UACC Minutes University Area Community Council (UACC) February 4, 2015

- 1. Opening: Jacob Gondek called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Jacob next had the people in the room introduce themselves. Twenty-eight people were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Twenty-one UACC members signed in. An additional seven visitors signed in and attended part or all of the meeting.
- 2. Approval of minutes: The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting. These minutes were not available in hard copy so were deferred for approval to the February 4^{th} meeting.
- 3. Agenda: Jacob Gondek suggested adding two additional items to the agenda. One was adding information on Anchorage School Board activities to the Informational Reports. The second was adding a report from the Kristine Bunnell on the UMED District Plan. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.
- 4. Informational Reports
 - A. Reports from Public Servants
 - 1. Elvi Gray-Jackson reported on several items that can be found in her assembly report found within attachment 1
 - 2. Dick Trani reported on the following items.

Dick discussed that marijuana was going legal as of February 24. He indicated that the Assembly would take up the matter of the "butane" process used to make .

3. Pete Peterson

Pete reported that the Aril Bond package would be \$37.5 million, which is about what will be retired this year. The Mayoral election will be the other important item on the ballot. Pete also stated that the increase in the alcohol tax will not be up until next year. There was a discussion n the need for such a tax.

4. Bill Wielechowski

Bill reported from Juneau. Some of his report was not audible due to poor phone connections. Bill reported that due to the 3.5 billion deficient that would be a very small capital project budget. He indicated that Governor Walker was proposing large number of layoffs to address a portion of the deficit. He said that he and Senator Berta Gardner were interested in the concept of saving 20 million by "defunding the UED Northern Access road. He also mentioned that the Military are looking into the possibility of cutting an Army Brigade at JBER. This would mean a loss of 6 thousand troops, as well as thousand more in support nonmilitary personnel. An open house will be held in Anchorage by the Army to discuss potential impacts of such a Army downsizing.

5. Max Gruenberg

Max reported on several items, including work on bills relating to marijuana legalization and resolutions relating to ANWR. He said they are starting to have hearings on the National Guard situation.

6. Pat with the Anchorage School Board

Pat discussed the upcoming challenges for the District with the State fiscal crisis. She discussed the efforts of the ASD to put together strategic priorities to address the funding challenges, and to provide accountability for the funding. She indicated that

there is are about \$282 million needed for school upgrades in the next 5 years, which is about the same as amount of bonds retired over that period. Pat discussed the upcoming school bond election, and the hope the State will be able to provide the matching 60-70% bond re-imbursement funding. She also discussed the status of the 22 million of unspent funds, with 4 million going toward the second semester funding needs, and the additional 17 million for next year employee priorities. This should result in not having to lay off teachers.

7. Paul Honeman

Paul reported on the need for prevention and community policing as a way to lessen crime. He mentioned the Street Crime Task Force might be effective in the short term, but it is not a long term solution to the problem. He said that the reduction in the APD numbers has resulted in eliminating units dealing with things such as gang violence, vice, and burglary. Paul said monthly Public Safety meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at noon within the Loussac Library. Al Milspaugh mentioned that one of the best crime deterrents is to keep your eyes open and report suspicious activity to the APD.

B. Community Council Board Reports

1. Al Milspaugh presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Zemke for his service as secretary to the University Area Community Council. Al also reported that the FCC Website is not fully functional. There are issues of making it compatible for both web and data application. He also mentioned that the NECC also thanks us for the resolution supporting the Muldoon Park

2. Safety Report - Al Milspaugh

- a. Be on the alert for door and telephone SCAMS.
- b. Several vehicles have been stolen because of keys left in them while warming them. This means in your drive ways and while shopping or visiting friends.
- c. Don't let your guard down! Keep your winter driving emergency kit in your vehicle. It only takes a few seconds of distraction and a few feet of icy road to put you into a ditch. A winter driving emergency kit will make helping yourself, waiting for help, or helping others, much more effective and comfortable.

