269-0123
 - He can be reached in session at 907-465-4940
- d. Andy Josephson- Andy reported on several items he has been involved in:
 - Andy reported on a meeting with Larry Persily (Federal Coordinator for an Alaska North Slope natural gas pipeline), on the economics of a large diameter versus small diameter gas pipeline.
 - He described several labor related bills that may come up before the legislature this session.
 - Reported that that a Criminal Penalties reform bill would be a priority for the legislature. The bill would focus on reducing prison time for non-violent crimes, such as possession of heroin or other drugs. Focus would be on other forms of treatment, to reduce recurrence, while decreasing the overcrowded situation in prison and overall budget.
- e. Bill Wielechowski- provided information on these several topics:

- Bill reported there would be a major realignment of Army forces at JBER. There would be a reduction in 780 soldiers at JBER, but an increase in 450 soldiers at Fort Wainright in the North Pole area.
 - Bill mentioned that the next two years State budgets are projected to be running major deficits of 2 to 3 billion dollars and will have to dip deeply into the constitutional Budget Reserve. He mentioned that the AK Pipeline flow is projected to go down to 315,000 barrels in ten years, despite claims of the new tax structure increasing the amount of oil in the pipeline. He said that the situation is so bad it may require taking 6 billion out of the \$17 billion reserve in the next 1 ½ years. He mentioned a legislative task force will be formed to make recommendations on where to slash the budget. Education has been mentioned as an area that might be reduced. The Capital projects budget may be the “easiest” to cut back. The PERS and TERS retirement accounts are also in a 10 to 11 billion deficit, but by making contributions now to pay down the account, 1 to 2 billion future dollars could be saved by reducing interest payments. He also mentioned that prison correction reform would be a way to save future dollars.
- f. Berta Gardner- reported on several items
- There will be a constituents meeting on March 1 at Stellar Middle School
 - She reported on a national two day meeting to be held to look at state standards for school classrooms. The Alaska standards have not been changed in 20 years. Alaska has AK academic standards which include common core standards that students need to master, but no curriculum standards. There would be no Federal national standards proposed at the meeting. The idea is to raise Alaska standards and in a culturally appropriate way. She has visited all schools in her District for input. On her internet link Berta will provide a link to explain the process.

B. Community Council Reports

1. Christine George UMED District Plan

Reported there would be an open house from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on Thursday January 16th at the Community Development Training Room, 4700 Elmore Road for the information on the draft UMED District Plan. The format would include presentation of the vision and goals from the final draft. There will also be a series of information boards which provide more specific information on various phases of the plan. They will take ideas for implementation of the plan at the meeting. A flyer was passed out to provide further information.

2. Al Mispagh - Safety committee

- a. Reported that spice/synthetic drugs are becoming a problem in anchorage. Current ordinance now requires a specific identification of the drug for the drug to be illegal. The chemists just change the drug to get around the question of legality. City is suggesting an ordinance that talks about a general category for being able to regulate the legality of the drug.

- b. One can go online to the APD interactive website to check on various types of crimes and the vicinity of occurrence.
<http://www.muni.org/departments/police/stats/Pages/default.aspx>
- c. There is a planned Mass Causality Emergency Management excise in March.
- d. Al reported there is a new ambulance in mid-town which should speed up emergency services
- e. Al reported that CSO can now only do administrative work. Since they used to be able to do other hands on policing activities, this may put more of a burden on uniformed police because the CSO's are not certified by the Alaska Police officers Standards Association. The assembly is looking at establishing an ordinance to allow CSO's to issue tickets in a limited capacity.
- f. Al suggested that people be prepared for winter by a preparing safety package for their vehicles, which should include at coat, blanket, traction material as well as other items.
- g. Lt. Beckner was presented a certificate of appreciation thanking UACC Police for their work.

C. FCC Representative – Al Mispagh reported on the results of the FCC meeting

- a. The FCC discussed the 2014 ASD priorities list.
- b. The FCC discussed the latest budget proposal for funding the FCC
- c. The FCC Facebook site is being updated. Photos for UACC activities should be forwarded to Al so he can pass on to the FCC to be included in the Facebook page update.
- d. The FCC website will change in the near future. When change is completed, Al request that comments on how to improve the page be sent to him so he can forward them on to the FCC Executive Director for consideration.

D. Pastor George – University Baptist Church

Pastor George introduced himself to the University Area Community council. He asked the question on how his Church can better serve the community. The Council expressed their thanks for providing the valuable service of providing the meeting space for our meetings.

E. Susan Klein

Susan Klein reported on the passing of Betty Adkinsen long time member of the UACC, Past President, and UACC representative to the FCC.

5. Business

A. UAA Police Department Report – Lieutenant Beckner

Lt. Beckner reported that the UAAPD has 16 members, averaging 15 years of experience. There are 2 to 3 officers on duty at any one time. Their primary mission is to promote safety on the UAA campus. Individual officers are assigned to individual dorms. They work interactively with students on educating them on safety and law enforcement issues. They also assist the APD within the UMED area. The APD also backs up the UAAPD when necessary. They have an active training program with the APD. The UAAPD also maintains a website, which includes crime statistics. He stated that members of the council may also sign up for email updates from UAAPD. Lt. Beckner also indicated that they would like for UACC residents

to talk with them if there are problems that they know about. They can be reached at phone number 786-1143, or at their office in the Eugene Short Hall.

