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UACC MINUTES

April 1, 2015, Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Al Milspaugh at 7:02 pm.

MEMBERS & VISITORS PRESENT: There were 18 members and 10 visitors present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Al Milspaugh announced that Jacob Gondek would not be in attendance due to his fatherly commitment. He & his wife recently birthed a baby girl. The Chairperson asked each individual to state their name and their address.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES: The March 4, 2015, Minutes were presented and approved as amended.

AMENDMENTS TO PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES: The following amendments were recommended and approved.

1. . Page 3 line 24-24 “Barbara Garner had a question about the recent 42nd Avenue fatality.” was recommended to be dropped. The recommendation was approved.
2. . Page 4 line 17 was recommended to read “ C. Northern Extension... This recommendation was approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: A presentation by Paul Stang on the UMED District Plan was added as item G.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS: Al stated that tonight we have a packed agenda; therefore, he requested that everyone stay to an allot time of two (2) minutes, ask only one (1) question, keep to the point, and only discuss matters relating to the full membership. There will be no legislator call in tonight. Their information will be attached to the minutes.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED & MOA DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:

1. Assembly Person Elvi Gray-Jackson: Attachment 1 email.
2. Assembly Person Dick Traini: No Report.
3. Assembly Person Pete Peterson: No Report.
4. Assembly Person Paul Honeman: No Report.
5. Representative Andy Josephson: No Report.
6. Representative Max Gruenbert: Attachment 2 email.
7. Senator Bill Wielehowski: Attachment 3 email.
8. Senator Berta Gardner: No Report.

UACC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. . Safety: Al Milspaugh - No Report.
2. . Parks & Recreation: Barb Garner - No Report.
3. . AdHoc: No Reports.

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (FCC) REPORT: Al Milspaugh - No Report.

BUSINESS:

A. Julie K. Jessen, Public Involvement Manager, HDR INC - Repairing a major water line beneath the intersection of Tudor and Elmore roads starting April.

AWWU will have a major water line reconstruction project during the weekend of April 10 and 11. The projects 24 inch line will be slipped into the damaged existing 30 inch line as a repair. Traffic will be rerouted on the weekends from April 10th to May 3rd. West bound traffic on Tudor and southbound traffic on Elmore will be rerouted around the construction site to Martin Luther King Drive during the weekend construction timeline. Information on the project can be found at the municipal web site at: http://www.awwu.biz/website/AWWU_TWING_PIT/index.html

Barbara Garner asked about the potholes on 42nd Avenue. Julie indicated that there will be a soft patch of the asphalt at the worksite during reconstruction. The site will receive permanent payment after the site is reconstructed.

B. Phil Steyer, Director, Government Relations & Corp Comm Chugach Electric Association - Planned change to communications tower at their University Sub-Station

Phil Steyer discussed the change to the communications antenna at the University Power station at the SE corner of Tudor and Diplomacy Drive. An additional dish will also be added. This will require about two weeks work. Chugach Electric has determined only 80 feet is needed, but could go to 100 feet on their permit. There was concern by community council members that a red blinker is needed for the antenna as it is close to helicopter flight path to Providence Hospital. Pete indicated that administrative review by the city determined that due to the lower height of the antenna that a blinker is not warranted.

C. Julie Harvey, OEM, Emergency Programs Manager, Disaster Preparedness

Julie Harvey gave an excellent presentation on the Municipality of Anchorage Preparedness for Emergencies and Disaster Guide. She described the Survival ARC, or how to go through the denial to deliberation to decisive move stage. She described how to create a survival plan, how to build a survival kit, how to reduce risks within your home and work areas, and how to work with your neighborhood to reduce overall risks. She provided a 6 page handout that described these in more detail. The last part of page 6 included several internet sites for more information on disaster preparedness. She indicated that if one wanted more information they could contact her directly at HARVEYJR@MUNI.ORG OR 907-343-1407.

D. Beth Norlund, Anchorage Parks Foundation Information Beth was not available tonight and will be rescheduled, probably at the May 6 meeting.

