

## UACC minutes December 7, 2011

Introductions and “excitement”

Joanie Nardini reported four police cars this morning in Bryn Mawr condo.

Mary Lu Harle reported that police were ticketing on Checkmate and Wesleyan this morning.

Minutes were unavailable so approval moved to January meeting.

Gordon Jones suggested people speak to neighbors about meetings. Discussion led to need for a handout on the role of the community council (specific to UACC).

Also discussed possibility of moving the meeting to another night and using “Doodle poll” to determine the best night.

### **Additions to agenda:**

1. Board includes four standing committees. Chairs are members of the board.
2. Appointing FCC to member of board)
3. Trust Land Office – Tim Spernak
4. Report on P and Z meeting and rezone request of Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission

### **Informational reports**

#### **Kevin Harun legislative aide to Representative Berta Gardner.**

- She is now minority whip and has more responsibility.
- As a result of her inquiries, the Commissioner of Transportation will see that the Department is be more responsive to community needs in regards to updates on transportation projects within the community councils.
- She has a meeting with Governor Parnell tomorrow regarding capital projects, in particular Waldron Lake, which is also in the Mayor’s capital projects list.
- Also on the Mayor’s Capital Projects list is a design for new transit center in midtown. The Municipality is requesting state money to look for potential sites
- She now has a Facebook site

#### **Celeste Hodge - legislative aide to Senator Betty Davis.**

- Mostly at meeting to listen. Senator Davis is out of state.
- Heading to Juneau mid Jan

#### **Assemblyman Dick Traini.**

- City budget and school bond passed the Assembly. One school bond to include all schools including life safety upgrades and CTE program from West High. 70% from state match.
- Next week will try to rescind the sidewalk ordinance.

#### **Representative Sharon Cissna.**

- Talked about TSA issues and handed out an informational sheet. Not overseen by anyone. Involved with a new group “US for Travel Freedom” that is trying to gather people across country to get attention re TSA.

### **Presentations**

#### **40<sup>th</sup> & Laurel Street Mental Health Land Trust property**

##### **Tim Spernak of the Trust Land Office (TLO).**

TLO is a contractor to Mental Health Land trust. Manage million acres. Development plans.

Conditional use permit to extract soil from hill on E 40th. Application to be submitted on December

22. Had 5.5-acre site but building of E 40th Street took one acre. Medical group would like them to build 3200 square foot office building. Land is zoned PLI and Trust Office would like to change to RO designation. Would like to build three-story (14 ft per story) building. Already have number of properties in UMed area some of which have been developed for medical offices (OPA, Renal Care). Will remove hill in spring over about 45 days. Fill will be used for land Mental Health Land Trust owns in Eagle River off of Hiland Road. Planning to build a subdivision there.

40<sup>th</sup> and Laurel property will begin preparation work mid to late summer 2012, and build through winter 2012-13. Will come back to community council after submit plan to city.

### **UAA sports arena presentation**

Christ Turletes, John Founts, Stan van Over, Carlson Green, Terry Schoenfall (architect)  
Will be presenting design to the Urban Design Commission on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can attend.  
Will be at Assembly Chambers.

Planned as site for all UAA sports except hockey. Will also be able to host high school tournaments and other events. Current sports facility will be upgraded for use as PE classroom space.

Site of sports arena is now at Providence Drive and Elmore. Will include change in Elmore design to include a roundabout that will allow egress to the sports arena on a new road (Health Drive) going East/West to connect with Wellness Drive on the Providence Hospital campus. Sharon Gagnon Lane will become a cul de sac and all egress/ingress to student housing will be by Wellness Drive and Health Drive.

Parking will be shared with Providence Hospital (500 Providence spaces and 600 new spaces adjacent to the new sports facility). Questioned on whether they have contacted anyone at Native Medical Center complex about using some of their spots and using shuttle busses (has not been done).

Vegetation will be maintained as much as possible – especially along Elmore Rd. Drainage will stay on site – infiltrating into the ground instead of into the wastewater system. There will be a new (and safer) pedestrian walkway incorporated into the design and through the building for students walking from dorms to classes. Also a new pedestrian sidewalk on the west side of Elmore will be built. Have had one plant rescue already and are open to another.

Traffic impact analysis is under way but will not need a new north/south route. There will be little impact on current traffic, as large events will be planned for off-traffic times as much as possible.

The main floor/arena will be sunken which will reduce the height of the building to 100' at the peak. Will incorporate windows to let in natural light. There will be 1000-2000 seats around the playing floor and a balcony for a maximum of 5500 seats. There will also be rental skyboxes for games and use for other events.

### **APU Master plan discussion and resolution**

Shanna met with Dr. Bantz. Want help with stewardship but still their land.  
Tom Bronga presented resolution and recommendations. Spoke with Karen Iverson at the Municipality and Nancy Pease formerly of P & Z. APU property is PLI land and used by more than the students. Many organizations use the area therefore not in public interest to remove trails. Chester trail has set back so put that in recommendations. civil law 7 Year grandfather for trail easement. Ski trail system set by Nordic Ski Club.

Tom added Recommendation 5. That a wooded trail be maintained throughout the property

Other recommendations and suggestions from community council members:

Recommend greater set back

Suggestion to buy the land if we really want to keep as is

Further investigate promise from Municipality? State? Feds? To reimburse APU for land

Winterberry relocate there?.

Shanna talked with Dr. Bantz and the bottom line is that it is their property and APU needs money and the income from renting building use.

A committee was formed to rewrite the draft resolution. (Tom Bronga, Craig Valentine, Mary Lu Harle, Shanna Mall). Noted it is critical to attend Jan 9th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to express concerns

### **Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission**

David Williams reported on the result of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. AGRM had requested rezone of property to PLI but also wanted to remove some R3 property from that request. The R3 property was in the request due to acreage limitations on PL1 property but neither the Mission, the neighbors nor the Community Council wanted the R3 property included. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Assembly that the R3 property be removed from the rezone. Will be before the Assembly in February or March. All uses were approved by P&Z. The Mission must put in sprinkler system into building. The Mission has budgeted for the sprinkler system and can do that.

Adjourned 9:20

Respectfully submitted

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