
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2009

1. Called to order by President Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Tim Neale, Susan Klein, and Patricia Williams

2. Minutes

November minutes approved.

3. Agenda

Added Meg King as UAA representative, approved.

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings.

Community council members are invited to meet with David Williams, representative for the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, to improve relations. The meeting is December 9th, 6:00 pm at Kaladi Brothers on Patterson and Tudor.

Someone neighbor has requested a conditional use for a bed and breakfast on Vance Drive.

5. Elected Representatives

Elvi Gray-Jackson

- 2010 Budgets – Operating and Capital public hearings for both general government and the utilities ended (we thought) on Tuesday, November 3rd. At the November 17th meeting, we began the amendment process but were only able to get to the following:
 1. Funding for the FCC - \$98,000 (Passed – 7 votes)
 2. Bond Refinancing (\$12,500,000) deletion (Passed)
 3. Bus fare increase deletion (Passed – 8 votes)
 4. Fire Inspector Position reinstated (Passed)
 5. Fire Investigator Position (Failed)
 6. DEAP Program Senior Funding (Failed)
 7. Funding for Libraries (Passed) \$600,000
 8. \$12.5M bond refinancing (Passed – then vetoed) Assembly still has to approve the actual ordinance for the transaction that cannot be vetoed.
- Other proposed amendments that we didn't get to include:

1. Fire and Police Academies
2. Arts and Culture Foundation Grants and Other Grants – 2009 Level
3. Project Access
4. Neighborhood Crime Watch (\$50,000)
5. Campfire USA
6. Boys and Girls Club
7. Late Evening and Early Morning Bus Service

- We held a special meeting on Monday, November 30th for another public hearing because deadline to approve the budget was missed. Amendments the citizens asked for were the same as the other 100 who testified previously. Transit, After-School Programs, Libraries with the exception of 4 persons asking for the animal cuts to be reinstated. Approximately 10 persons out of 140 supported the Mayor's proposed budget.
- On Monday, an (S) version on the budget was introduced by Johnston and Flynn that included:

\$150,000 - Arts and Culture Grants

\$16,000 – Community Development Grants

\$20,000 – Project Access

\$49,000 – Boy and Girls Club (Afterschool Programs)

Delete bus fare increase

\$200,000 – Reinstatement some early morning and late evening bus service

\$50,000 – Reinstatement Chugiak/ER bus service (pilot program)

- **Special meeting to take action on December 8th to propose amendments, vote on amendments, then approve the budget.**

Sharon Cissna

- Spoke on the cutting of disability services.
- There was going to be a legislative information briefing 15 December.

Noah Hanson for Berta Gardner

- Education committee looking at the proposal from Governor Parnell on scholarships. There is not much detail.
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6. Tom Obermeyer for Bettye Davis

- Reported new funding for Denail Kid Care.

7. Lois Epstein, Anchorage Citizens Coalition.

- Spoke on the cost and other issues of the proposed Knik Bridge. The coalition is currently not for building of the bridge.

Note: KABATA (those for the bridge) and the Anchorage Citizens Coalition (those against) are seeking resolutions from community councils on this issue. We have currently tabled the issue until the council discusses the issue with those most affected.

8. UAA, Meg King

- Spoke on sustainability and land use. UMED plan and the implementation of such. Susan Klein volunteered to be our UACC representative.

9. Adjournment