

UACC MINUTES

April 4, 2018, Meeting

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Paul Stang at 7:04 pm. There were 15 members and 8 visitors signed in. The Chairperson asked each individual to state their name and location or business.
2. **Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Marguerite Iverson, with a second by Steve Zemke, moved to approve the February 7, 2018 Minutes as written. The motion to approve the Minutes was passed by unanimous consent.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Paul Stang introduced tonight's agenda. Al Milspaugh, with a second by Steve Zemke, moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was passed by unanimous consent.

4. Informational Reports

A. Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials

1. **Assembly Member Pete Peterson:** Pete reported on the vote by mail election. He said that it produced a record turnout. He indicated that the School District budget would be before the Assembly in two weeks. The assembly will take up a taxi ordinance reducing regulatory burden and cost in an attempt to make the industry more competitive with Uber/Lyft ride services. He also indicated the city will be starting street sweeping, starting in the southern end of the Municipality
2. **Assembly Member Dick Traini:** Dick said the vote total is 80 thousand and could eventually total 85 thousand. He also said that all the bonds packages passed except for the one establishing an upper Eagle River fire protection district. He also said that there will not be any new taxi permits issued until an assessment is done.
3. **School Board Representative Kathleen Plunkett:** Kathleen thanked the community for passing the school bonds. Marguerite Everson asked about the potential changed to school starting times for students. Kathleen said that there will be a fact finding and focus group meetings. This most likely will be a two year process. On May 16th the School Board will hear information on various scenarios with 1) High School and Elementary School times switched; 2) Elementary, High School, Middle School schedule; and 3) no change.
4. **State Representative Ivy Spohnholz:** Ivy said the House passed an operating budget, with 86 amendments, totaling \$5.6 billion. The budget would include increases to the UA budget of \$19 million, and \$18 million for K-12 education. She is also working on HB 406 which would hold State support of school district budgets "harmless" for 4 years if they merge with another district. She is also working on a medical bill that requires medical cost transparency by proving a medical price list menu for patients as well as requiring health care

providers provide a good faith estimate of medical costs. She said that she is planning another constituent coffee to be held 4/7 from 10-11:30 at the Emanuel Presbyterian Church

5. **Lisa Delaney for State Representative Andy Josephson:** Lisa said Andy is currently tied up in a Resource Committee meeting. He is working on a bill to update the State response to oil spills and financial liabilities of companies responsible for the oil spill. He is also working on bills to address non-discrimination toward the LBGTQ community. He is also working on a workers compensation bill that updates the benefits families may receive resulting from fatalities that occur on the job.
6. **State Senator Bill Wielechowski:** Bill reported that the senate would take up the State Operating budget over the weekend and into the next week. He indicated there was good news as the State spring revenue forecast indicated there would be an additional \$200-300 million more than was projected last year. He still forecast budget problem as the oil production increase that was projected did not happen, as there was an actual decrease, and the oil tax credit are still very high at \$2 billion. Other budget issues include the \$800 million oil tax credit bond the governor wants to finance, and the need to gather a three quarter legislative vote to tap the State constitutional budget reserve for \$700 million. He is also working on crime bill legislation that deals with making sure out of state criminal records are used in determining bail, and gives judge's discretion whether to allow for mandatory release, if defendants have a history of not showing up.

B. UACC Board Reports

1. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** It was noted that Paul Stang and Barbara Garner will go out to solicit funds from five businesses that have expressed interest in donating to the Folker Park Rasmuson matching grant proposal. The deadline for obtaining the final \$4,000 of the \$12,500 in matching funds is May 15th. Barbara indicated the Federal Grant to fund the entire Folker Park improvements is still pending.

The latest bond issue approved University Lake Park improvements. It appears that the funds will cover work on and constructing the new parking facilities and moving the paved bike trail at the southwest corner of the park. The UACC needs to talk with Steve Rafuse to determine the actual work to be accomplished.

Paul Stang also thanked Barbara Garner for her hard work in getting the Rasmuson Matching Grant paperwork completed and her work on obtaining the \$8,000 plus funds that have been pledged so far. Paul then asked that people consider donating personally, and to solicit pledges from other people or institutions who they think might be interested.

2. **Safety:** Al Milspaugh read the following report on vehicle break-ins into the record.

Community: Don't leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle – thieves are

compiling your personal information. In August 2017 a vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a home. The vehicle was unlocked and a spare key was inside the SUV when it was taken. Two months later, in October 2017, an officer with APD's Community Action Policing Team (CAP) spotted the vehicle parked in Walmart's parking lot on Old Seward. The license plate displayed on the vehicle had since been replaced with a plate stolen from another vehicle.

When the vehicle was recovered by police, it was full of property to include drug paraphernalia. After a search warrant was obtained, officers searched the vehicle and recovered several items to include checks, multiple IDs, and credit cards that had been stolen. Many of those items had been placed into a large binder.

This was one of the first cases where police had come across a large quantity of stolen IDs that the thieves had taken the time to itemize and store so that the identities on the items could easily be accessed for fraudulent purposes. The main suspect in this case passed away before he could be charged with the theft.

Property Crimes Detectives are currently investigating other cases wherein multiple forms of IDs were stolen and cataloged by criminals so they may use the information for their own purposes. Detectives are now seeing thieves taking the time to organize personal information collected from those they have stolen from.