E. Steve Rafuse, P&R, University Lake Master Plan (10 Min)

Steve introduced the start of the University Lake Master Planning effort. Steve indicated that one of the first steps for the process would be to hold a series of stakeholder meetings within the next couple of months. He indicated that he would like to have a member of the UACC to be on the advisory group for the plan. In the next couple of months he also indicated that the existing conditions and use patterns for the park would be documented. In August he figures to start a more formal public process, with a couple of open house meetings. From here the team would develop issues and formulate alternatives to address these issues. There would be another public meeting to discuss these and then a preferred alternative would be constructed. The preferred alternative would then go before

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the Planning Commission sometime in early 2016. There were several questions from UACC members. Paul Stang wanted to know about whether the plan would address the problem of dogs in the water, with their potential impacts to water quality and wildlife. Steve replied that this will be one of the issues that the Plan should address. There will be focus group and stakeholder meetings and a UACC member will be able to provide feedback to these forums. Steve mentioned they are starting from ground zero. Hannah Davis and Steve Zemke were UACC members given to Steve Rafuse for membership on the steering committee.

Susan Klein wanted to know what process is used to prioritize parks. An example is how does Goose Lake versus University Lake get rated. Steve mentioned that Community Use parks are rated higher priority. So Goose or University Lake would rank higher than a neighborhood park such as Castle Heights Park. Also the ranking happens somewhat organically, and parks rank higher if they have controversial issues involved. Also, Parks Foundation can recruit members to rate parks. There were some questions about the Tennis court proposal and how it relates to parks. Steve was uncertain whether the Tennis court area is within the Tikishla Park area. There were questions about how projects are funded, particularly related to the Folker Park. Steve mentioned that this is a neighborhood park, and UACC members need to “keep at it” to get projects funded there. He indicated we need to talk with our government representatives and community leaders to help get funding for the Folker Park.

F. Karen Thrash-Purtzer, Activity/Volunteer Coordinator, Providence Horizon House, Folker Park project.

Karen mentioned that Folker Park could provide a safe place for Providence House residents to walk. Karen indicated that paved park trails and lighting could facilitate this. Last fall 18 volunteers had a very successful work session in Folker Park clearing brush and cutting lower limbs on trees. Barbara Garner talked about her \$40,000+ Folker Park Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant proposal. There would be a paved trail into the Park and an improved trail (though maybe not paved) around the periphery of the park. The paved portion of the trail would require excavating at least 2 feet down before placing fill material, greatly increasing the cost of construction. The trail would be ADA compliant. The proposal would require a matching grant from community sources. If the proposal is approved the grant proposal would be awarded sometime this April.

In other park news the Castle Heights Park on Wesleyan is planned for cleanup sometime in May. Hannah Davis is coordinating the activities. Call 337*-2964 if you would like to volunteer.

G. Resolution - HB 147 Animal Welfare (Atch-2) – Al Milspaugh

Al Milspaugh introduced Resolution 2015-2 that would support the passage of HB 147. HB 147 would change the definition of the pets to that of animals with spines rather than personal property. Al said the intent of the HB 147 is to protect animals from cruelty that can come from divorce and domestic violence cases, provide for the custody of animals during divorce cases thereby alleviating some financial burden placed on the municipality for animal care, and possibly preventing further manipulation and actual violence from abusers toward the pets and family members. Russ Kell had a question about whether the cost of the legislation is known. Al indicated he did not know about whether the cost of implementation would be. It was suggested that one could go to the State legislative site and look at the bill proposal to see if it included cost of implementation.

Ken Workman moved that the council not vote on the motion tonight. Russ Kell seconded the motion. There seemed to be a consensus that not enough was known about the effects of the proposal, the cost of implementation, and how it stacked up against other priorities for the APD. The question for motion to not vote on HB 147 was called. The motion was approved 13/2 and the resolution for UACC support of HB 147 was tabled.

H. Resolution - Prohibiting the Establishment or Operation of Cannabis Facilities (Atch-3) – Al Milspaugh

Al Milsaugh introduced the Resolution 2015-3 which calls for prohibiting the establishment or operation of Cannabis (Marijuana) facilities within the UACC boundaries. Al provided an attached sheet that detailed potential negative affects and results from cannabis use on public and private citizen's lives. Al stated that he personally did not want stores within our boundaries. There was a question about what a facility is. Mary Lu Harle stated she felt that the resolution was premature as the Alaska House and Senate have not passed laws on how facilities would be regulated within the State. Susan Klein stated that since some people may need medical marijuana for illness treatment, there might be need for some facilities to support such needs. She also indicated since regulations were not in place yet on how the facilities would be regulated, the resolution also seemed premature.

