

**UACC MINUTES**  
October 3, 2018, Meeting

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Paul Stang at 7:05 pm. There were 16 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:** Robert McLaughlin made note that he made comment about Winterberry School construction during the public comment period and these were not recorded. In response the following was added to page 4, line 26, “Robert McLaughlin made comment that the new Winterberry School expansion, which he estimates to be 40 by 60 feet of new footprint, greatly exceeds the 12 foot expansion proposal that Winterberry School previously presented to and was approved by the UACC.” Al Milspaugh, with a second by Barbara Garner, moved to approve the September 5, 2018 Minutes as amended. The motion to approve the Minutes was passed by unanimous consent.
  
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Paul Stang introduced tonight’s agenda. On request from Mary Lu Harle, Paul added a topic to Section 4, UACC Board Reports on Alaska Common Ground’s public forum to discuss Ballot Measure 1; the salmon initiative. The agenda as amended was passed by unanimous consent.
  
4. **Informational Reports**
  - A. **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**
    1. **State Representative Andy Josephson:** Andy reported on items relating to his Natural Resource Committee meeting on September 10th dealing with Coastal Zone Flooding and Erosion as well as the NPRA developments at the Willow/Moose’s Tooth Prospects. He also attended the Prince William Sound Advisory Council demonstration of oilspill response capabilities in PWS. Highlighted were the latest Edison/Clouset(E/C) spill response equipment and the Local Fisherman Public Response vessels. Paul Stang asked the question whether Edison/Clouset was willing to engage in spill response practice activities during adverse weather conditions. Andy replied the E/C was not willing to do them due to safety concerns.
    2. **Assembly Member Felix Rivera:** Felix explained the new 12 point municipal plan to deal with the homeless situation. He said there would be a public information meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Central Lutheran Church to discuss the plan. He indicated that there will be two public hearings on the budget to prepare for the November 20<sup>th</sup> assembly meeting. Felix said there still is not been an audit that is needed to find out the true status of this year’s budget. Other topics will be the MLP sale, the stream setback ordinance, and funds needed to retrofit the APD headquarters building.
    3. **State Representative Ivy Spohnholz:** Ivy talked about her work on the Health

and Social Services Committee. She said they have gotten Community Patrol grants of \$100,000 and the grant application period is open. She also discussed the national Opioid Policy forum with discussion on how to respond to crisis situations.

4. **Assembly Member Dick Traini:** Dick reported that the municipal gas tax and marijuana taxes provided \$11 M and \$4 M for city services. Unfortunately there is still a \$1.7M to \$6 M budget gap.
5. **Assembly Member Pete Peterson:** Pete talked about the \$770,000 for the 42nd Avenue design. He talked about the schoolBus Barn relocation meeting. The said that Stuckagain Heights residents are opposed to the relocation in this area. He also mentioned that this summer the Muni crews collected over 220 ton of garbage from the homeless encampments throughout the municipality. He said that APD added 3 sworn officers who will be 911 personnel. To help pay overtime pay will be cut by \$1M. There was further discussion on the homeless issue. Forest Dunbar said that at some point shelters are full and then the overflow can go out to the parks and then the muni cannot evict them from these areas. A Rogers Park representative had questions about how the muni can provide sanitation at the camps. He noted that raw sewage is evident at these camps, and they are raising questions with the EPA about that as a significant potential health hazards.
6. **Assembly Chair Forrest Dunbar:** Forrest said the proposed detailed budget is on the Municipal website under the Office of Management and Budget Tab. Under the Capital budget he noted the \$2,500,000 Tudor Center and Diplomacy Drive upgrade the \$750,00 for the Campbell Creek Trail renovations, and the \$3,500,000 retrofit of the old APD headquarters to its new evidence storage function.
7. **Jacob Tatum for Senator Berta Gardner:** He highlighted that SB 208 will designate March as sobriety awareness month. He also talked about SB 134 and updated information on the termination of parental rights toward child conceived through rape or incest.
8. **Elvi Gray Jackson:** She said that she is running District 9 senate seat currently held by Berta Gardner. She indicated that she has fliers available at the back table.

## **B. UACC Board Reports**

- a. **President Paul Stang** on the AMATS process and how it relates to the potential UMED Northern Access project. Paul indicated that Pete Peterson is on the AMATS Committee and that the comment period for the AMATS-TIP funding stream pipeline has been extended till November 25. He that he and then UACC president Jacob Gondek served on the UMED Panning Committee and the finalized UMED Plan called for a development of a complete UMED Transportation should be completed before a UMED Northern Access Project should be considered. Paul said that he feels strongly that the AMATS-TIP

should not include the UMED Northern Access project. The UACC agreed with this statement.

- b. **Safety:** Al Milspaugh read the following: What should you do when someone is knocking at your door. You probably answer it, right? NO! The first think you should do is look out of your window and see who it is. If you don't recognize them crack open your window and ask them what they want and have them display their credentials. If you do open the door have a 2<sup>nd</sup> person or large animal like a bear or tiger with you or have someone on the phone while talking to them. If they insist on a conversation have them return when someone else will be home with you winter is approaching, and one needs to be prepared for the upcoming cold weather.

He also noted that next month Liz XXXwill talk about the community patrol. If people join it would be great. There are two grant proposals out, the previously mentioned \$100 from the State and an additional \$75 K from the FCC

- c. **Parks and Recreation –Barbara Garner.** Activities will be discussed under Section 5. Section A.
- d. **Mary Lu Harle- Alaska Common Ground:** Mary Lu said that Alaska Common Ground will be hosting an event to learn about Ballot Measure 1 the salmon initiative. It will be held at the 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewery from 7 to 9 PM on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were passed around the room and available at the back counter.

