

UACC MINUTES
January 3, 2018, Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Paul Stang at 7:03 pm.

MEMBERS & VISITORS PRESENT: There were 12 members and 12 visitors signed in.

INTRODUCTIONS: The Chairperson asked each individual to state their name and location or business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES: The December 6, 2017 Minutes as written were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Paul Stang introduced tonight's agenda. He requested that an item relating to information on The Alaska Common Ground Forum presented by Mary Lu Harle be added to the agenda (at Section 4 Information, item D). There was no objection to this addition. Al Milspaugh, with a second by Steve Zemke, moved to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda was passed by unanimous consent.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

REPORTS FROM ELECTED & MOA DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:

1. Representative Ivy Spohnholz: She said to that she will be in Juneau next week. Major issue will be dealing with the \$2.7 B fiscal gap. She mentioned that some form of additional taxes, with the Permanent Fund restructure, is needed to deal with the situation. She feels the Senate leadership is still not willing to deal with this budget reality.
2. Representative Andy Josephson: Andy said that he will be in Juneau by Sunday. He feels since this is an election year it will be difficult to make progress on a long term fiscal solution. He said that the House had passed a fiscal bill but the Senate rejected the proposal. He also mentioned that the Governor has not been helpful by proposing a lot of different potential solutions which does not provide the focus needed to deal with the budget situation. He said he is the Chair of the Natural Resource Committee. The committee is proposing a bill where the users of the State's natural resource would pay the costs incurred by the State government in the permitting and regulation process. He also mentioned that Megan Hollen, who is a UAA grad, will be on his Staff.
3. Nathaniel Grabman for Senator Berta Gardner: Nathaniel mentioned that Berta will also be working to try to come up with ways to balance the State budget. He indicated that Berta will file bills that deal with 1). Termination of parental rights in the case of rape, and 2) raising the minimum age for marriage to 18 years of

age, from the current law that allows 14 year olds with a judges consent to marry and 16 year olds with parental consent to marry.

4. Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar: Forrest mentioned that there will be an Assembly meeting next week dealing with the proposal for water line construction to the Powder Ridge Subdivision in Eagle River. He also said that the Municipality is looking at the possibility that the city may prosecute felonies, rather than the current situation where State and Federal have sole jurisdiction. While focusing on public safety this could result in considerable expense and require the city to hire criminal attorneys. He mentioned that the city will be enforcing no open campfires on municipal lands and will be committing to cleaning up the garbage associated with homeless camps. He said the city cleaned up 172 tons of garbage this last year. Forest described the potential sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric. The city first looked at a potential merger, but found that not to be feasible. So the city solicited bids for the sale of ML&P. Chugach was the high bid. This is good since the city wants to maintain local control and so will work up a ballot initiative for the April election. The result will be a more efficient organization. There will be no layoff for 2 years. Attrition should provide most of the reduction in force. There should be a shift in power generation to the more efficient newly constructed power plants. The Beluga gas purchased through ML&P rates should also be reconciled for those customers. There is a forecast in eventual reduction in the gas rates with the sale.
5. Assembly Member Pete Peterson: Pete discussed the Bond propositions on the April ballot. He mentioned that ASD will have \$50 M proposition, but will actually retire more debt than that. He indicated that there will be Bond proposal for \$1.4 M in Capital Projects, \$4.9 million in Public Safety, \$33.8 million in Roads and Drainage, and \$3.6 M in Parks and Recreation. A question was raised about whether the 42nd Avenue design project was in the Road and Drainage package. Pete said he was unsure and would check into that. He mentioned that a University Lake Parks project was in the Parks and Rec proposal.
6. School Board member Kathleen Plunkett: Kathleen said that the Anchorage School District has held the line on the upcoming budget. She said the latest school bond will be \$50.4 million, which is less than the bond debt that is being retired. This will go primarily to roof repair, seismic remediation, and other maintenance. She wanted to thank the community for their response to the fire that occurred at College Gate Elementary school. She said there were many volunteers helping to clean up the mess created, and that a \$4,000 GoFundMe campaign had provided relief for some the lost property at the school

UACC COMMITTEE/ADHOC REPORTS and FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (FCC) REPORT:

- 1. Parks & Recreation:** Barbara said there will be a Folker Park planning meeting on January 15th. She indicated that about \$4,000 was committed toward the \$12,500 needed for the Rasmuson Rasmuson Challenge grant. They need to have

the \$12,500 by November 1st so Parks and Rec can purchase the Multi-generational exercise equipment. Other news on Folker Park is that the trails will be paved this summer, unless a Federal grant comes through and then the trail paving would be postponed till summer 2019.