Susan Klein made a motion to table the resolution. Gordon Klein seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The question on the motion was asked and the motion to table the resolution was passed 14/1.

I. Resolution – Prohibiting the Establishment of a Tennis Facility or Prohibiting the Establishment of a Tennis Facility without additional information (Atchs 4-5) – Paul Stang

Paul Stang introduced the two version of resolution. The first (2015-4A) has the UACC resolving to oppose the designation of the parcel within Municipal land for tennis facilities. The second resolution(2015-4B) resolves to oppose designation Municipal land for tennis facilities unless the tennis club formally commits itself to full operation and costs of construction and operation while making the outdoor courts avail to the general public for free. Paul described the parcel which sits north and east of the intersection of Northern Lights Blvd and UAA Drive. The proposal site is on municipal land that is designated (PLI). The Tennis club would need to raise all the money to build and finance operations of the club. They would not have to purchase land if the Municipality designated these lands for tennis purposes.

There was considerable discussion about the value of the land as wooded lands in support of wildlife and watershed purposes. The area has some user developed trails that connect to those along Northern Lights, Chester Creek Trail, and Tikishla Park. There was also discussion about whether the facility would be a warehouse like facility which might not be compatible with the wooded nature of the remaining area. Some felt that the facilities might be better located in a developed area, rather than in a wooded area, particularly with the many other proposal that have come to the Council that have proposed to clear wooded lands in the area adjacent to UAA/APU. Barbara Garner questioned whether an entrance to the facility could be safely implemented given the traffic congest on the curve on Northern Lights Blvd.

Susan Klein moved that the Council Support Resolution 2015-4A. Mary Lu Harle seconded the motion. The Council members voted 17/0 to pass the resolution to oppose the designation of the Northern Lights public lands parcel for tennis. Resolution 2015-4B that would oppose the designation of municipal lands for tennis unless certain requirements were met died for a lack of a motion.

J. Effect of State Legislator Cuts – Russ Kell (if time permits) Dropped for lack of time

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K. Should a UACC Rep attend other CC meetings – Russ Kell (if time permits) Dropped for lack of time.

L. UMED District Plan (Paul Stang)

Paul described his and Jacob Gondek efforts as part of the steering committee on this plan. He questioned whether the latest iteration had gone far enough to protect woodland and wetland resources and wildlife habitat. He said his and Jacobs comments were due by Friday. He said that other comments were due by 4/15. If you have comments get them to Paul at prstang@alaska.net.

ADJOURMENT: The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on May 6, 2015. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert K Milsbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

UACC Chairperson

Five Attachments:

Attachment 1

Elvi Gray-Jackson

University Community Council Meeting – Assembly Report

April 1, 2015

- *The Administration submitted a resolution to establish a process to sell the Collection Division of Solid Waste Services to the highest bidder. Chair Traini scheduled a Public Hearing on the issue to be held at the April 28th meeting.*
- *The Administration is proposing to reorganize the Public Works and Community Development departments. The ordinance will be heard at the April 14th meeting.*
- *AO 2014-101(S) Adopting the Chugach Access Plan, submitted by Assembly Members Evans and Johnston, was approved by the Assembly at its March 24th meeting – 7-4.*
- *The 2015-2016 Anchorage School District budget in the amount of \$784,243,730 was approved at the March 24th meeting – 8-3. Preliminary property taxes - \$241,627,624.*

Next Assembly Meeting: April 14, 2015

Attachment 2

From: Ted.Madsen@akleg.gov

To: prideplace@aol.com

Sent: 4/1/2015 5:46:33 P.M. Alaskan Daylight Time

Subj: Rep. Gruenberg written report

Hello Al,

Here is the report from Rep. Gruenberg:

- We have been dealing with HB 147, which provides protections for pets. It was heard and held in the House Judiciary Committee today. It will be back up Monday, when it will hopefully pass out of the committee.
- I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

