

UACC MINUTES
May 3, 2023 Meeting

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4 **1. Opening:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice President Al
5 Milspaugh at 7:00 pm. Al presented the UACC Zoom Guidelines. Al started the
6 meeting and asked the attendees to review the minutes and requested
7 corrections/edits of the April 5, 2023, UACC meeting minutes.
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9 **2. Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Tyler Robinson entered our Zoom Meeting at
10 which time Al Milspaugh turned the meeting over to Tyler. Tyler then asked for a
11 motion to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes, Adam Lees motioned to approve the
12 minutes, Mark Fink seconded. The minutes were approved for the April 5, 2023
13 UACC meeting without objection.
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15 **3. Approval of the Agenda:** Tyler Robinson asked for a motion to approve tonight’s
16 agenda. Mark Fink motioned to approve the May 3, 2023 agenda. Al Milspaugh
17 seconded. The agenda was approved without objection.
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19 **4. Informational Reports:**
20 **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**

21 **1. Senator Forrest Dunbar:** Status in the State Senate, the budget is the big
22 deal, \$4 million for ANSEP, \$15 million one-time increase for child support
23 block grants, one million for rural public radio, one-time \$680 increase in the
24 base student allocation. Another bill supports a statutory change, another
25 increase next year, ASD does not want to close schools. Senate support for
26 permanent fund dividend amount of \$1300. SB 107, 75% funded for
27 government, 25% from PFD. SB 77 spurs housing construction. SB 56
28 changes regarding the Alaska Performance Scholarship for students, will
29 include a career in technical education. Hopefully retain students in Alaska...
30 this is headed to the finance committee. The Alaska Performance Scholarship
31 has the lowest participation rate in years. Senator Dunbar appreciates
32 speaking early!

33 **2. State Representative Andrew Gray:** Happenings in the State House. the
34 following legislation is currently being considered, HB 53 Alaska State id’s
35 for prisoners. HB 184 short term rental registry for the state, this does not
36 work retroactively. HB 184 allows one short-term rental, i.e. AirBnB, does
37 not include a Bed and Breakfast established as a business. On Saturday, there
38 is a meet and greet at UAA. The House passed a budget with a deficit...
39 \$2,600 dividend with \$600 million deficit. The Senate budget supports a
40 \$1300 dividend. The House will have the opportunity to concur or disagree
41 with the budget. Representative Andrew Gray has a legislative podcast
42 update, sometimes there is a guest. Andrew is encouraging people to listen to

43 the podcast. No questions from anyone. As always, Thanks Representative
44 Andrew Gray!

45 **3. Assembly Member Felix Rivera:** A few topics... first item is body worn
46 cameras, discussions between MOA and the APD union are going well. The
47 state has body worn cameras and this may be influencing the negotiations.
48 Second item, updates to the MOA budget, first quarter budget revisions.
49 There have been a variety of different funding needs and projects, funded
50 housing, public transit, security cameras for the PAC, early education
51 activities, and a crisis stabilization center. Third item, the port, first is
52 approval of the basis of design concept, in front of assembly at next meeting,
53 second item, is the port tariff surcharge, a work-session scheduled. The last
54 item is homelessness, the emergency shelters are closing. A 2-4 week
55 timeline is expected for transitioning out of the shelters, Sullivan Arena and
56 Aviator Hotel are closing. The Assembly approved a million dollars or so for
57 housing outreach, this includes helping people move into housing, getting
58 people ready to be housed. Funded outreach for people with issues, new
59 concept for navigation center mobile oriented. Right now there are 45
60 housing units at Lakefront, 85 units at Golden Lion, looking to see what other
61 units are available. Not everything is ready for housing. Possibly move
62 forward with setting up sanctioned camps and villages, recommendations in
63 July, another report in June, another report due in September. Two more
64 community engagements coming up, what type of emergency shelter should
65 be in our community, MOA homeless website will be updated. There was a
66 question, are body worn cameras for perpetrators or police, answer: both. A
67 question was asked about the Sullivan Arena closure, appears to be a
68 proliferation of camps, if we do not have a shelter, we cannot abate camps,
69 when will the abatement start this summer, answer, since there is no low
70 barrier shelter, no abatement, Brother Francis is full, it is the only low barrier
71 shelter, once again, reference to Idaho court case.

