

UACC MINUTES

September 6, 2023 Meeting

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice President Al Milspaugh at 7:04 pm. Al presented the UACC Zoom Guidelines. Al turned the meeting over to Tyler Robinson. Tyler introduced a guest, Sean Parnell, UAA Chancellor, with a limited amount of time, he spoke soon after the beginning of the meeting.
2. **Chancellor Sean Parnell:** Discussion focused on the current status of the University of Alaska. The student enrollment has been increasing over the last year, the Alaska Performance Scholarship and additional funding sources were also discussed in depth. The Chancellor mentioned a few interesting College of Engineering research projects, specifically a project about seismic research and a few transportation research projects. The other UA campuses are also increasing enrollment. Things are looking up at the U!
3. **Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Tyler Robinson asked the attendees to review the minutes and requested corrections/edits of the May 3, 2023, UACC meeting minutes. Mike Grunst motioned to approve the minutes, Al Milspaugh seconded. The minutes were approved for the May 3, 2023 UACC meeting without objection.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Tyler Robinson asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Al Milspaugh motioned to approve the September 6, 2023 agenda. Mike Grunst added an agenda item, renaming UACC to UMED. Russell Kell seconded. No other objections or changes. The agenda was approved.
5. **Informational Reports:**
 - A. **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**
 1. **State Representative Andrew Gray:** A constituent meeting will be held soon...last one was not well attended. Hopefully there will be a constituent meeting on second Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm, via Zoom. Please attend this! Representative Andrew Gray will continue hosting guests on his podcast. He recently toured Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Power Dam.
 2. **Assembly Member Karen Bronga:** Introduced Genevieve Kikukawa, Assembly Aide. SWS is opening new transfer station, stop by and check out the tipping floor! Narcan training was discussed along with the new seasonal bike lane on McCarrey Street, over by Pine Street and Sixth Ave. Assembly Member Karen Bronga toured a few homeless camps. Additional money was spent on the downtown and midtown homeless camps. Joanne Kell had a question or two about homeless camps. Northway Mall came up again as a

potential shelter and navigation center. Police cameras were briefly discussed and new police cars are needed.

- 3. Senator Forrest Dunbar:** Concurred with damage at Northway Mall. The old Alaska Club was more suitable for a shelter. Providence is building a crisis stabilization center, eight million dollars or so in funding from State of Alaska. Looking for capital projects and funding requests for this session. James Holberg in his office can help. Senator Forrest is working on the Alaska Performance Scholarship. SB 77, derelict building legislation, sets up a blight tax, is slowly moving along. Marguerite Iverson asked a question about the Nordstrom building as a derelict building candidate. Right now, it is not a candidate. Mike Grunst mentioned the need for posting a bond for derelict properties. Local government will have some flexibility for dealing with derelict properties. Ryan Buchholt mentioned the success of the Alaska Performance Scholarship. GPA's are up at the U, and he attributes this to the Scholarship. Senator Forrest mentioned the University funding needs to continue and can potentially be allocated towards something else.
- 4. Assembly Member Felix Rivera:** APD body worn cameras, not much to update. Volunteer based test case for thirty officers by the end of the year. Next year full rollout of 350 cameras. Ballot initiative called for the Municipal Trust Fund and the creation of a board. The board will be set up with members soon. Hopefully it will be important people that know about money. Regarding homelessness, a cold weather shelter will be needed, it is getting chilly outside. Need to approve funding for shelter throughout the year. Somewhat ahead of last year, 220,000 dollars approved for the next 40 days. No questions.
- 5. ASD School Board Carl Jacobs:** Schools are getting back to "normal." Vacant jobs are being filled. Additional funding has been helpful. The board remains focused on improved outcomes in math, reading etc. Slight policy change, educators learning from each other, learning teaching methods. The guaranteed twenty minutes for lunch, appears to be working. Some students will be workforce ready when graduating. This is attributed to the completion of college classes while in high school.
- 6. Assembly Member Meg Zaletel:** It is that time of year again, budget season, start thinking about capital projects and bonds for the ballot. Any ideas for spending money, let someone know. Apparently, there was an election fraud complaint. The IT director was involved, there was a question from Joanna Kell about the IT director being on leave...answer is yes. Assembly Member Meg Zaletel then presented a proposed zoning ordinance. The idea is to change the number of residential districts from ten to possibly five. R1 and R2(D) would be combined. R2M, triplexes, and four-plexes would be a district, R3 and R3A would stay the same combine as a district, R4 and R4A

would combine, R6 through R10 would be large lot development. The big idea is to get rid of zoning and implement the land use plan as zoning. Tyler Robinson had a few questions and insightful comments. Assembly Member Meg mentioned there are a few websites to look at for additional information. Adam Lees had questions about the costs of zoning fees and associated costs. Assembly Member Meg answered the questions, it does cost money. There is some uncertainty with entitlements and concern from developers on large lot development. There was a question about large lots, answer: typically, one acre in size.

