

UACC MINUTES
December 2, 2015 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Jacob Gondek at 7:06 pm.

MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT: There were 10 members and 6 visitors signed in and present at the start of the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS: Jacob asked each individual to state their name and their address. The president of the Scenic Foothills Community Council (SFCC) was present and gave a sort presentation on the need for a survey on the status of the section of land east of Boniface up to Baxter and between Tudor and Northern Lights. The survey would focus on whether the area should remain with the UACC or should go to the SFCC. The discussion centered on how residents of this area, who rarely attend our UACC meetings, would be best served. Jacob felt that the area should remain within the UACC, as it represents a significant residential block that helps balance the residential versus institutional makeup of our Council. General consensus was that a survey might be appropriate. The SFCC President said that their council meets the first Thursday of the month, but in December it would be held the second Thursday and there will be a social after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES: The October 7, 2015 minutes were presented. A motion was made to table the approval of the minutes until the end of the meeting to give people a better chance to review. A second motion was made near the end of the meeting by Al Milspaugh seconded by Russ Kell to approve the minutes. The motion was approved 8 for 0 against.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: An amendment to the agenda was presented by Jacob Gondek. He proposed adding a request by Tina Walsh for the UACC to prepare a resolution requesting that a traffic study be done on Piper Street. A motion was made by Steve Zemke and seconded by Al Milspaugh to add this item to the agenda under 5. Business item A.2. This motion and amended agenda was approved by vote of 8 for and 0 against.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Reports from Elected & MOA Department Officials:

1. Elvi Gray-Jackson gave a report on her current activities with the MOA Assembly. This report can be found within Appendix A at the end of the minutes.

2. Dick Traini reported on a couple of other items addressed by the Assembly.

Dick reported that Ernie Hall was working on a Resolution that would allow for voting by mail for the 2017 elections. Discussion centered around how voting through the internet might be more efficient, and the probability of fraud occurring with either system. Dick mentioned that mail in systems would be less prone to fraud, and that a “franked” envelope might have to be provided. Dick said that the mail system could significantly increase voter turnout.

Dick also mentioned that the Waldon Lake parcel is nearing transfer to becoming city property. The documents just need to be signed and the parcel will become permanent park land.

3. Andy Josephson reported on the Tran Canada buyout. He mentioned that it was thoroughly vetted and that all 60 members of the legislature approved of the buyout. He said that he supports some form of a gas pipeline. The project would include a gas treatment plant to remove CO₂, the pipeline, and a liquefaction plant. The overall yearly return on the investment is variable, but with all partners involved the maximum would be about 3 billion dollars a year. He said that on December 4th the big three will meet with the AK Gasline Development Corporation to decide on whether to move ahead with the project. Andy feels that they will decide to vote to move ahead. Andy discussed the ISER study that reported that 4.5 billion is a sustainable budget. This year with the crash of the oil prices, the 2.5 billion is available from revenue. There was discussion on what might be cut from the budget. Examples cited were the Kodiak rocket launch facility, the Mat-Su slaughterhouse, and oil tax credits. There was also discussion on how to create efficiencies to reduce budgets. Andy's example was how the current 4 school districts on Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska, which serve only a few thousand children could be combined to one; thereby, greatly reducing administrative staff. However this is done, it must be done smartly as to not greatly damage the Alaskan economy.

4. Bill Wielechowski - Bill discussed the state wide solar energy program. He indicated that there is 5 to 20 million dollars available statewide. Our area may be available for 5 hundred thousand. Bill also described his take on the oil tax credits. He felt there was considerable, up to 742 million available by eliminating the tax credits to oil refineries. He also felt the Commercial Fishing Entry Commission was an inefficient organization, and could be eliminated. He also felt that the Tax Credit Working Group should look at the 1) refundable, 500M tax credits to small corporations, and 2) the deductible credits to large corporations. These deductible credits amount to 1.35 Billion in 2016 and 1.21 Billion in 2017.

5. Ted Madsen for Max Gruenberg reported that Max is working on legislation that would look at suspending contracts or allowing cancellation of contracts with no cancellation fees for service members that are deployed overseas. Other work involves changing rights for custody and visitation when service members are

deployed. Ted mentioned finally, that Max is working on legislation that would allow vehicle title to go directly to next of kin following a person passing.

B. UACC Committee, AdHoc, and FCC Delegate Reports:

1. Safety - Al Milsapugh reported on the following items:

- a. Between July and November AFD with other first responders have responded to 843 incidence, with 678 being spice related.
- b. Don't forget to always have your emergency gear in your vehicle, especially during inclement weather.

2. Federation of Community Councils Report (FCC)- Al Milspaugh

- a. Mayor Berkowitz has a Homelessness Action Plan which includes; Housing, Resources, Employment, and Measured Outcomes. For further information contact the Major's office.

3. Parks and Recreation - Barbara Garner reported on the following:

Activities within Folker Park. The large crane boom, but not the motor, has been removed from the park, only after she filed a complaint to the city. She also mentioned that the lot north of the park has still not been improved to reduce the incidence of illegal “camping”.

4. AdHoc -University Lake Master Plan- Steve Zemke reported the following:

A conceptual University Lake Master Plan had been developed by the Working Group in November. Steve Rafuse, MOA Parks and Rec, will present this Plan to the UACC during the January Meeting.

