
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2009

1. Called to order by President Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Tim Neal, and Patricia Williams

2. Minutes

October approved.

3. Agenda

Approved, with addition of Kevin Hemeway, KABATA.

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings

5. Elected Representatives

Elvi Gray-Jackson

- **Drafted a resolution with support from Dan Coffey** to ensure H2H plans do not adversely affect neighborhoods. **The resolution was unanimously approved.**
- Discussed the budget and recent veto of some amendments to the budget.
- Discussed the 2010 Operating budget, in particular funding for the arts and transportation. Will be submitting an amendment to increase funding.
- Spoke of refinancing a bond debt to lower cost. This will likely add 6 million dollars to the debt.
- Discussed funding from legislature in reference of tax relief. Ms. Gray-Jackson indicated by not taxing to the cap now we may not be able to collect enough in the future. The tax cap is affected by the Consumers Price index and population growth.

Sharron Cissna

- Spoke of the inability to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine. Public announcements were made and then the vaccine was not available. Suggested if you have flu like symptoms to stay home, with approval from employer, and if possible work from home.
- Issues were with the private sector providing the supplies.
- Handwashing is still important in reducing the spread of disease.
- Paid tribute to Richard Foster who was part of the Democratic Caucus. A nominee will be submitted to the Governor for approval.

Berta Gardner

- Berta and Johnny Ellis have received 200 comments in response to the H2H proposed routes. The planning team is mandated to find reasonable routes when planning. have made it clear they will not support any Highway to Highway plans that negatively impact neighborhoods.
- Indicated she attended the grand opening of the Salvation's Army Clitheroe Center. This facility will taken in court order inebriates for treatment.

- Informed council that energy and the gas pipe line will be topics for the upcoming legislative session.

6. Jon Burrell for Bettye Davis

- Indicated Mrs. Davis was on a conference tour.
- Her #1 interest is Denail Kid Care. Wants to increase funding 200% for kids and pregnant women .

7. David Williams, Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission

- Paid cudos to Brenda Moore for the help in securing computers. Brenda is an assistant to Rep. Cissna.
- Indicated there have been 14 homeless deaths in 2009.
- The mayor has put together a Homeless Leadership team with 3 main goals; reduce deaths, reduce number of inebriants, reduce public expenditures. Estimated 50 individuals use most of the resources from the public. The goal is to target the 50 largest users.
- The desire of the team is to have a decision making members of the participating agencies on the team. Allowing for commitments without delays,.
- The mayor has increased the temperature variance for emergency shelter from 15 to 32 degrees.
- The mission has 40 beds that could be used for overnight stays. Title 21 does not allow for the use of this facility. The mission would like a variance from this requirement. A resolution of support from the council would help. The variance would be for only one year.
- Mr. Williams has requested that volunteers from the council be on the mission's strategic planning committee.
- Council president tabled discussion until next meeting. An e-mail is being sent to community members searching for volunteers for the mission's committee.

8. Kevin Hemenway, KABATA

- Mr. Hemenway discussed the Knik Bridge. The bridge would be a toll bridge.
- Discussed the proposed route, the project cost and funding, and potential land use.
- Mr. Hemenway requested a resolution in favor of the bridge.
- A web site is available for more information on the bridge.
- Council president requested a resolution proposal not be made until hearing from the Anchorage Citizens Coalition next meeting.

9. Adjournment