7.—Homeless and Navigation Center, Ian Blake: Arctic Rec Center did not move forward. A portion of the foundation for the Sprung structure at Tudor Road and Elmore was installed. Perhaps the police could use the Sprung structure for something. There are some people who think Tudor and Elmore is still a great location for a shelter. The Assembly did not approve funding to continue the project at Tudor and Elmore. Right now, the project is on hold. There was a proposal to use the former Alaska Native Cultural Charter School building on North Bragaw. An agreement to use the Arctic Rec Center could not be reached and did not continue to be an option. The Tudor Elmore facility cost to construct is upwards of twelve million dollars and is estimated to cost eight million dollars per year to operate. Appears to still be a priority for the current administration. Right now, it is a zombie project. The mayor was interviewed by KTUU regarding the project, perhaps set up the shelter and let people set up tents inside of it. Question regarding the storage of the Sprung structure, answer: part of the shelter is in Eagle River, and part of it is in Tacoma. Joanne Kell asked about selling or possibly negotiate out of storage fees. Hire some attorneys. Answer: It costs five thousand a month for the Tacoma storage, Sprung will not take the tent back. It may be possible to install this somewhere and use it for something else. Leon Jaimes asked about repurposing the infrastructure that was installed. Answer: The current Administration wants to put up the big tent. More than likely this will be installed.

8.—UACC boundaries, Tyler Robinson: The bounds of the UACC area may be adjusted. Tom Davis will be at the next meeting to talk about this.

5. New Business:

A. Renaming UACC: Brief discussion to rename University Area to University Medical Area, perhaps we could add the Blue Fox in the name somehow...

6. UACC Committee Reports

A. P&Z Committee, Mark Fink: Status Quo, nothing notable to report. Mentioned zoning legislation. Needs help, hard to keep up with zoning stuff. Looking for

volunteers for committees.

- B. P&R Committee, Steven Callaghan:** Absent
- C. Safety Committee and CIP, Al Milspaugh:** Be careful, winter is on the way! Disconnect and put your hoses in storage!
- D. Website:** need to find someone to report on this.
- E. Navigation Center Advisory Committee, Ian Blake:** Big report, see above!!!
- F. FCC Delegate, Al Milspaugh:** Al Milspaugh asked for any additions to the CIP list. Need new manager at FCC or the world as we know it, will end!!!! Al should apply to this job...UACC can provide Al with a recommendation!

7. Old Business:

- A. Next Meeting** – Al Milspaugh:
The Next Meeting is in October, hopefully hybrid...

8. Public comments-Open Dialog

- A.** Brief comment from Mike Grunst regarding the UACC to UMED name change. Really wants this name change!
- B.** Ryan Buchholdt mentioned free parking for athletic events!!! Except hockey, fees will be triple or quadruple the usual rates, peak pricing...
- C.** Al Milspaugh mentioned the FCC still needs someone, check out the open house at the new Transfer Station.

- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm, the in-person portion of the meeting had to leave the facility for the in-person portion of the meeting, next meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Signed

Steven Callaghan, UACC Secretary

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- 1. Significant Links from the Chat
- 2. Attendance Roster

Attachment 1

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Attachment 2

Attendance Roster	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Al Milspaugh	Member, Vice-President, online
Mark Fink	Member, P&Z Committee, in-person
Steve Zemke	Member, online
Kate Wedemeyer	Member, online
Annie Collie	Member, online
Ian Blake	Member, in-person
Assembly Member Karen Bronga	Visitor, Presenter, in-person
Genevieve Kikukawa, Assembly Aide	Visitor, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Visitor, Presenter, online
Tyler Robinson	Member, President, in-person
Mike Grunst	Member, Zoom Co-host, in-person
Senator Forrest Dunbar	Visitor, Presenter, online
Deirdre Gains, Staff to Senator Dunbar	Visitor, Presenter, online
Representative Andrew Gray	Visitor, Presenter, in-person
Ari Wiggin, Staff to Andrew Gray	Visitor, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Meg Zaletel	Visitor, online
Carl Jacobs, ASD	Visitor, online
Marguerite Iverson	Member, online
UAA Chancellor Sean Parnell	Visitor, in-person
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, UAA, in-person
Peggy Kugel	Member, online
Adam Lees	Member, in-person
Leon Jaimes	Member, online
John LaMantia	Member, online
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