

UACC MINUTES

November 1, 2023 Meeting

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Vice President Al Milspaugh at 7:01 pm. Al presented the UACC Zoom Guidelines. President Tyler Robinson attended the in-person portion. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Tyler Robinson asked the attendees to review the minutes and asked for a motion of approval. Al Milspaugh motioned to approve the minutes with Mark Fink seconding the motion. Tyler Robinson then asked if there were any amendments. With none being heard, Tyler Robinson then stated without objections the minutes were approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Tyler Robinson asked for approval of the agenda. Russ Kell motioned for approval with a second by Al Milspaugh. With no one amending the agenda, Tyler Robinson then asked to add to New Business paragraph 5c “42nd Avenue.” Paul Stang requested adding a discussion regarding nominations for positions and subsequent elections, item 5d. With no objections the agenda was approved. Al Milspaugh asked if there were any first-time attendees.
4. **Informational Reports:**
 - A. **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**
 1. **State Representative Andrew Gray:** Representative Andrew Gray discussed his podcast, a few of the recent and future guests on the podcast. He is working on energy conservation policy, concern is running out of natural gas for the rail belt utilities; and House Bill 184, Short-Term Rental Unit Registry, statewide legislation for short term rentals (Airbnb’s), rental durations of less than 30 days. Questions regarding short term rental bill and related discussion took place. Limit of three short term rentals owned by one person or entity. A few people mentioned the 12.5% city tax for short term rentals. Barbara Garner mentioned her neighbor has five houses on a parcel of land. Representative Andrew Gray mentioned 1000 new hotel rooms were constructed recently in Anchorage along with 1200 additional short-term rentals. Would be nice to know who owns these properties. Steven Callaghan had a question regarding the individual who was present at the last UACC meeting, regarding Tudor Road safety improvements. Representative Andrew Gray follows up with this particular individual on a regular basis.
 2. **Assembly Member Karen Bronga:** Assembly Member Karen Bronga mentioned the housing action summit; clean slate strategy, one person from east side, all of the assembly districts, criteria for shelter year-round low barrier shelter, possibly allowed camping next summer; deep in budget discussions, public hearing was held, only two people showed up and chatted about non-

budget stuff. Goose Lake paddle boat cafe, music, skating was discussed. Possible contract for O'Malley Ice to run Sullivan Arena, Dempsey, Ben Boeke, leasing for nearly nothing. Who is going to pay for big maintenance bills. Two marijuana issues, order cannabis from phone/internet, and allow for drive thru pickup. Portland toilets might be installed, possibly on the bond. Opaque with louvers, blue lights to avoid shooting up drugs, \$500,000 each. Question is, where these will go? No one knows yet, somewhere downtown, possibly in parks. Anna Brawley and George Martinez are looking at BSA formula to be more equitable to Anchorage. There was a roll back of SB 21, Muni Code changed, now needs to change back. A lot of discussion regarding Portland porta-potties, budget questions regarding restrooms and maintenance. Paul Stang, mentioned looking at cheaper porta-potties, buy porta potties. The Portland Potties have a sink on the outside, 2 million tourists in Anchorage, not just an issue for locals, important for tourists.

3. **ASD School Board Carl Jacobs:** Carl Jacobs school board updates, ASD is planning to move to a comprehensive middle school model, career preparation. There is a transition plan for this, planning meetings, there is info on ASD Hot Topics page. Late start for schools, board approved but delayed for one year, 8:00-2:30, 9:30-4:00, significant changes, unintended consequences may occur. There is a working group, the public can comment on issues at careforkids.com. Prop 14 passed, there is a childcare crisis, policy proposals and revisions are going to occur. Tyler Robinson mentioned the late start at 10:30 am is problematic for working parents. Carl Jacobs assured everyone that schools will be open earlier so parents can drop off students.
4. **Ryan Buchholdt:** Ryan Buchholdt had a few items to mention, first up board of regents is meeting at Gorsuch Commons, Sharon Gagnon Lane, research showcase, highlighting research. STEM day, young people come to UAA, learn about science, tech, engineering and math in the Conoco Phillips Integrated Science Building. The UAA hockey team beat Penn State, UAA Seawolves are doing well. Yesterday, UAA signed an agreement with LG for advanced heat pump engineering research, testing in arctic and subarctic zones, -40 testing. UAA may own some of the IP from this agreement. UAA has its own police department, shortage at APD, so UAA will sometimes respond off campus, do not want to always throw the book at students, the campus is a bit of a haven for homeless. The amount of mental health crisis is ridiculous for UPD, students and UAA employees are not comfortable around apparent homeless individuals. Russ Kell had a question, does APD help UPD? Answer, yes, typically UPD helps APD. Karen Bronga asked about STEM day and how to find out about it on the UAA website. Answer: google UAA STEM day.
5. **Arrie Wiggin for Senator Forrest Dunbar:** A written report will be forth coming and submitted to UACC. The report has not been emailed yet.