Items you should have in your vehicle's emergency kit:

Jumper cables

Flares, reflective triangle, or fluorescent distress flag

Flashlight with extra batteries

First aid kit with pocket knife

Food: non-perishable, protein-rich food that wont be adversely affected if it

freezes, such as nuts and energy bars

Basic toolkit: locking pliers, wrench, screwdriver, pry bar

Radio: battery or hand-cranked Cat litter or sand for tire traction

Shovel

Small broom

Ice scraper

Tow rope or chain

Clothes: warm clothes, gloves, hat, warm boots, jacket, and an extra change of clothes

Blankets or sleeping bags

Matches

Charged cell phone and car charger

If you are traveling any distance away from well traveled roads or population centers you should also have:

Water: at least 1 gallon per person for at least 3 days

Medications

Baby formula and diapers if you are traveling with children who need them Pet supplies: food and water, if traveling with pets

d. Review preparedness information at: http://www.read.gov/

3. FCC Report- Al Milspaugh:

- a. FCC Website: Mark has completely reorganized the documents on each council's pages and has loaded a lot of new documents. Remaining work includes loading banner photos and photo albums in each council page. Also he is still realigning the data on the community council's pages.
- b. Mark is requesting that photos submitted for the FCC web site be generated in 1600 x 570 pixels so they can be displayed by all devices.
- c. NECC thanks us for the resolution supporting their projected park.

4. Northern Access Update - Paul Stang

Paul reported on the DOT update. He said the latest update on the UMED Northern Access project is on line. He felt that there was no certainty that the overpasses that were proposed to mitigate impacts to non-vehicular access are included on the project.

5. Business

A. Municipality of Anchorage- Kristine Bunnell

Kristine is the project manager for the UMED District Plan. She indicated the draft plan is out for comments to the steering committee. They will have a meeting next Tuesday (2/9) to discuss comments, including those from the University Area and Airport Heights Community Councils. These comments will be addressed and a public review draft will be prepared for a 2/25 meeting held from 5:30 to 8:00 at the UAA Consortium Library. There will be a 45 day comment period ending 4/10. Comments will be incorporated into the document, and it will be presented to the planning and zoning commission at their 5/11 meeting. Paul Stang and Jacob Gondek will get hard copies of the draft to facilitate getting comments from the UACC. There was discussion from the UACC members that East High might be a better venue to hold the meeting, as it has better non pay parking facilities. Kristine said she would check into this

B. APU Endowment Lands - Pfeffer Development - Amy Klinker

Ms. Klinker said she is project manager for the APU land development proposal. It's a two week old agreement to provide a market driven approach to develop APU endowment lands to help fund APU programs and infrastructure. APU is a private college that is funded through tuition, donations, land sales and leasing. Amy stated that by development of these lands, revenues generated from the leases could help lower tuition rates. The potential development would look a long term leasing rather than sales of the APU private lands for commercial, residential, research, or campus construction. The map provided for the meeting showed potential for 67 acres to be leased within several parcels surrounding the current APU campus.

Amy mentioned that one of the goals of the development would be to provide high quality and energy efficient buildings. There were several questions from the Council about the project. One was whether it would be possible to protect the trail and park like character of the area given the level of proposed development. Amy indicated that it is a goal of the APU development is to protect the trails and park setting if possible, though the trails were not identified on the map that Amy presented. Another question was whether the buildings would be designed for maximum energy efficiency. Amy indicated that they had architects on the team and energy efficiency would be another goal. Amy also indicated that she understood that availability of residential housing is an issue in the area, and that this issue could be addressed in the plan. Another question was related to tax status, and whether commercial entities built on APU lands would be tax exempt. It was indicated that any commercial enterprises as profit making entities would be subject to taxes. Another question was how the potential Providence Drive and UMED Northern Extension road projects fit into project development. Amy said that Pfeffer does not deal with the roads. Her understanding is that the Providence Road extension NEPA was underway, and the goal is to have it completed for this construction season. Al Milspaugh asked about whether there was a plan to protect important wildlife habitat, especially moose habitat. Other that protecting important wildlife habitat as a goal, this question was left unanswered. The information that Amy presented is not currently available on a website but should be available by sometime around April.

C. UAA Master Plan Update- Chris Turletes

Chris said the current Master Plan was passed by the Board of Regents in 2013. The life of the plan is expected to be over 5 years and we should expect the next update to come down in 5 to 7 years. Lonnie Mansell, facilities planner, will lead the next update process, which will probably not start for at least two years.

Chris stated the current plan emphasizes enhancing the student experiences within the core zones. He provided a handout a containing several slides that contained information on the plan and these zones. The zones would have a definition of the intent of development within the area, what the existing facilities are contained within the area, and what potential future actions may take place to facilitate meeting the intent of the zone. The plan identifies 9 zones, and is primarily identified by academic function, e.g. engineering; or university function such as student housing or community interface. He said that the boundaries of the zones are "soft". He also said that the plan provides direction for enhancing pedestrian and vehicular circulation and protecting the environment. The big example pedestrian circulation is the Pedestrian overpass currently being constructed over Providence Drive.