Cordially,

Max Gruenberg,

State Representative

Thanks,

Ted Madsen

Office of Rep. Gruenberg

Attachment 3

From: Kalyssa.Maile@akleg.gov

To: Prideplace@aol.com

Sent: 4/1/2015 10:25:29 P.M. Alaskan Daylight Time

Subj: Fwd: Fixing Oil Taxes

Hi Al,

I am so sorry for the delay. Below is a copy of Senator Wielechowski's latest enews, which I think covers the high points we'd like to share. The short version is:

1. The Senate Judiciary committee heard from local police, corrections and Mayor Sullivan. APD feels that their lack of staff and funding has forced them from proactively preventing drug crimes to reacting only when they occur.
2. Senator Wielechowski introduced a bill this week that fixes oil tax credits so that the State isn't paying out more in credits than we take in from production taxes.
3. Senator Wielechowski voted against SB30 - the bill to conform criminal statutes with the marijuana initiative. His rationale was that it failed to represent the will of the voters to regulate marijuana like alcohol for two major reasons: it creates felony offenses for simple possession in certain amounts above the legal limit, and leaves marijuana in the schedule of controlled substances.

Thanks for sharing and sorry for the delay. Please encourage all to contact us with any questions.

Best,
Kalyssa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sen. Bill Wielechowski" <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

Date: March 31, 2015 at 6:21:07 PM AKDT

To: "Sen. Bill Wielechowski" <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fixing Oil Taxes

Capitol Brief by Senator Bill Wielechowski

Keeping In Touch

Representing Northeast Anchorage Neighborhoods and Elmendorf AFB

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We've got less than 20 days left in Juneau and plenty to accomplish. Among my priorities for the end of session are Medicaid expansion, responsible budget reductions and public safety – all issues that you have told me are important to you!

I'd like to thank all who have visited me in Juneau, contacted me throughout the session or provided testimony on legislation or the budget. This lets me know your priorities and helps me better represent you.

Today constituent Xavier Mason visited me to discuss education issues

Anchorage Crime Hearing

At the request of Senators Ellis, Gardner and myself, the Judiciary committee held a hearing last week to examine the recent spate of crimes in Anchorage. We heard from Anchorage police, the Department of Public Safety and corrections officers and learned that **all of the shootings this year are believed to be drug-related.**

They explained that the increase in crime is largely due to reduced police staffing and the resulting decrease in officer-initiated activities. This means that **the police have shifted from a**

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC) – RESOLUTION 2015-02

DRAFT

A Resolution of UACC In Consideration of House Bill 147 as it Relates Animal Welfare

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS the UACC has considered House Bill 147 as it relates to the cost of care in animal cruelty and neglect cases, the inclusion of animals in protective orders in domestic violence cases, and providing for the custody of animals in divorce cases; **and**

WHEREAS one of the greatest obstacles for enforcing animal cruelty laws is the cost of caring for abused and neglected animals for long periods of time while cases are prosecuted, especially in situations where dozens of animals are seized for their protection; **and**

WHEREAS cost of animal care laws assist in remedying that obstacle by holding offenders responsible for the financial burden of caring for their pets through posting of a court ordered bond; **and**

WHEREAS cost of animal care laws also allow for the adoption and re-homing of seized animals if an owner fails to post a bond to provide care for their animals; **and**

WHEREAS a number of studies show the link between animal and human violence and that pet abuse is a predictor of domestic violence; **and**

WHEREAS abusers manipulate and control human victims through threatened or actual violence against family pets causing victims to stay in unsafe situations to protect their animals; **and**

WHEREAS including animals in protection orders is an important way to remove an obstacle that prevents victims from seeking safety and insure the welfare and protection of all victims of family violence, human and animal; **and**

WHEREAS because pets play a significant role in our lives and become part of our family units, they **should not be treated as personal property** in divorce and domestic violence cases; **and**

WHEREAS the courts should consider the best interest of the pet in making custody determinations in cases of divorce and domestic violence.

NOW THEREFORE the UACC hereby resolves: That House Bill 147 be enacted by the legislature as it protects people and animals in Alaska.