72 **4. Assembly Member Karen Bronga:** Quick recap of activity in the Anchorage
73 Assembly, There will be homelessness outreach for Cuddy Park, Davis Park,
74 pop-up type operations. The plan is to possibly use relocatable structures,
75 maybe pod shelters for housing. Regarding crime, in 2018, 3341 cars were
76 stolen in Anchorage, only 1094 cars were stolen in 2022, hopefully 2023 is on
77 lower trajectory. Toured Sullivan Arena twice, learned a lot. Assembly
78 Member Karen Bronga held up a binder with all the stuff in it for one
79 assembly meeting, typically reviewed before a meeting. Contact Assembly
80 Member Karen Bronga via email and will take phone calls,

81 **5. Assembly Member George Martinez:** Karen and George coordinated on
82 relaying recent Assembly activities, has business card, a question was asked
83 why Sullivan Arena had to close, answer, possibly pressure from hockey, the
84 Arena is being destroyed. Seedlings are being distributed, 10,000 spruce tree
85 seedlings are being given out to the public. Assembly Member George

86 Martinez left his business card and he can be contacted if there are additional
87 questions or concerns.

88 **6. James Armstrong AWWU:** AWWU is planning on replacing a pipe that
89 crosses Tudor Road, near Wright Street, in the next few weeks. The road will
90 be closed for a few days at a time. The plans for the 42nd Ave project are at 65
91 percent completion, hopefully this will be on the 2024 bond ballot for 2025
92 construction.

93 **7. Trista Espe, Mayor's Office Community Engagement Director:** Tyler
94 Andrews was selected as the Human Resources Director. First Quarter budget
95 revisions were completed, included \$750,000 for repairs to the Golden Lion
96 Hotel. There is a proposal for a downtown patrol, multi-department, staff will
97 patrol on foot. Anchorage Downtown Partnership is increasing staff. The
98 mayor traveled to DC and discussed the Port project. Cost may be 2.2 billion
99 dollars, critical to Alaska. The Holtan Hills project is halted. The community
100 council survey link for Capital Projects is now active. Projects listed on the
101 site currently include the approved 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement
102 Program. Keep projects on the list for future years. Finding ways to better
103 define Anchorage's geographic districts was a recommendation of the 2023
104 Project Anchorage Task Force. Everyone is encouraged to review the Task
105 Force Final Report. Every community council benefits from a commercially
106 vibrant Anchorage. The mayor thanks us for our service and sense of civic
107 responsibility and insight into the community is appreciated. Ensure voices
108 are heard on capital spending and other important matters facing our city.
109 Thanked UACC!

110 **8. School Board Member Carl Jacobs:** not present
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112 **New Business:** Tyler briefly went over the rest of the agenda, four items:

113 **A. Danielle DeLozier regarding Castle Heights Park:** Danielle met with some
114 neighbors and Parks and Rec to discuss improvements in the park. Taylor
115 Keegan and Ellen Devine were present at the meeting. Funding sources for
116 improvements were discussed. Add this park improvements to the UACC CIP
117 project list. Ronald McDonald House and ANMC, and local elementary
118 schools use this park along with local residents. Danielle brought her daughter
119 to the meeting, she took some notes, and after the meeting she drew up a plan
120 for the park, including a dream playground! A resolution was passed
121 supporting improvements to Castle Heights Park, 17 for, 0 against, 0
122 abstentions. The resolution passed. Barbara Garner Bishop added to the
123 conversation regarding the history of the park.

124 **B. Jana Weltzin, Green Growcer:** The proposed Green Growcer marijuana
125 retail store was discussed. There was some concern regarding distances to
126 schools, and distances to the nearby residential area. Currently an application
127 is in process and this may require an additional UACC meeting. A variance
128 may be required. Hyon Yun, and Dan Kim are the potential owners. The

129 distances will need to be looked at. There is some concern regarding possible
130 illegal activities in the neighborhood. The adjacent residential housing is
131 another concern.

132 **C. Kim Mahoney, UAA Facilities:** Urban Forest project. The plan is develop a
133 trail with interpretive amenities on a parcel of land bounded by Northern
134 Lights, UAA Drive, Mallard Lane, and Career Center Drive. The merits of the
135 project were discussed. Maps were shown to everyone attending online and
136 in-person. The existing conditions and potential trail connections were
137 highlighted on the maps. Kim may be requesting a letter of support or a
138 resolution from the UACC.
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140 **UACC Committee Reports**

141 **A. P&Z Committee, Mark Fink:** Status Quo, nothing notable to report.

142 **B. P&R Committee, Steven Callaghan:** University Lake Drive has been held up
143 due to the relocation of existing utilities. Folker signs are up. Potential Lake Otis
144 overpass/underpass project being discussed. Hopefully a tiki bar can be installed
145 at the Goose Lake Snack Shack. Some initial discussions going on about possible
146 replacement of this facility in the future. Still working on citywide way-finding.

147 **C. Safety Committee and CIP, Al Milspaugh** Spring ahead in April! Change the
148 batteries in your smoke detectors!

149 **D. Website:** need to find someone to report on this.

150 **E. Navigation Center Advisory Committee, Ian Blake:** There is activity
151 Homeless is happening, resetting process through May and June. The Golden
152 Lion will start accepting people after improvements are complete. Working on
153 homeless camp locations, trying to set up stakeholder group for low barrier
154 shelter. The Lawsuit with Roger Hickel is in the legal process of agreeing to a
155 settlement. Assembly may not be supportive of additional funding for the
156 navigation center until the lawsuit is settled. A “reset” of the process has occurred.