BUSINESS:

A.1 UMED District Plan and Northern Access Update – Kristine Bunnell

Kristine described the status of the UMED Plan. She presented background on the planning effort and the outputs for the planning effort, such as the Engineering Study and the Detailed Plan. She said at the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 12th. At the Public Hearing the Commission dealt with comments that the staff didn't agree with, made a decision to use the 2003 Title 21 design standards, deleted the proposed Park and Ride parking lot, did not approve of the Northern Access roadway cross section design as proposed and the Plan should instead adopt the UMED Northern Access design standards. They also considered the approval of off leash dogs in the University Lake area pursuant to decision under the University Lake Master Plan. Kristine appreciated the work of UACC members Paul Stand and Jacob Gondek. She said the next step is to present the Plan to the MOA Assembly during their December 17 work session at 2 PM. The MOA Assembly will have a public hearing on the plan in early 2016. She passed out a Brochure that provides a synopsis of the Plan.

A.2. Discussion on preparing a Resolution Requesting a Traffic Calming measures for Piper Street – Tina Welsh

Tina introduced herself as a 12 year resident of the area. She indicated she has significant concerns about the speed of the current traffic on Piper Street is a hazard to the residents of the neighborhood. She indicated that the construction of the Providence Health center exacerbated the problems. She provided information on the resolution that requests a traffic calming program be applied to on Piper Street to provide for safety of the local residents. Barbara Garner indicated that there was an older study that was done about 15 years ago. Russ Kell made a motion that the UACC should approve the resolution dealing with traffic on Piper Street. Barbara Garner seconded the motion. The Motion passed 11/0.

B. Seniors Mentors Program- Rural Alaska Community Action Plan (Kathleen McAuliffe)

Kathleen presented the program and said that it is based off the previous Foster Grandparents program. She said that Alaska's high school graduation is less than average, and this program is designed to bring Alaska elders into schools to provide mentor-ship for students. Part of the program would be to bring low income elders into under-served schools. This would give the seniors a stipend of \$200 for 15 hours a month mentoring work. She indicated that there are now about 100 elders in 25 schools. To qualify for the program there would be a background and health check. Mentors will be matched with specific needs of students. There was a question about how people could get in contact with Kathleen if they are interested. She said that information on the program and her contact information is available on the back table.

C. UACC Resolution in Support of Rodgers Park Community Council (RPCC) Opposition to Cell Phone Towers (Resolution 2015-07).

Al Milspaugh gave a background on this resolution. This deals with cell towers on the north side of Northern lights. The RPCC approved a similar resolution 41/0. The resolution needs to be passed before the December MOA Assembly meeting to be effective. There would be a hearing on such an ordinance, if passed, in January. Community Council members felt that it is appropriate to support adjoining community council efforts. Russ Kell made a motion to approve the ordinance, and Al Milspaugh seconded. The motion passed 8/0.

D. UACC Resolution Requesting Modification of AO 20XX (Title 21 Addition of Cannabis) UACC Resolution 2015-06

Al Milspaugh proposed taking on 2015-06 first. If the council takes action on it tonight it can go before the P & Z commission tomorrow. Andy Josephson had a question about whether the UACC can dictate whether 45 days is required. Dick Traini felt that the State establishes the amount of time. Al indicated that the 45 days would just be a recommendation. Russ Kell moved that the council approve the Resolution. Al Milspaugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved 8/0

UACC Resolution 2015-03 was a previously tabled resolution brought up for reconsideration. During discussion some members felt that the resolution is too restrictive. Andy Josephson mentioned the marijuana initiative was passed by the District with 53% support. Some felt the issue will be before the Marijuana Control Board in the future so the resolution may be premature. Several members felt they had no time to review the resolution and attachment. Russ Kell moved that the resolution be tabled again. Barbara Garner seconded. Tabled the resolution passed by a vote of 9 for and none against.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on January 6th. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert K. Milspaugh". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Albert K Milspaugh, UACC Vice President

One Atch: Evi Gray-Jackson Assembly Report

Appendix A

University Community Council Meeting – Assembly Report December 2, 2015

- At the October 27th meeting, the Assembly approved a change to the Tax Cap Calculation which will allow the amount of taxes “*allowed*” for collection as the base for the next year’s calculation instead of the amount of taxes “*actually*” collected. This does not immediately represent a tax increase but allows both the Mayor and the Assembly to determine whether to cut services or increase taxes after input from the citizens. The vote was 7-4.
- Assembly Member Evans is introducing an ordinance at the December 8th meeting to approve a ballot proposition for the April 5th election that would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 14.03(a) to require that the "total amount [of municipal tax] approved by the Assembly for the preceding year" be the total amount of tax approved by the Assembly for collection in the preceding year. Public Hearing will be January 12th, 2016.
- At the November 10th meeting, the Assembly approved the omnibus fines and fees ordinance. Copies can be found on line at www.muni.org.
- At the November 10th meeting, the Assembly approved the enhanced “Spice Ordinance” which provides substantial changes to the penalty section and increases the fine schedule. It also provides a more effective way for law enforcement to address the increase in illicit synthetic drugs in our community. A copy of the ordinance can be found on line at www.muni.org.
- At the November 24th meeting the Assembly approved the 2016 Operating and Capital budgets for the MOA, and a reorganization which established the Economic and Community Development Agency. The reporting departments under this agency are: Development Services, Library, Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Real Estate. Highlights from the General Government Budget follows:
 - Total approved budget - \$480,886,548
 - Debt Service represents - \$56,454,845 of that amount
 - Assembly proposed increase to the Senior Center based on the CPI- \$5,700
 - Assembly proposed increase to Animal Care and Control for one additional officer and other contractual costs.
 - Two regular Police Academies and one additional based on recruiting fully trained officers
 - One Fire Academy
- The Marijuana Sales Tax Draft Ordinance will be reviewed by the Assembly Budget/Finance Committee at noon on December 19th in the Assembly Conference Room – City Hall.
- Assembly Member Evans will also be introducing a ballot proposition asking the voters if they want a sales tax.

Next meeting – December 8th
Happy Holidays!!