Resolution Vote: For 2 Against: 13 Abstain: __

This resolution was tabled by the University Area Community Council this day of April 1, 2015.

Albert K Milspaugh, Vice Present, UACC

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC) – RESOLUTION 2015-03

DRAFT

A Resolution of UACC Prohibiting the Establishment or Operation of Cannabis (Marijuana) Facilities Within our Boundaries

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS on January 27, 2015 the Anchorage Assembly passed Ordinance No. AO 2015-7, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 8.35 with a new section to prohibit the consumption of marijuana in a public place; **and**

WHEREAS on February 24, 2015 recreational use of Marijuana became legal in the State of Alaska under certain regulations. "Know Your Grow" aims to inform citizens and visitors of the Municipality of Anchorage of what they can and cannot do with marijuana within the municipality; **and**

WHEREAS on February 24, 2015 the Anchorage Assembly passed an ordinance at special meeting regarding the butane hash oil extraction process of marijuana. Under 8.35.350 (Prohibited Acts Regarding Marijuana) it is unlawful for any person to manufacture a marijuana concentrate hashish, or hash oil by use of solvents containing compressed flammable gases or through use of a solvent-based extraction method using a substance other than vegetable glycerin, unless the person is validly licensed and permitted in accordance with statute, regulation, or ordinance; **and**

WHEREAS under state law a person, employer, school, hospital, recreation or youth center, correction facility, corporation or any other entity who occupies, owns or controls private property may prohibit or otherwise regulate the possession, consumption, use, display, transfer, distribution, sale, transportation or growing of marijuana on or in that property. Persons who violate the policy are subject to prosecution for the misdemeanor offense of criminal trespass in violation of AS 11.46.330. In the Municipality of Anchorage, this offense would be cited under 8.45.010; **and**

WHEREAS the attached descriptions identifies the negative effects and results marijuana has on the public and private party citizens lives, is overwhelming justification for not allowing it.

THEREFORE UACC voted to prohibit the establishment or operation of cannabis facilities within our boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE the UACC hereby resolves:

THAT we **DO NOT** want the Establishment or Operation of Cannabis Facilities within our boundaries

Resolution Vote: For 1 Against: 14 Abstain: __

This resolution was tabled by the University Area Community Council this day of April 1, 2015.

Albert K Milspaugh, Vice Present, UACC

Attachment 6 – Resolution 2015-04A

[illegible]

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC) RESOLUTION 2015-04B

Concerning a Proposed Tennis Facility

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 established Community Councils as neighborhood representatives for planning and development;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard, former Alaska real estate developer, proposes that a multiple acre parcel of Anchorage Municipal land (designated as PL1) located immediately north of Northern Lights Blvd. between Career Center Drive and the footbridge over Northern Lights Blvd. at Goose Lake be designated for use as a tennis club facility;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated in a graphic handout (attached) that the tennis club facility would contain a large building containing nine indoor and eight outdoor tennis courts, paved driveways, parking lots and vehicle and bus turnaround areas;

WHEREAS, the tennis club could only be entered and exited via the westbound lane of Northern Lights Blvd;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated that once the land was dedicated for tennis, he would create a foundation to raise money to build the tennis club facility and users would be obliged to join and pay fees to play tennis;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated that he would like the UACC to prepare a statement to the Municipality of Anchorage in support of such designation while any discussion about terms of use, including whether the outdoor courts could be made available to the public without charge, should await completion of such designation;

WHEREAS, the parcel is wooded and serves as a drainage area to the Middle Fork and South Fork of Chester Creek, a habitat for a variety of wildlife and trail area for hiking and wildlife observation;

NOW THEREFORE, the UACC hereby resolves to oppose the designation of the specific parcel for tennis unless the abovementioned foundation commits itself (and its successors) in writing to the Municipality as part of such designation that it and club members will pay the full costs of operation and maintenance of the entire tennis club facility and that the eight outdoor courts will be available during non-winter months for free use by the public except for the reasonable expense of electricity for coin operated lights. In which case we would support this modified designation.

Resolution Vote: For ____ Against: ____ Abstain: ____

This resolution was died for lack of motion by the University Area Community Council

Albert K Milspaugh, Vice Present, UACC

Date