

UACC MINUTES
January 4, 2023 Meeting

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Tyler Robinson at 7:05 pm. Tyler started the meeting and asked Steve Zemke to review the minutes and ask for correction/edits of the December 6, 2022, UACC meeting.
2. **Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Steve Zemke asked for any changes or edits, then asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2022, UACC meeting minutes. Al motioned to approve tonight's agenda. Krista Scott seconded the motion. There were no objections or changes to the minutes for the December 6, 2022, UACC meeting. The minutes were approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Tyler mentioned a small change to the agenda, an individual from Girdwood wanted to speak to UACC. Tyler then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Al motioned to approve tonight's agenda with the speaker from Girdwood added. Krista Scott seconded. There were no objections or additional changes to the agenda for the January 4, 2023, meeting. The agenda was approved without objection.
4. **Informational Reports, Introductions by Tyler Robinson:**
 - A. **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**
 1. **Forrest Dunbar presented:** Forrest resigned from the MOA Assembly. He was elected as Senator to the State Legislature. He thanked the UACC. UACC thanked Forest for his service.
 2. **State Senator Bill Wielechowski:** Has been reelected, but no longer the State Senator for the UACC district. The Senator will be available to UACC. UACC thanked Senator Bill for his service and UACC gave him a certificate of appreciation.
 3. **State Representative Ivy Spohnholz:** Ivy is moving on to the Nature Conservancy. Will no longer be the State Representative for the UACC area. Ivy Lives in the area and will be involved in the UACC. Al Milspaugh submitted a Certificate to Ivy at her Legislative office. UACC thanked Representative Ivy for her service.
 4. **Assembly Member Meg Zalatel:** Meg Zalatel spoke about snow plowing. Public Health was an issue during the snowstorm. Mentioned bond projects and CIP. Ballot initiatives for marijuana tax. The Assembly was going to Girdwood to discuss a potential housing project. Ivy thanked Meg for addressing the safety issues resulting from the snowstorms. Mike Grunst asked about the MOA signing the ASD MOU for using their snowplows. Moving vehicles from ROW, snow dumps and temporary snow storage were also discussed. ROW management will be a part of a transportation study.
 5. **Assembly Member Felix Rivera:** Update on body cameras, went

into arbitration. Unknown how long the body cam issues will be in arbitration. APD will select vendors for APD body worn cameras. Felix discussed snow removal briefly, Assembly will have a committee to deal with snow plowing. Homelessness was discussed, possible continued use of Covenant House, and the Sullivan Arena. The assembly is planning on continuing to work with the Administration regarding homelessness and neighborhood impacts. The amount of \$400,000 was appropriated for neighborhood impact mitigation relating to homeless shelters, specifically for the area around the Sullivan Arena. It is not clear what this money is being used for, at ground zero with the funds. A quote from Felix, “anytime that we talk about shelter, we need to talk about neighborhood mitigation and we need to prove that we can do neighborhood mitigation.” Affordable housing is also an issue that will need to be addressed.

6. **Assembly Member Pete Peterson:** Pete mentioned that snow removal needs improvement. Once behind, it is hard to get caught up...need more personnel, lot of vacancies in Street Maintenance. State of AK was paying more money for road grader operators than MOA. Five people applied for the vacant seat for the remainder of Forrest Dunbar’s term. A decision will be made soon regarding who will fill the Assembly Seat. The navigation center was briefly discussed.
7. **State Senator Gray-Jackson:** Senator Gray-Jackson discussed the Dunleavy budget. Energy, fiscal planning, public safety, infrastructure, and education are all priorities. A number of pre-filed bills have been submitted and will hopefully move forward. Senator Gray-Jackson reminded us MLK day is January 16, 2022. Senate District G no longer includes UMed area. Senator Gray-Jackson will miss UACC and appreciated the Zoom meetings. She thanked us for our volunteer service. UACC thanked Senator Gray-Jackson for her service.
8. **Mayor’s office---**No representative in attendance in-person or via phone, and no written report was provided.
9. **School Board Representative:** Not present.
10. **George Martinez, Northeast Community Council reported.**
George is the President of the Northeast Community Council. He is very appreciative of all the work the Community Councils do. George also mentioned that he will be running for East Anchorage Assembly District Five Representative this coming spring. Pete Petersen is

currently the Assembly Representative, and he is term limited. Northeast Community Council is meeting in person at Centennial Village with a hybrid format.