157 **F. FCC Delegate, Al Milspaugh:** Al Milspaugh asked for any additions to the CIP
158 list. Mark is retiring from FCC. Looking for a new manager at FCC.

159 **Old Business:**

160 **A. Next Meeting – Al Milspaugh:**

161 The Next Meeting is in September, have a nice summer!

162 **Public comments-Open Dialog**

163 **A. Katie Gibson:** Homelessness website and resources is tough to navigate.
164 Confusing and takes a lot of time.

165 **B. Assembly Member George Martinez public comment:** There will be a
166 barbecue hosted by Northeast Community Council this summer, all are welcome!

167 **C. Barbara Garner:** mentioned people sleeping on benches in Folker Park.

168 **D. Ivy Spohnholz:** Please avoid calling out race when mentioning homeless people.
169 Spruce seedlings are being handed out to the public, enjoy the concerts!

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172 **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm, had to leave the facility for
173 the in-person portion of the meeting, next meeting is *Wednesday, September 6, 2023.*
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175 *Signed*

176 Steven Callaghan, UACC Secretary

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179 1. Significant Links from the Chat

180 2. Attendance Roster

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182 **Attachment 1**

183 **Significant Links from the Chat:**

184 Sen. Dunbar:

185 Email: Sen.Forrest.Dunbar@akleg.gov

186 Office #: 465-6944

187 Representative Andrew Gray: You can reach Rep. Gray at:

188 rep.andrew.gray@akleg.gov

189 (907)465-4940

190 Listen to our podcast at:

191 <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2119966>

192 Maya-Staff Rep. Gray: Subscribe to our newsletter at:

193 Maya-Staff Rep. Gray: <https://repgray.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?>

194 From Trista Espe - Mayor's Office to Everyone:

195 The Community Council survey is located at

196 <https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/>

197 Trista Espe - Mayor's Office to Everyone:

198 2023 Project Anchorage Task Force's Final Report

199 <https://www.muni.org/Pages/ProjectAnchorage.aspx>

200 aniella DeLozier to Everyone:

201 [https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/wp-](https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/castleheights.pdf)

202 [content/uploads/2012/06/castleheights.pdf](https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/castleheights.pdf)

203 Ivy Spohnholz to Everyone:

204 Here is the CIP list: <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/19387.pdf>

205 Ivy Spohnholz to Everyone:

206 <https://www.anchorageconcerts.org/community/summer-concert-series>

207 Ivy Spohnholz to Everyone:

208 [http://www.mrwhitekeys.com/trees.html?](http://www.mrwhitekeys.com/trees.html?fbclid=IwAR2ucRkeGABjsfV2Yhj7bRbvcDXnvej-MOh-3U4gJHOGP_cvGQsap1xKpiQ)

209 [fbclid=IwAR2ucRkeGABjsfV2Yhj7bRbvcDXnvej-MOh-](http://www.mrwhitekeys.com/trees.html?fbclid=IwAR2ucRkeGABjsfV2Yhj7bRbvcDXnvej-MOh-3U4gJHOGP_cvGQsap1xKpiQ)

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Attendance Roster	
<i><u>Name</u></i>	<i><u>Affiliation</u></i>
Al Milspaugh	Member, Vice-President, online
Mark Fink	Member, P&Z Committee, in-person
Steve Zemke/Kate Wedemeyer	Member, online
Annie Collie	Member, online
Ian Blake	Member, in-person
Assembly Member Karen Bronga	Visitor, Presenter, in-person
Assembly Member George Martinez	Visitor, Presenter, in-person
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Visitor, Presenter online
Daniella DeLozier	Member, online
Jason DeLozier	Member, online
Tyler Robinson	Member, President, in-person
Steven Callaghan	Member, Secretary, Treasurer, P&R, in-person
Mike Grunst	Member, Zoom Co-host, online
Senator Forrest Dunbar	Visitor, Presenter, online
Representative Andrew Gray	Visitor, Representative Gray Staff
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Visitor, Presenter
Krista Scott	Member, in-person
Kim Mahoney	Member, UAA in-person
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, UAA, in-person
Trista Espe	Mayor's Office, Visitor, online
Adam Lees	Member, in-person
Wanda Solomon-Parsons	Visitor, in-person
Ganiyu Shittu	Visitor, in-person
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, in-person
Katie Gibson	Visitor, in-person
Chad Harder	Visitor, online
Shane B	Visitor, online
Wanda Solomon Parsa	Visitor, in-person
Ivy Spohnholz	Member, online
Hyon (Helen) Yun	Visitor, online
Dan Kim	Visitor, online
James Armstrong	Visitor, AWWU, online
Sandy Baker	Visitor, AWWU, online
Barbara Bishop Garner	Member, online
Jana Weltzin	Visitor, online
Laura Carmack	Visitor, online
Marguerite	Member, online
Maya Narang	Staff for Rep. Gray, Guest