

UACC MINUTES

January 3, 2024

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order by President Tyler Robinson. Tyler was the chair of the meeting, and Al presented the UACC Zoom Guidelines.
2. **Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Tyler Robinson asked the attendees to review the minutes and asked for a motion of approval. Mark Fink motioned to approve the minutes with Al Milspaugh 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. Al Milspaugh motioned for approval with a second by Mark Fink. With no objections, the agenda was approved.
4. **Informational Reports:**
 - A. **Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**
 - 1.—**Seth Tigarian for Senator Forrest Dunbar:** Few updates from last month. Sen. Dunbar has prefiled a couple of bills for the session including his mental health bill. Wants to also let constituents know that they are there to serve and welcome any contact with comments, feedback, or community concerns.
 - 2.—**State Representative Andrew Gray:** Andrew handed out copies of his Christmas card and gave updates on East High pool situation – no age upper limit for lifeguards and enough people are interested to fill a class solely of folks interested in his program. Author Tom Kizza has been on his podcast this week. Recent guests include Assembly member Karen Bronga and UACC president Tyler Robinson. Will be traveling to Juneau next week on Wednesday but hosting a zoom constituent meeting on Thursday.
 - 3.—**Assembly Member Meg Zaletel:** Assembly will be returning from a holiday break next Tuesday with a packed schedule. Scheduled to vote on roads bond (~\$42 million, typical size), Parks bond (~\$4.5 million), public safety bond including bus stop upgrades. New bonds to be added, one of which Chugach park service area road improvements. Work session for this bond is Friday. Cemeteries bond for Chugiak, Eagle River, and Girdwood. Finally sanitation bond to provide public restrooms in the city. Also voting on second stage of zoning updates from previous meeting, changing 3,4-plex building codes to residential from commercial. Also looking at assembly approval for city chief medical officer, if approved will be put before voters. Question from Al: does Chugach bond include funding for plowing?
A: No, capital improvements only.

Question from Mark: Is the Portland loo bond for a sole source contract?

A: There are multiple vendors that create similar bathrooms. This is for several Portland loo style facilities, will be put to bid if bond passes.

Question from Steve: What happens to items that get pushed from previous agendas?

A: When the assembly doesn't get to finish a public hearing, they get moved up in the next agenda to the 13's. Further discussion about the specific case of the zoning agenda item.

Question from Tyler: Where does the maintenance budget for the Portland style loo bond come from?

A: Will be added to Parks and Rec budget. As part of bond, tax cap increases to cover future maintenance Discussion about increasing workload on Parks and Rec with all this new maintenance responsibilities.

4. Assembly Member George Martinez: Excited about passing the final piece of triplex and fourplex code revisions. Should increase number of those projects moving from idea to reality. People in Stuckagain Heights area (neighboring cc) are excited about CASA bond. People mover routes are changing this month including route 20 which will no longer go to Northway Mall (connection from Mountain View to UMed area). Upcoming job fair to be hosted at Dena'ina center on January 11. Will be some interviewing and hiring onsite to hopefully streamline municipal employment. Body cam implementation is moving faster than latest expectations. Assembly will get a training demonstration shortly.

Q from Tyler: Is Stuckagain community council in favor of the CASA bond?

A: Yes, will help alleviate parking and traffic issues as well as beginning to address emergency egress.

Q From Mike G: Are there other projects in the southern Chugach State Park that are included in the CASA bond?

A: Yes, potential for a myriad of projects in the Chugach State Park access plan. Further clarifying discussion of what will be included. There will be future casa bonds in the future – this is part of a long term strategy.

5. Ryan Buchholdt, UAA: January 16th is start of spring semester. Enrollment is up twice in a row for the first time since original Dunleavy cuts. Gov's proposed budget is deficient in several need categories for the UA system.

6. Assembly Member Felix Rivera (occurred after elections, between Agenda 5a and 5b below): January 9th assembly meeting will look at \$1.5million for ACEH for housing first initiative. Goal is to house 150 individuals from alex hotel emergency shelter to housing by April.

Population of alex hotel has least amount of complaints = more ready to be housed. Things are running smoothly for emergency cold weather shelter (about 574 beds) that are almost all full. Things going fairly well, much

improved from Sullivan situation. Administration has not proposed any warming centers, concerning. Looking at standing up pallet shelters in addition to next step pilot housing. Hoping for less chaos than last years shelter stand down.