The firearms policy on campus was discussed. The UAA Board of Regents sets the authority for allowance of concealed carry of weapons. Firearms for students are restricted. The firearms are stored in a central locked locker. Students must call UAAPD to check out the firearms. The University has a lock down program in case of firearm or explosives crisis. The Campus is locked down and students and faculty are to shelter in place,. Every class room has a phone for communication.

B. Little Bear Bluff Subdivision -S4Group - Tom Rierdon

Tom presented a request for re-plat of the Little Bear Bluff Sub Division Tract 1 with an Easement and ROW Vocation. This includes about two acres east of Boniface Drive and south of Reflection Drive. A map and document of the request was provided to the UACC. The proposal would combine 5 lots into one and allow for the building of about 26 new townhouses. The R2M zoning would remain the same. No concerns were expressed by council members at this time, but this is the first time that the UACC members have been presented the proposal. Tom Rierdon requested that the UACC pass a resolution to approve the re-plat before the February 5 date before the MOA Planning Board. Russ Kell, UACC EX Com member at large opposed passing such a resolution at this time due to the lack of sufficient information to make an informed decision. The rest of the UACC committee agreed that we lacked sufficient information to pass such a resolution at this time. President Gondak suggested that further research will be done and will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting planned for mid-January.

C. King Career Center- Art Selection Committee- Al Mispagh presented the need for a member of the UACC to be on said committee. He requested a volunteer from the UACC members present to serve on the board. He got a negative reply. He suggested that Barbara Garner would make a good representative. She initially declined but said she might re-consider. Al will email Barbara or any other member (contact him) with more details about the committee assignment.

D. Northern Access Update –

Paul Stang passed around a December 2013 Update for the Northern Access to U-Med District briefing paper. The DOT&PF will not ask for additional funds beyond the \$20 million already budgeted, though they admit that if the road is built to standard asked for by stakeholders it could cost over \$40 million. To get to the budgeted amount may require reducing the scope of the project; examples included were going to a two lane road, or reduction in amenity infrastructure such as pedestrian crossings. The Steering Committee will select an alternative in January. Public meetings will be in mid-February.

Discussion was also held about whether to support resolutions from the Rogers Park and Airport Heights Community councils that request that an independent study be completed on the traffic impact on Bragaw Street, from building the Elmore road connection alternative of the Northern Access road. A resolution to support the resolutions from the Airport Heights and Rogers Park Community Councils was unanimously passed by the UACC members present.

E. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on February 5th at 7 PM at the Baptist Church at Tudor and Wright.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:51 PM.

*Elvi Grey Jackson University Community Council – Assembly Report
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- *Tennis Court Issue – Two proposals were on the floor – one to accept \$4M and set it aside for planning, design, and site selection for a tennis court/multi-purpose facility. Second proposal was to approve \$7.5M for facility. Both proposals failed and the Mayor laid a new proposal on the table at the end of the meeting to appropriate \$7.2 for the facility and 3.3 for improvements to the Sullivan Arena. At the December 17th meeting, a compromise was approved – Tennis Facility received \$4.4M, Sullivan Arena - \$3.8M – Ben Boeke \$1.1M – Dempsey Anderson - \$520K. This appropriation is in addition to the \$26M already approved for these facilities and other Project 80's facilities – does not include the Library.*
- *Mr. Birch intended to bring forward an ordinance to move the April election to November. The Ethics Board reviewed the ordinance and opined it would be a conflict of interest to all Assembly Members to even vote on such an ordinance based on extension of the current term length and potential receipt of \$20,000 in additional compensation. At the December 17th meeting, Mr. Birch introduced an ordinance that moves the election date to November and includes an attempt to avoid the opinion of the Ethics Board. Currently, the effective date of the ordinance has been left blank. The ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Elections and Ethics Committee attended by the Ethics Board who continue to have concerns. The public hearing will be held January 14th.*
- *Assemblymembers Gray-Jackson, Traini, and Steele introduced an ordinance to require a vote of the people in order to change the election date. Public hearing will be scheduled for January 14th.*
- *At the December 17th Assembly meeting, the ASD School Bond proposal passed unanimously.*
- *Rules Committee met and determined which recommendations from the Citizens' Task Force on Public Hearings could be codified and which would be implemented through policy. The Assembly's attorney has drafted a Code change which will be introduced at the January 14th meeting and public hearing will be held at the January 28th meeting after the Rules Committee meets with the Task Force to review the proposed ordinance changes. A copy of the ordinance can be found on line at www.muni.org.*
- *Legislative Program was amended and approved at the December 17th meeting. You can find it online at www.muni.org.*
- *The Anchorage Caucus has scheduled a Public Hearing on Saturday, January 11th from 9:00 – 12:00 in the Assembly Chambers.*

Next Meeting – January 14th