In relation other big projects Chris said the new Engineering building will be completed the summer of 2015. The old engineering structure will then be completely renovated or renewed with new wiring, mechanical systems, windows and insulation. He also described the "renewing" of the Beatrice McDonald Hall. It will have a new glass atrium, high efficiency boiler, lighting, and foam insulation. Other major projects that are coming up are the Wells Fargo Sports and Recreation Center Renewal, with improvement of the ice sheet and hockey locker rooms slated for summer of 2015. Other projects would be upgrades to the former Alyeska Building at 1901 E Bragaw. Chris also described amenity construction enhancing student experience though the works of art that have been placed in the Integrated Sciences building and within MacDonald Hall.

There were questions to Chris about the decision to eliminate the Tainana Child Care Center. Chris said that a consolidation of student services would go in this space and a decision

would be made in the next couple of weeks as to the actual tenant. Another question was how the plan meshes with President Pat Gamble vision of reducing the scope of University of Alaska Infrastructure to meet budget challenges and the changing education model of the future. Chris stated that the plan generally does that. He cited examples that a lot of the buildings are about 40 years old and a decision needs to be made to build new buildings as replacements, renew the existing buildings, demolish the buildings, or get rid of the buildings. Examples might be the 707 A Street building where the building might be renewed as swing space, or it might be gotten rid of. He said another example of eliminating space that does not meet plan intent is the selling of the Diplomacy Building.

D. UACC Committee Elections

Jacob Gondek opened the floor to nominations for 2015 UACC At Large Executive Committee members. Al Milspaugh moved to nominate Paul Stang and Russ Kell (the current At Large members) for 2015. Steve Zemke seconded the motion. No other nominations were brought forth. Paul Stang indicated that he had no objections to his being nomination. Russ Kell was not present and will be asked if he is willing to serve for 2015 at a later date. The motion to elect Paul and Russ was passed with **13 votes for and no votes against.**

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:50 PM. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 7 PM at the University Baptist Church.

Attachment 1
Elvi Gray-Jackson — University Community Council Meeting — Assembly Report
February 4, 2015

- The Assembly reorganized at the December 16th meeting. Assembly Member Traini is Chair and Assembly Member Gray-Jackson is Vice Chair.
- At the December 16th Assembly meeting, the Public Hearing on AO 2014-148 prohibiting the operation of cultivating, manufacturing and testing marijuana facilities was heard. There were 67 persons who testified with nine supporting the ordinance, and 58 in opposition. The ordinance failed 9-2.
- Chairman Traini established a committee on the Regulation and Taxation of marijuana chaired by Assembly Member Hall. Members include Demboski, Honeman and Petersen. The Committee will develop and recommend new Municipal Code to the Anchorage Assembly regulating and authorizing taxation of the cultivation, manufacture, and commercial sale of marijuana within the Municipality of Anchorage.
- At the January 27th meeting, the Assembly approved an ordinance to prohibit the use of marijuana in public places in the same manner that alcohol is currently prohibited with a fine of \$100.
- Chairman Traini, Assembly Members Demboski and Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to provide a real property tax exemption for privately owned real property rented or leased for use as a charter school. This exemption has been established under State Law. The first public hearing was held on January 13th and the second was on January 27th. Revisions were made to ensure that the charter school reaps the benefit. The ordinance was approved at the February 3rd meeting.
- A public hearing was held at the January 13th meeting on an ordinance requiring the display of the USDA food guide icon in all food service facilities located on property under the control or ownership of the Municipality of Anchorage. This is an effort to reach goals within the Let's Move! Program to fight childhood obesity. The ordinance passed 7-4.
- Chairman Traini and Assembly Member Hall introduced an ordinance that if approved by the Assembly will submit to the voters a ballot proposition amending the Charter to levy an Alcohol Sales Tax and to dedicate the revenue to finance alcohol treatment, emergency transportation, and housing programs including housing programs for chronic inebriates. The ballot proposition would request a change to the Charter to approve the tax by 50% +1, instead of the current 60% +1. The first public hearing was held on January 27th and the second was held on February 3rd. The ordinance failed at this meeting 7-4.

Next Assembly Meeting: February 17, 2015