5. New Business and Ongoing Business:

- A. Tyler Robinson** brought up the triplex and fourplex referring to P and Z case 2023-103, making it easier to develop triplex and fourplexes, possible resolution from UACC. Home initiative, Meg Zalatel has details on this, potentially going to 4 zoning districts, at this time there is nothing urgent to comment on. Possibly January, triplex and fourplex changed. Karen Bronga continued the discussion, one acre lots not affected by AO 2023-110. Regarding short term rentals, amending AMC to get a handle on Airbnb providers, register short term rentals, encouragement to register, fine as a penalty, you have to be able to respond within an hour to problems, may not be reasonable, insurance on property, does not include regular bnb's. Randy Sulte, Meg Zalatel are supportive, some are owner occupied, how does MOA know if someone is running an Airbnb, come clean now, will be paying fair share, need more safe, clean housing, Diana Roberts, asked about the registration fee, military exemption. Mark Fink mentioned the existing AirDNA website has data on Airbnb's and probably most people running a short-term rental use an online service such as Airbnb or VRBO. Are apartments regulated in this manner? The proposed Airbnb regulations have a high bar regarding management. The taxes and fees appear to penalize diligent, industrious individuals who have accomplished something. Representative Andrew Gray had a response, have less Airbnb's, 30% would not run an Airbnb if they had to be on a registry. Paul Stang asked about differentiating between Airbnb and regular bnb's. Russ Kell commented that this is not needed, Mrs. Kell disagreed with Mr. Kell, who is now in the backyard doghouse, literally, conveniently booked by Mrs. Kell on Airbnb. Mr. Kell mentioned taxing achievements. Tyler Robinson moderated a middle ground, monetizing space is not bad. Need for some clarification on this AirBNB stuff.
- B. Housing and Homeless, Ian Blake:** Ian discussed the current status of the homeless shelter situation in Anchorage. Avoiding a big shelter is a common public response, not much appetite for continuing the model of large Sullivan Arena type shelter. The Administration believes this is a good thing for the community, there is still this dream that exists in the mind of the administration that a large shelter is needed. The clean slate group strategy is trying to evaluate sites that meet criteria, final proposal or decision is expected around January 3rd, rather optimistic. This spring there might be a Northway Mall conversion, Hope Community Group, a private organization that might run a shelter, not low barrier, where a year-round congregate shelter might exist. 200 people at the SWS site, admin building, no warming facility at the site...camp abatements have begun, Chantshu Park, 3rd and Ingra site is abated, Valley Street Park, Jacobson Park, southwest corner of Lake Otis, College Village community, a few camps in row, posted notices at the snow dumps, Davis Park. Public involvement and public input dates are beginning in December. Evaluate any candidate sites for a year-round congregate shelter, presentations on Dec 2nd, Dec 4th, Dec 7th at Loussac Library. One of these meetings will be virtual, Tudor and Elmore might be part of the discussion. Karen Bronga mentioned the

Anchorage health department, housing services, has a shelter dashboard, offers real time data for capacity in the shelters. Two hotels are full, the Rescue Mission is at capacity, SWS admin is low, not one person went to the SWS shelter in the last few days. A lot of people heard about free hotel rooms and are expecting one.

C. 42nd Avenue was briefly discussed.

D. Paul Stang mentioned elections in the near future. Need nominees.

B. Reports and Presentations From Guests

1. No presentations from guests.

5. Unfinished Business from previous Meeting(s):

A. Next Meeting –

The next meeting is in December, hopefully hybrid using Zoom...in person at UAA Lyla Richards Room.

B. No additional unfinished business.

6. UACC Committee Reports

A. P&Z Committee, Mark Fink: triplex/fourplex, Airbnb ordinance. See above.

B. P&R Committee, Steven Callaghan: Status Quo, nothing to report.

C. Safety Committee and CIP, Al Milspaugh:

D. Website: Need to find someone to report on this.

E. Navigation Center Advisory Committee, Ian Blake: Report above.

F. FCC Delegate, Al Milspaugh: Nothing to report.

7. Public comments-Open Dialog

A. No additional Comments.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm, the in-person portion of the meeting had to leave the facility, UAA Lyla Richards Room. The next meeting, hybrid format, is scheduled for *Wednesday, December 6, 2023.*

Signed

Steven Callaghan, UACC Secretary

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

Attachment 1

Significant Links from the Chat:

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MOA 2040 Land Use Plan

https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Documents/Anchorage%202040%20Land%20Use%20Plan/2040_Land_Use_Plan_Map_Adopted_9-26-17.pdf

From Carl Jacobs, ASD School Board To Everyone:

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Project website for 42nd Ave: <https://42ndavenueupgrade.com/>

Attachment 2

Attendance Roster	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Al Milspaugh	Member, Vice-President, online
Annie Collie	Member, in-person
Ian Blake	Member, online
Representative Andrew Gray	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Mark Fink	Member, in-person
Barbara Garner	Member, in-person
Tyler Robinson	Member, President, in-person
Arielle Wiggin	Guest, in-person, State Staff for FD
Assembly Member Karen Bronga	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Carl Jacobs, ASD	Guest, online
Marguerite Iverson	Member, online
Rosemary Mosby	Member, in-person
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, UAA, in-person
Corrine	Member, online
Linda Whitney	Member, in-person
Steven Callaghan	Member, Secretary, in-person
Adam Lees	Member, online
Alyssa Manley	Member, online
Paul Stang	Member, online
Aaron Havel	Guest, online
Deirdre	Guest, online, UAA Student
Diana Roberts	Member, in-person
Joanne Kell	Member, in-person
Russell Kell	Member, in-person