5. New Business:

- A. **Elections:** Tyler and Annie briefly discussed the elections. Nominations were received last month for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer. Two nominations for President, Susan Klein and Tyler Robinson. One nomination for Vice President, Al, one nomination for secretary/treasurer, Steven Callaghan. Susan Klein had to decline because she is moving to another area of town. Al nominated Ivy, but she declined. Annie asked for any other nominations for secretary, vice, and president...Annie asked for a motion to move the slate, Ivy moved to approve the slate of candidates, the motion was seconded by Susan Klein. Steve Zemke asked for any objections. There were no objections. The slate of officers was elected unanimously. Tyler mentioned the committees are typically appointed. Annie mentioned the additional positions and nominees are FCC Delegate, Al; FCC alternate, Annie; FCC at large, Mike Gruntz. Annie will continue to seek nominees. Ian Blake is the chair of the Navigation Center committee. Krista and Jason are also part of the Tudor Elmore Navigation Facility Committee. Krista nominated Mark for the P and Z. Tyler briefly mentioned there will be nominations and elections next month.
- B. **ADU:** The changes to the ADU ordinance were discussed. UACC tends to support the current owner occupancy requirement of properties with ADU's.
- C. **Site Access and Redevelopment of Old Neighborhoods:** Mark Fink briefly spoke about Planning Case No. 2023-0011, Site Access, vehicle, pedestrian, etc. This was previously looked at by the UACC, however with the new parking ordinance there were some changes in the original ordinance.

6. UACC Committee Reports

- A. **P&Z Committee:** Mark Fink. Nothing significant to report.
- B. **P&R Committee:** Steven Callaghan. Nothing significant to report.
- C. **FCC:** Al Milspaugh reported there is a UACC Facebook page and information is available.
- D. **Safety:** Al Milspaugh reported on cold weather. Make sure air intake pipes for the furnace are clear, same for plumbing vents, etc.

7. Old Business:

- A. **Navigation Center Advisory Committee:** Tyler mentioned the resolution

regarding the advisory committee on the navigation center. Ian Blake is the committee chair for this committee. Other people were asked to be on the committee as mentioned above. This may move forward in the next month or so.

8. Public comments-Open Dialog

A. Seth Beaubien from Girdwood, not representing the GBOS, Speaking on behalf of a group of concerned citizens regarding a housing development in Girdwood, appreciates watching our proceedings. Asked for a letter of support for the concerns of the Girdwood Community.

B. George Martinez mentioned the Nunaka Elementary was not going to be closed. George is running for District I, Pete Petersen's seat. Canvassing town halls. George encourages people to reach out to him with concerns. Create accountability for the navigation center as it moves forward. Al asked about the Centennial Park and what might happen next year. Nunaka Valley will try to be proactive regarding Centennial Park.

C. Mark Fink mentioned the possibility of an in-person meeting in the future. Krista is looking forward to Zoom meetings. Possible hybrid meetings are being run. George mentioned the hybrid meeting is being run at Nunaka Valley CC meetings. Susan mentioned there are people who do not attend the meeting because it is an online Zoom format. The hybrid option was discussed. There may be an option using a cell phone. UAA may be feasible with a few changes to the way the meeting is run. UACC is looking for ideas on a hybrid meeting or an in-person function.

8. Adjournment: Al Milspaugh motioned for adjournment. Mike Gruntz seconded. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Signed

Tyler Robinson, UACC President

Atch: Attendance Roster

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Al Milspaugh	Member, Host, Vice-President
Mark Fink	Member, P&Z Chair
Steve Zemke	Member, Secretary, Treasurer
Assembly Member Pete Petersen	Visitor
Tyler Robinson	Member, President
Senator Bill Wielechowski	Visitor
Susan Klein	Member
Mike Grunst	Member
Ian Blake	Member
Mary LuHarle	Member
Assembly Member Meg Zalatel	Visitor
Representative Ivy Spohnholz	Member
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Visitor
Annie Collie	Member At-Large
Steven Callaghan	Member, P&R
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson	Visitor, Presenter
George Martinez	Visitor, Presenter
Daniella DeLozier	Visitor
Forrest Dunbar	Visitor, Presenter
Jeremy Houston	Visitor
Corrine	Visitor
Seth Beaubien	Visitor
Andrew Gray-Jackson	Visitor