What can you do? First and foremost, do not leave any personal items in your vehicle. Much of the time thieves are getting their hands on other people's driver's licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, and checks by stealing them from vehicles. Between gathering these documents, and doing internet searches on the personal information they do obtain, the thieves are able to commit identity fraud. Unspent or partially unspent gift cards are also a hot commodity for criminals.

If your purse and/or wallet is stolen, immediately contact your banks and credit card companies to alert them of the theft. Do not carry around credit cards that you do not use every day. Unless you need the documents for a specific purpose, don't ever carry your social security card or birth certificate with you. Those items should always be stored in a secure location. It's also a good idea to keep a list of the credit cards you do own, so in the event they are stolen, you know exactly what was taken and who you need to call. Pay attention to your monthly bank and credit card statements to make sure no unauthorized activity has occurred. Do regular checks of your credit history for the same reason.

There are people out there whose sole purpose is to steal from others. Protect your belongings and personal information so that you do not become a victim. The damage one person can do to your credit history can take you years to sort out and repair.

Note: This month Medicare/Medicaid is sending new replacement cards to

all recipients. The new card will NOT have your SSN on it, but will have a random number assigned to you. Destroy your old card.

- 3. FCC Report:** Al reported on FCC activities related to discussion on this last April's vote on elected officials and propositions. Discussion also included the Legislative Affairs blue book and ethics training.

5. Business

A. MUNI 4/3/18 Election Results Discussion.

No new news, other than already reported. Election results yet to be certified.

B. AWWU Castle Heights Subdivision Sewer Rehabilitation Project Update- Russ Porter, Project Manager/Design Engineer, Stephl Engineering

Russ described a project in 2018 that will repair sewer pipe in Castle Heights Park. It will be trenchless construction with a new liner to be installed into the pipe. In 2019 80 feet of pipe will be replaced, requiring a temporary closure of the trail accessing University Lake Park from Castle Heights Park during the construction period.

The other project described entails replacement of the sewer pipe on Mills Drive between Boniface and Wesleyan. There is a grade problem in the pipe which results in grease buildup and subsequent blockages. The construction will be trenchless on either end, but between Chester Creek and Wesleyan will require trench to install a new oversize pipe on a new grade. Permits will be needed from ADF&G and the Army Corps of Engineers so project work will not start before at least August of 2019. After the project design is at the 65% level Stephl Engineering will contact property owners to present the information and obtain input.

There was also discussion of the AWWU project status on Wesleyan Drive. Russ indicated that work for this summer on the Knight's Way to Castle Court section done last summer will be primarily checking the status of the new pavement and curbing and completion of the needed landscaping. The Castle Court to Checkmate Drive section construction will be started this season and is hoped to be completed this year. South Central Construction will be the contractor doing the construction work. Work will include rehabilitation of water, sewer, and MLP electric lines as well as repaving and landscape work. Contact person for the project is John Rescober at AWWU (364-2709). A Project description can be found on the AWWU website at:

<https://www.awwu.biz/about-us/reliable-infrastructure/construction-projects>

C. Single Track Mountain Bike Trail Project in Russian Jack Springs Park- Steve Cleary, Executive Director, Alaska Trails

Robin Reich was on hand for Steve Cleary, who was unable to make the meeting. She indicated that the plan is to build 2 to 3 miles of trail within Russian Jack Springs Park (RJSP). She said that the Muni has received a \$50,000 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant that would allow the Parks and Recreation Department to hire a professional trail contractor who would oversee the project.

The trails constructed would be primarily on existing social network trails and would employ the Youth Employment in Parks program for constructing these trails. More information is available at www.alaska-trail.org.

There was considerable discussion about the merit of more trails within the RJSP. It was noted that the NECC did not support the construction of these trails. After considerable dialog here were four questions that the UACC would like to have answered before we take action on the draft Resolution 2018-02 which pertains to Support of Russian Jack Singletrack Mountain Bike Trails. These are: 1) Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the trails; 2) Has ADF&G been consulted on the project and what is their opinion on wildlife interactions, particularly regarding moose and bear; 3) How many trees over 4 inches in diameter need to be removed; and 4) Since the RTP grant is already in hand if the UACC does not support the trail construction will it still proceed anyway? It was decided that action on the Resolution 2018-02 should be deferred until the May UACC meeting, as the matter does not come before the Parks and Recreational Commission until May 10, and this will give time for consideration of the answers to the four questions.

D. Notes

1. Muni Planning and Zoning Commission on Winterberry School Project on 4/11 at 6:30 PM at the Loussac Library. Paul introduced this topic and said that anyone with interest is encouraged to attend.
2. Do UACC members want a summer picnic? The general consensus was that we do want to have a picnic. Suggestion was that we may want to partner with our legislative representatives to defer some of the cost and to increase participation. It was also noted that we do not want to conflict with the Anchorage Park Foundation celebration at Folker Park.
3. Executive Board Member. Paul Stang asked for someone to step forward to fill the vacant second Member at Large Executive Board seat.

6. New Business and Public Comment

Paul Stang noted that there is a Anchorage Equal Rights Commission 2017 Annual Report available. He noted that there is a discrimination hotline at 343-4343. He also requested that the UAA representative may consider being on next month's agenda and should be part of the monthly reporting.

7. **Adjournment:** The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:50 pm.

Signed

Paul Stang, UACC President