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UACC MINUTES

May 2, 2018, Meeting

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4 **1. Opening:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Paul Stang at 7:05 pm. There
5 were 13 members and 5 visitors signed in. The Chairperson asked each individual to state
6 their name and location or business.
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8 **2. Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Al Milspaugh, with a second by, moved to approve
9 the April 4, 2018 Minutes as written. The motion to approve the Minutes was passed by
10 unanimous consent.
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12 **3. Approval of the Agenda:** Paul Stang introduced tonight's agenda. Paul added an topic to
13 Section 4, Item D, pertaining to the David Williams Memorial. Al Milspaugh, with a second
14 by Brenda McLaughlin, moved to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda as amended
15 was passed by unanimous consent.
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17 **4. Informational Reports**

18 **A. Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**

- 19 1. **State Senator Bill Wielechowski:** Bill reported on his efforts on the State Operating
20 Budget, the changes to the State Crime bill, and the potential changes to the oil tax
21 credits.
22 2. **State Representative Andy Josephson:** Andy reported on items relating to a bill that
23 would update oil spill penalties. He also mentioned that the Senate operating budget
24 bill has \$14 million less funding for the UA system. The K-12 funding would be flat
25 and not respond to inflation. He reported on proposals to fund portions of the State
26 government through the percent of market value approach.
27 3. **Ted Madsen for State Representative Ivy Spohnholz:** Ted said Ivy is working on
28 House Bill 123, dealing with Disclosure of Health Care Costs. She is hoping to get
29 this bill dealing with health care price transparency passed the end of the session.
30 4. **Assembly Member Dick Traini:** Dick reported on efforts to get rid of the state
31 property tax exemptions within the municipality. He also discussed the April vote by
32 mail Municipal election. He lauded the improved turnout of 36%, compared to the
33 26% at the last mayoral election. He said there were minimal rejected ballots, with no
34 evidence of voter fraud. He mentioned that the State is interested in the system, but
35 would take several years to implement if they went that way.
36 5. **Assembly Member Forest Dunbar:** Forest reported on the Assembly work to revamp
37 the methods for removing people from municipal boards and commissions. He said
38 removal would involve recommendation from the municipal ethics committee and
39 then require assembly and mayoral approval.
40 6. **Assembly Member Pete Peterson.** Pete reported that the citywide cleanup would
41 start this coming week, with the loads to the dump being free this weekend. He also
42 reported that the Assembly would take up the MLP sale on May 17th. The sale has the
43 end of December to go through.

44 **B. UACC Board Reports**

- 45 1. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** I Barbara Garner reported on the status of Folker
46 Park. First she noted that she is uncertain about the flower bed this year, and how

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1 construction of the trails could impact it. She also noted that we are still about 2000
2 dollars short of meeting the \$12,500 Rasmuson Challenge grant proposal, with
3 \$10,252 being currently pledged. She noted that we have until the end of October for
4 the grant. She also said that Maeve Nevins will know the status of the Federal grant
5 proposal, which if funded, would cover the complete Folker Park Plan improvements.

6 She also updated the status of the University Lake Master Plan. She said that Steve
7 Rafuse is taking input on how to implement the plan, with actual work starting in 2019
8 with the funds approved through the 2017 bond issue. There is opportunity to put the
9 issue on the September agenda. Al Milspaugh noted that Steve Rafuse has a youth
10 crew available for park projects this summer.

11 Susan Share reported on the status of Goose Lake Park. She appreciated that there
12 was a groomed ski trail around the lake this winter. She also said that more dogs were
13 allowed to run free in the park, with attendant dog feces, which is accentuating the
14 problem of more emergent vegetation (eutrophication).

- 15 **2. Safety:** Al Milspaugh noted that its stud tire change time. AST could issue a \$50
16 fine and APD could issue a \$50 per tire fine. He said that studded tires cause grooving
17 to the pavement which in turn cost us many dollars to repair,
- 18 **3. FCC Report:** Al reported on FCC activities. Items discussed at last meeting were:
 - 19 **a.** To avoid problems during construction call 811 before excavation.
 - 20 **b.** If interested serving on the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force let Al know.
 - 21 **c.** A public hearing on the draft historical preservation plan is scheduled for July
22 2018.
 - 23 **d.** Al has information on the Alaska Veterans Foundation Veterans Village planned
24 for construction on JBER property near Eagle River at a cost of \$9 M with \$6.4
25 reimbursed by Federal government grants.
 - 26 **e.** The MOA would like an ad hoc representative from from each community council
27 to provide feedback on the Anchorage 2040 Plan.
- 28 **4. David Williams Memorial:** Patty Williams noted that David passed away in August
29 of last year. She said that he had a passion for the UACC and Folker Park. She said
30 there would be a memorial for David in June at Folker Park. Alaska legislators will
31 participate. Paul Stang said that the will announce the actual memorial date at the
32 June meeting if held, or would have it announced on the FCC website.