Q from Mark: What period does the \$1.5million cover for housing

A: This is the Muni's contribution, other is coming from private donors, fed dollars, etc. Total will cover housing 150 people for one year with the goal to get them stable or on other assistance (vouchers)

Q from Ian: What are the current plans/status of the Sullivan arena?

A: No update known.

~~7.~~No ASD School Board Member in Attendance.

5. Agenda Items 5A, 5B:

A. Board Elections

Summary of nominees:

Mike Grunst and Steven Callaghan, nominees for President

Al Milspaugh is a nominee for Vice-President.

Ian Blake is a nominee for Treasurer/Secretary.

Nominees each had the opportunity to describe their platform and goals for the community council. Elections were held by raising of hands in person and online.

Elected:

Steven Callaghan, President

Al Milspaugh, Vice-President.

Ian Blake, Treasurer/Secretary

Transfer of power is immediate.

B. Nominations for other positions:

Tyler Robinson nominated to executive board as previous president. Paul Stang nominated to executive board as member at large. Mark Fink nominated to executive board as member at large. Al Milspaugh nominated as FCC delegate. Mike Grunst volunteered to head Parks and Rec committee and assist with planning and zoning. Some discussion of whether to keep the Tudor/Elmore shelter as a formal committee. No decision reached. Annie Collie nominated in abstentia for planning and zoning. Mark Fink nominated for FCC delegate alternate.

6. Old Business: Discussion of AirBNB ordinance that will be considered January 23rd. Very basic framework to begin registering and tracking these listings. Unclear in

discussion how much cost and specifics (see 7E)

7. UACC Committee Reports

- A. **P&Z Committee, Mark Fink:** triplex/fourplex ordinance. See above discussion.
- B. **P&R Committee, Steven Callaghan:** Status Quo, nothing to report. There is a parks and rec bond this year. Not sure if it includes any projects in UACC area. Goose lake polar plunge successful. Cheri put up 12 signs from waterways council about scooping poop.
- C. **Safety Committee, Al Milspaugh:** Check your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Red cross or fire department may install for free!
- D. **Agenda Item 5D, Navigation Center Advisory Committee, Ian Blake:** Nothing new, public comments for future permanent shelter sites will be upcoming as part of clean slate strategy.
- E. **FCC Delegate, Al Milspaugh:** No meeting in December, nothing to report.

8. Public comments-Open Dialog

- A. Barbara: Has comments on 42nd avenue project. Moved in 1967. Mostly been dirt road, plan to do a 66' wide road. Not sure how they will squeeze it in. Hopeful that plans can be revised to 60' to preserve parkland, trees in front of condo development, etc. Doesn't want it to become a traffic bypass for Tudor Rd. with removal of traffic controls.
 - B. Paul Stang suggests inviting planning group for 42nd Ave project to be invited to February meeting and listen to/address these concerns, write them down, etc.
 - C. Tyler reclarifies Barbara's concerns about neighborhood character.
 - D. Barbara gives a bit of history of the area with incorporation into the Municipality. Many houses built before code applied.
 - E. Felix with more info on AirBNB: two year licensing, \$400 per property that is listed. Fee goes away if unit is long term rented for > 180 days per year.
9. **Adjournment:** Al Milspaugh made a motion for adjournment. Tyler Robinson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm, the in-person portion of the meeting left the facility, UAA Lyla Richards Room. The next meeting, hybrid format, is scheduled for *Wednesday, February 7, 2024.*

Signed

Ian Blake, UACC Secretary

Atchs: 2

- 1. Attendance Roster

Attachment 1 Attendance Roster

Attendance Roster	
<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Affiliation</i></u>
Tyler Robinson	Member, President, in-person
Al Milspaugh	Member, Vice-President, online
Mike Grunst	Member, online
Ian Blake	Member, in-person
Representative Andrew Gray	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Mark Fink	Member, in-person
Seth Tigarian	Guest, online, Staff for Senator Dunbar
Assembly Member George Martinez	Guest, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Meg Zaletel	Guest, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Karen Cameron	Member, online
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, UAA, in-person
Susan Share	Member, online
Paul Stang	Member, online
Steven Callaghan	Member, Secretary, in-person
Barbara Garner	Member, online
Annie Collie	Member, online
Peggy Kugel	Member, online