**C. FCC Report:** Al reported on FCC activities.

- a. The FCC is generating a resolution to the MOA asking them to provide proper notification on public notices so community councils can prepare a proper response.
- b. The FCC is sending their 2019 operating budget request of \$85,000.00 to the MOA.
- c. The MOA and the UA are collaborating to create a road-map for how the MOA can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. If you are interested go to: [www.muni.org/ClimateActionPlan](http://www.muni.org/ClimateActionPlan) or email: [ClimateAction Plan@muni.org](mailto:ClimateActionPlan@muni.org).
- d. He said that there was no meeting in June and there was a picnic in July. He invited all to attend the FCC meetings which are held at 6PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**5. Business**

**A. 2017 Master Plan priorities/Status of University Lake & Folker Park Plans-  
Maeve Nevans Lactar, Senior Park Planner (MOA)**

Maeve first started with University Lake. She handed out a sheet that asked the members to share their thoughts on the priorities outlined in the University Lake Plan. She asked members to share their view on the priorities and rank them from 1 to 5.

With only \$200 K available, the priorities will need to be phased in, so this process will help hone in on the most important ones to be done first. Members can either give her filled out request forms, or email them to Steve Rafuse at Parks and Recreation.

Maeve described that they have two forms of funding available for Folker Park. They have a \$200,000 Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant available for the bulk of the Park renovations. They also have the over \$25,000 Rasmuson Challenge Grant funds for the Intergenerational equipment purchase for the Park. She gave a **big shout out to Barbara Garner** and the UACC for collecting over \$13,012.50 for the challenge share of this grant. The invoice for the equipment is in. They will be working on what they can do for the \$200,000 LWCF grant. They will be designing the inner and outer loops with health and wellness activities built in. Work will start next week on the reflexology path and Sara's bridge. On next Friday they will be meeting with the landscape architects to design these features. Other aspects of the park design were discussed, including the Labyrinth, the music area, and the park entrance and sidewalk design on the corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and Folker. Those interested in participating in these activities contact either Maeve or Barbara Garner. Finally, it was noted that there will also be mature tree cutting occurring this fall, as many of the mature spruce in the park are dying due to an infestation of spruce bark beetle.

#### **B. MOA Strategic Plan to Solve Homelessness- Nancy Burke Mayor's contact on Homelessness**

Nancy started by describing how the municipality uses resources (\$3,000,000) to provide services for the homeless. These funds seemed to be adequate until recently, but the homeless situation worsened considerable in recent years. So Community and State leaders came together to initiate a new comprehensive plan. They started in February and held several large community gathering in May to gather information and ideas. These were used to draft a Strategic Pan to solve homelessness. This came out in August 2018. Nancy will be presenting this plan to 19 community councils before they move on to the final plan. They are about half way through the council meeting schedule. On 10/4 there will be a new draft, though this only included about a quarter of the CC meetings. She described the Vision included in the plan and the 4 key pillars needed to support the plans vision to solve long term homelessness. She asked all to look at the draft plan she provided and provide her comments. She also mentioned that the new draft plan should be available for comment on the muni website by 10/4.

#### **C. Draft Resolution: Actions the MOA Should Take to Stop Illegal Camping- Al Milspaugh, UACC Vice President**

Al introduced the UACC Resolution 2018-3 and its intended purposes. He noted the proliferation of camps and the attendant trash and toxic materials that are often part of the camps. He mentioned some of the aggressive behaviors of some of the camp residents and how such behavior makes many people avoid using our parks. He said

that several other councils had been working on similar resolutions. During discussion Nancy Burke noted that the muni can agree to most points of the resolution, and they make for good policy. Forest Dunbar noted that the homeless committee has been addressing the “12 points” in the resolution. He said the muni has addressed points 1,5 and 10. He said that legal is looking into points 6 and 8. There was also discussion around point 12, with how much thinning for safety would impact the felling of a natural park. MaryLu Harle with Paul Stang second moved to add “selectively” removing low brush to line 65 of the resolution to address this concern. Bob McLaughlin with a Susan Klein second, moved to approve this resolution as amended. The vote was **6 in favor of the motion, 2 opposed and 5 abstentions.**

**D. Update: MOA Long Range Planning R-2 Districts-Tom Davis, Sr Planner, MOA Long Range Planning**

Tom presented the changes to the R2 Districts land use codes in the 2040 document. He indicated it would allow for a greater density of housing, which is a long range need for Anchorage. Tom indicated that the change is focused to three objectives. One is to replace the existing 2.5 story construction limit with a more flexible standard for the size of new housing in proportion to the size of the lot. The second is to reduce exemptions for rooftop stairwell and elevator towers. The third is to allow for 3 full stories, while mitigating 3 story building design where abutting neighboring properties. He is coming out to the community councils to brief them and to receive comments. Tom indicated that the comments could run the full gamut from general to specific. Comments are due in October but can be presented by the November P&Z meeting. Tom noted that the contact info is on the inside cover of the planning document that he handed out.

**7. New Business and Public Comment**

**Municipal School Bus barn locaions.** Barbara Garner noted the location of the proposed new school bus parking on Campbell Airstrip Road does not solve the problem of diesel pollution. The stagnant airflow down Campbell Creek in the winter would put the fumes from idling buses into the same neighborhoods as the present location does. She suggested two ideas, first that an ad hoc committee be formed to explore a better location for the school bus lot. The second would be to develop a bond issue that would finance a true indoor bus facility, which could eliminate the need to start and idle buses during cold weather.

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

*Signed*

Paul R. Stang, UACC President