

University Area Community Council
Minutes for Regular Meeting, September 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05P by President Tim Neale. The Board members in attendance were introduced. The minutes were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$80.55 with no transactions over the summer.

Brad Doggett of DOWL Engineers reported the status of the Tudor Road Corridor Study. A copy of the completed study is available on the Muni web site. This is a guide for study of road and pedestrian traffic. Any comments should be sent to DOWL Engineers or Glenda Radvansky, the Municipal Traffic Engineer as soon as possible. A question and answer period followed. Several traffic problems regarding the Piper Street extension were discussed. The study recommends the traffic light be moved from Folker St. to Piper St. on Tudor. This would improve the timing of the traffic lights on Tudor. Piper St. north of Tudor will provide access between UAA and Providence Hospital and Tudor when it is finished. Excavation and water lines should be completed by October., The street will not be opened until it is finished. This will not be until 2006. Pedestrian trail design cross section shows separated pathways with continuous trail on west side and a sidewalk on the east side. The trail will connect to the existing trail and to the Chester Creek Trail. The trails will remain open during construction. There are also plans for neighborhood revitalization.

Bob Kniefel of DOWL spoke of the Abbott Loop Extension. The project is moving along pretty quickly. The roadway from 64th St. does not exist right now, but the plan includes on-street bike lanes, separated trails and lane widths have been reduced. AWWU wants to extend the water lines to south Anchorage. These lines will follow the road and will go over the bridges. The planners have talked to other users regarding accessibility. The Dog Musers will move over to the ball fields for the winter. There will be 1000 feet of bridges which will cost \$20,000 per foot to build. The next public meeting will be at Service High School to talk about the complete design as well as light and noise issues. An environmental document will be prepared for the meeting in January. The final design will be ready in March, it will go out to bid in April and start building in June. All comments and various studies are available on the DOWL web site. The water line is 42 inches and will not freeze in winter due to size and volume of water passing through. It will be up inside the girders of the bridge; this is a state requirement.

Mike Smith of UAA will not be making a presentation on the Master Plan as scheduled. UAA has a new Chancellor who will come to the Oct. meeting to meet with the council and discuss the Master Plan.

Randy Dobbs, representing a group of Homeowners from the Reflection Lake area described the problem they are having with one landowner who is going to sell some land near this property. This land has not been developed up 'til now and was an open area adjacent to the lake and their properties. This sale will have a very negative effect on the value of their property. Senator Bettye Davis and Rep. Harry Crawford met with the home owners. Right now they are not sure of what options are available to them. Several options were discussed. Nothing can be decided 'til they meet with the land owner. There is an offer from a potential buyer, so there is a need to

move quickly. In the event there is a need for action on the part of the Community Council, the Executive Board will meet to provide whatever assistance it can. At the present time there needs to be more clarification of the problem.

There was some discussion of the Assembly decision to extend the Dog Parks as they are right now. The Park and Rec. Commission has come up with a set of rules to be used at the Dog Parks. So far no one knows how they will be implemented.

The election of officers for the coming year followed. Ballots were passed out to those present. The ballots contained the names of the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. President Tim Neale called for nominations from the floor. There was a space available on the ballot for write-in nominations. The president called for nominations for each office. Craig Valentine, as nominee for President, introduced himself and spoke briefly. Jena Fowler, as nominee for Vice-President, spoke briefly. Betty Adkison was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Susan Klein was nominated as First Member-at-Large and Terrie McDonald and Michelle Sturdy were nominated as Second Member-at-large. The President called for the vote. It was decided the second #2 Member-at-Large could help with the Sec/Treas position. Sen. Bettye Davis and Rep. Sharon Cissna were asked to tally the votes. While the votes were being counted Robert Hayes reported on crime in the area and effective ways to prevent some of the burglaries. Security Systems are very effective. The slate was elected as presented.

There was nothing to report from the Federation meeting.

Tim Neale gave his farewell speech as outgoing president. He will still be on the executive board as Past President.

Senator Bettye Davis wanted to hear of any concerns that need attention. She was pleased that the Assembly was supporting the School Bonds for the Nov. election. The bonds will be reimbursed at 60-70 percent by the Legislature.

A candidate forum may be held next month at a multiple council forum.

Rep. Sharon Cissna spoke of the U-Med meeting last April when Mayor Begich promised that Bragaw would not extend through UAA land, and there would be more attempts to fix traffic and transportation problems. Anchorage and Alaska are growing rapidly and this has been impacting the health facilities. More seniors are coming to Anchorage. Alaska is #2 in growth for senior population. Rep. Cissna has been meeting with smaller communities regarding economics and how they are impacted by health issues and senior issues. Health Care needs stability in state regulations. More surveys are planned, after which a report will be submitted to the Legislature.

Assemblymember Dan Coffey's assistant, Hunter Burton, spoke to the group about Dan's interests. He will have a monthly newsletter that can be distributed by e-mail. Hunter will be available to research problems.

Jonathan Powell, of the Reflection Lake homeowners group, arrived late, bringing more information about the problem. After meeting with the Mayor this morning, it was learned the Mayor thought the problem had been solved by the Muni getting ownership of the property by nonpayment of taxes. The back taxes had been paid so the landowner had regained ownership. The buyer is the Alpha Group and the sale is contingent on the suitability of the land for building. As soon as more information is available UACC will provide whatever assistance it can.

Barbara Garner mentioned the UACC Standing Committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55P

Submitted by Betty Adkison
Co-Secretary/Treasurer