

## UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting, December 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Valentine at 7:00p.

The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion from Jena Fowler and seconded by Susan Klein.

An addition to the agenda was requested by Tim Neale. This was in regard to the dog park ordinance and was approved.

B.J. Morton explained the background of the problems on Lynn Drive. The connection between Lynn Drive and Boniface has a very sharp curve on Lynn Drive, which is a residential street with triplexes, 4-plexes and many children playing there. The high speed traffic coming off Boniface causes damage to structures, mailboxes and dumpsters. On Oct. 15, there was an incident of a high speed hit and run on her property. This included knocking down a 4x4, then hitting her trailer parked in the driveway, then backing into a SUV parked across the street. APD did not respond to the accident. B.J. would like Council support in requesting a sign to slow traffic through the area. There is also a road right of way that could be used or reserved for use as a pocket park. Hugh Wade made a motion to table the road right of way to park issue (see plats), this as seconded by Susan Klein. Motion passed. Hugh Wade then made a motion to support B.J. Morton's request to have a study done by the Traffic Engineering Dept. to look at traffic calming measures. Jena Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tim Neale noted the dog park ordinance will come up for a vote at the end of the month. He requested the UACC send a letter to the Assembly requesting they postpone establishing University Lake as a permanent dog park until a master plan for the park is completed. This includes a study by a group that has all park users participating. A motion by Hugh Wade and seconded by Jena Fowler to support Tim's suggestion of a letter to the Assembly requesting a master plan for the area before the dog park becomes permanent. The motion was unanimously approved. Tim Neale will write the letter.

Federation Representative, Don Hadley, reported that all old council files may be archived at UAA.

Barbara Garner reported on the Piper St. improvements. Piper St. north to Piper St. phase II will begin again next summer. Phase III, Tudor to 40th Ave, will need to deal with the problem of aquifers close to the surface along the projected construction path. Providence is paying for all of the improvements and will be reimbursed except for \$400,000. The new construction at Providence will start in the spring. UAA spur trail will be delayed until 2006.

The Tudor Corridor Study has been completed but did not solve all the problems. Providence is moving ahead with their construction plans. Piper St. will go through to the other side of Tudor. Traffic problems on Tudor were discussed. The Council needs to address the safety issues and send comments to DOWL Engineers. A motion by Barbara Garner and seconded by Susan Klein to send a letter to the Assembly and DOWL regarding our safety concerns passed unanimously. The letter needs to be sent before Dec. 15.

Assemblyman Ken Stout reported on Assembly activities and plans. The Federation should receive more money, however the distribution may change. They will be taking up dog parks for permanent designations. The State and Municipality will be making changes in the maintenance of streets, lighting and plowing etc. The Municipality will do the work as required. and the State will pay for the upkeep. The need for more major arterials to keep traffic moving, property tax exemptions for homeowners and changes in procedures for P&Z, Board of Appeals and Platting are all up for review. A grant from the Dept. of Justice will extend the Police in Schools Program. There is also a grant from the Dept. of DSS to cover the WIC supplements.

Sharon Cissna reported on her Oct. 29 hearing on senior issues. Seniors play a prominent part in the economy of small towns. The Anchorage Senior Center needs to make up \$60,00 a year to keep the center and the new wing operating. Sharon can be reached at 1-800-922-3875 while the legislature is in session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p

Submitted by Betty Adkison, Sec./Treas.