

University Area Community Council - Minutes, September 3, 2003

The first item on the agenda was an overview of the proposed development of the 3500 Tudor Road master Plan by Clotho Spinner, a landscape architect from DOWL Engineers. The proposed plan includes the roads and internal circulation, also the extension of the plan east to Boniface Pkwy. This was followed by a description of the soils and wetlands in the area. Any wetland development would have to be approved by the Corps of Engineers. All of this land is owned by MOA or the State - there is no private land included.

Tim Potter, also of DOWL spoke briefly about the proposed development of the SE corner of Lake Otis Pkwy and Providence Drive. A rezone from PLI to B-3SL was approved by Planning and Zoning, however the decision has been appealed to the Assembly. Very specific building requirements are included for this land. There is to be a five-story height limit and restriction to the type of businesses to be allowed.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Bob Kniefel and Stewart Osgood of DOWL about the Abbott Loop Road extension to Bragaw. This is the very beginning of the process, which is expected to be a 5-year project. This is expected to take some of the pressure off the Lake Otis and Tudor intersection but is not expected to solve the whole problem. This is just an introduction to this project. A public meeting will be held at Kasuun Elementary School Sept 15 from 7-9P. This is an opportunity to view some of the maps and charts and express any opinions or suggestions from the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The next agenda item was a discussion of rules for the Dog Park at University Lake. Dr. Doug North, president of APU listed a number of problems that had not been addressed by the municipality. These included lack of parking, lack of access to the park without crossing API land, use of APU land as part of the dog park, plus liability and other issues. Tim Potter, DOWL, added that the common property line with the park was surveyed by APU. There was lengthy discussion of possible rules for use of the Dog Park. Assemblymembers Traini and Van Etten mentioned the Dog Park at the former Native Hospital site on 3rd Avenue was removed from the ordinance because of some native rights in the area. That must mean other sites could be reconsidered, too. A motion by Robert Hayes, seconded by Dee Blake, to inform the municipality that members of UACC did not like the 'off leash' dog park as voted by the Assembly, and would like to see it returned to a leashed dog park for safety reasons. A copy of the motion is to be sent to the Parks and Rec Board. The motion passed. The discussion of dog park problems continued after the motion. There will be a Dog Park rules and regulations public meeting at the Spenard Rec Center September 17, 6:30 - 8:30P. The Parks and Rec Commission and Animal Control Advisory Board will be there to hear public input.

The election of officers followed. The printed ballots were handed out to the members present. Betty Adkison conducted the election and called for nominations from the floor for each office listed. The same UACC officers were returned for one more term with Kelly Brown and Betty Adkison serving as co-secretary/treasurer.

The next agenda item was an appearance by Donna Popa, manager of the Wildwood Apartments adjacent to the A-K Korral at Tudor and Laurel. She was requesting assistance from the council in dealing with a problem caused by the intermittent use of the A-K Korral as a nightclub. Noise from the club and parking lot activities last until 4 - 5A. She provided UACC with a videotape showing some of the on going and disturbing activities. The property owner is an absentee landlord, the property managed by Curt Nading and his real estate company. He is applying for the liquor license that is designated as part of this property. A motion by Hugh Wade, seconded by Donna Popa, "The UACC strongly opposes the liquor license transfer request from A-K Korral to Curt Nading, or to any entity in which Curt Nading has an ownership interest. UACC strongly recommends that the liquor license be allowed to lapse," was passed unanimously.

The Anchorage Police Dept. has planned to send patrol officers to council meetings as time allows. At the present time they are asking councils to identify problem areas within their boundaries. This may include frequent calls to the same address, traffic problems, etc. Notify Kelly Brown, 569-5678, of any problem areas in the council boundaries, also any homeless camps that need to be addressed.

Kelly also reminded the council that Mary Marks is the School Board member for the East HS area. We should invite her to the UACC meeting soon for some input from the school district.

Susan Fischetti and Linda Schaefer, special assistants from the Anchorage Office of the Governor, spoke of statewide future plans for development. Please contact them with issues of concern - 269-7450.

There were reports from the assembly members present, Doug Van Etten, Brian Whittle and Dick Traini. The reports covered the dog park problems and updates on changes to the proposed mother-in-law apt. ordinance.

Sharon Cissna was also in attendance and spoke about the 36th Ave extension through the College Gate neighborhood as presented in the East Study of Transportation, also an upcoming Greater U-Med District meeting at APU, October 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08.

Submitted by Betty Adkison, Secretary-Treasurer