33 **5. Business**

34 **A. Singletrack Mountain Bike Trail Project in Russian Jack Springs Park.**

35 Attachment 1 included Candice Bias answers to questions that were posed by the
36 UACC during the April meeting. Attachment 2 includes UACC draft resolution 2018-02,
37 tabled during the April meeting, that if passed would have the UACC support the
38 construction of said trails. Pete Petersen noted that the Northeast Community Council
39 passed a similar resolution supporting the construction. Susan Klein with a Susan Share
40 second moved that the UACC consider passing the resolution. Barbara Garner noted
41 Russian Jack Springs Park (RJSP) is important for bird and wildlife habitat, as an area of
42 quiet in an urban environment, and as an important play area for children of the nearby
43 neighborhoods. She also noted that spruce bark beetles are currently killing a lot of trees
44 in the Parks, including Russian Jack Springs. Al Milspaugh noted that Steve Rafuse will
45 be hiring an arborist in the next couple of weeks, so could help select which trees to
46 remove if these trails were to be built. There was some discussion about the potential for

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1 impacts to wildlife habitat, but most felt that since the trails would primarily rebuild
2 existing “social trails” there would be minimal impact to the existing habitat. Brenda
3 McLaughlin with a Hannah Davis second moved to approve the UACC Resolution 2018-
4 02, with a correction of the approval date being May 2, 2018. The resolution was
5 approved by vote of **6 for, 3 against, with 5 abstaining**.

6 **B. UAA Facilities Update- Ryan Buchholdt-** UAA Sustainability and Business Manager.

7 Ryan said that this is finals week and that graduation will be this Sunday for up to
8 800 students. He indicated that most campus activities go into hibernation during the
9 summer. This summer the bus stop on the Providence Drive, south of the Library will be
10 reconstructed. There will also be a reconstruction of the water main on Lake Otis. Also
11 will be a number of smaller projects on campus. Descriptions of these can be found on
12 the UAA Facilities website. He indicated, in conjunction with APD, is conducting a
13 homeless camp survey. He said that a comprehensive look needs to be done to keep these
14 populations from just “ping ponging” from one place to the next. The said finally, that a
15 Health Building would be the next large capital construction project. He noted that the
16 UAA Chancellor finalists would be selected by May 12th.

17 **C. Castle Heights Park Cleanup-** Hannah Davis, UACC Member

18 Hannah said that she has flowers provided by the municipality ready to be planted.
19 They will be picked up at the city greenhouse the last of May. These will be planted in 3
20 sessions. Other work will consist of trimming the cotoneasters, and weeding out the
21 buttercups and butter and eggs. She is also looking for volunteers that would be willing
22 to water the plant beds this summer. One may contact her at 337-2904.

23 **D. Notes**

- 24 1. Muni Planning and Zoning Commission on RJSP Singletrack on 5/10. The UACC
25 passed Resolution 2018-02 supporting construction and P&Z will be provided this for
26 their session. Anyone is invited to provide testimony.
27 2. Do UACC members want a summer picnic? It was decided that the UACC will not
28 hold a summer picnic. It was noted that Alaska Parks Foundation celebration at
29 Folker Park in early fall could provide some of the community benefits that would be
30 derived from a picnic. .
31 3. Executive Board Member. Paul Stang asked for someone to step forward to fill the
32 vacant second Member at Large Executive Board seat.

33 **6. New Business and Public Comment**

34 There was discussion about whether to hold a June meeting. It was noted that there
35 were no topics that would be carried over to June, and no known agenda topics have
36 surfaced. As such, it was felt that a June meeting was not needed. An Executive Board
37 session could be held, if an issue came up that needed immediate attention.

- 38 **7. Adjournment:** The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday,
39 September 5, 2018. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting was
40 adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:50 pm.
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45 Paul Stang, UACC President