2. **FCC:** Al Milspaugh said that there was no FCC meeting this past month;
3. **Safety:** Al Milspaugh's safety message was make sure one has a cold weather kit available in their vehicle. This should include flares, which should be changed out when outdated, as the incident of vehicle accidents and getting stuck are much more prevalent during inclement winter weather. He also mentioned that bicyclists should have appropriate safety gear, including lights and flashers, as to better prevent collisions with motor vehicles.
4. **Alaska Common Ground:** Mary Lu Harle. There are 2 events planned for January. January 10th from 7 to 9 pm will be a session on improvements to Alaska's medical system such as transparency in pricing, medical travel, and task-shifting. The January 24th session, from 6 to 9 pm, will explore potential health care overhauls including systemic changes, such as the establishment of a single-payer system and the creation of an Alaska Health Care Authority. Both of these sessions will be at the 49th State Brewing Company, 717 W 3rd Ave.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution on Establishment of a new Stream Setback Ordinance (UACC Resolution 2018-01) - Paul Stang**

Paul Stang described the UACC 2018-01 resolution that supports of the stream setback ordinance. Paul said that comments on the proposed ordinance are due to the Planning and Zoning Commission by January 15th. He indicated that there was not time in our meeting to go over the actual ordinance and the ordinance had been provided in the November and December meetings, and interested individuals had indicated they would review them before this meeting. Barbara Garner with a Mary Lu Harle second moved that the UACC approve the 2018-01 Resolution.

Kim Mahoney of UAA indicated that UAA was opposed to the resolution, as the Ordinance would place a significant burden on new UAA facilities development. She indicated that over 25 percent of the potential developable lands would be on A, B, and C wetlands. There were comments that because of US Army Corp of Engineer requirements, these wetlands may not be available for development anyway. It was also noted that 85% of Anchorage's wetlands have already been developed, leaving the remaining ones in critical need of protection. The question was then called on the motion to approve the resolution. The vote on the resolution was 11 voted for approval, for, 2 against approval, with no abstentions.

2. **Nomination for 2018 UACC Officers**

Paul Stang invited nominations for UACC Board positions (other than the previously elected President, Vice President, and Secretary). Al Milspaugh moved to nominate current members to the positions that they currently hold, with the exception of Russ Kell member at large position. Barbara Garner seconded the

motion. Members that were nominated agreed to serve if elected. The UACC voted by unanimous consent for the following positions:

Joni Nardini	Member at Large
Jacob Gondek	Past President
FCC Committee Chair	Al Milspaugh
FCC Alternate	Joanie Nardini
Parks and Rec Chair	Barbara Garner

3. Winterberry Charter School-New Building Addition- Jeff Moore, project Manager, Criterion General

Jeff Moore first introduced Eric Anderson, Winterberry School principal. He said the addition is to include specialty areas including art, sign language, Spanish, music, handwork (shop), and a hybrid home school. There will also be additional office space for staff. The total footage to be added is 3,300 ft². Most of the space would result from building a second floor on existing first floor space, but a small additional footing would be required. The construction is under the old Title 21, so there may be additional landscaping required. Even with this additional space, they indicated there will be not be an increase in enrollment, so there should not be an increase in traffic congestion Winterberry is looking for a vote on approval of the design by the UACC.

Several members expressed some concern about the construction. Joanie Nardini said the major concern from nearby residents related to noise and traffic congestion. Jeff Moore said that construction would start on May 18th and would run through the end of August. Construction hours are anticipated to occur from 7 to 4 pm on the week days. Weekend construction is not currently anticipated, but is subject to adhering to schedule. Most of the work is interior work so he figured that noise should not be a major factor.

The other concern by the nearby residents is the parent's noncompliance to the current traffic regulations on Bryn Mawr Court when picking their child up at the school. Joanie indicated that parents are stopping on Bryn Mawr Court and Wesleyan Drive to pick up students, creating safety and congestion concerns.

Paul Stang moved that the Community Council Board write a letter of support for the addition. Joanie Nardini indicated that in addition to the letter should indicate the current concerns that local residents have expressed. Paul called for a vote on the writing of the support for the addition, which would also include the concerns of local residents over current safety and congestion issue on Bryn Mawr Court and Wesleyan Drive. The vote was 10 votes for the letter of support, with no votes against, and no abstentions. One person felt they could not vote as the letter should be of non-objection rather than support.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Barbara Garner had concerns over the current activity on the SW corner of Piper and Tudor intersection. She wondered who owns the parcel and what their plans are, and should they come to the Community Council to inform us of their plans?
2. Paul Stand brought up that the re-plating needed for the real estate development on Tudor and Elmore is moving forward. Barbara Garner said that the school buses still need to be moved before this happens. Forest Dunbar responded by saying that a formal process is being undertaken by the Muni to evaluate where the buses should be moved to, but the re-plating can still go forward regardless.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 7, 2018. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00 pm.

Signed

Paul Stang, UACC President

Attachment- Passed Resolution 2018-01