

**UACC MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2015, Meeting**

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**5CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Jacob Gondek at 7:05 pm.

**7MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT:** There were 11 members and 10 visitors present.

**9INTRODUCTIONS:** Jacob asked each individual to state their name and their address.

**11APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES:** The October 7, 2015 minutes were presented and  
12approved as written 11/0.

**14APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** An amendment to the agenda was presented by Jacob Gondek  
15to add an information report by Natasha Welch, with APD, under Business item A.1.a. This was  
16approved by consensus.

**18INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

**19 A. Reports from Elected & MOA Department Officials:**

20 1. Dick Traini reported that the assembly would examine several items at the MOA Assembly  
21 meeting on Tuesday November 10.

- 22 • Among them are bid award for the SAP program. Having spent \$34 million, several more  
23 million is needed to bring the SAP to completion.
- 24 • Dick also mentioned the Assembly would take up whether to pass a proposal for Waldon  
25 Lake to become city property. Need \$20 K to complete the \$4 M purchase and transfer. Dick  
26 said he has been working on this for 10 years.
- 27 • Whether the sale and use of synthetic cannabinoids would be a criminal violation will be on  
28 the agenda.
- 29 • Changing texting and driving to a misdemeanor fine of \$500 from a criminal violation
- 30 • An update the MOA fees and fines schedule

31 Dick mentioned that budget hearings would also be coming up. He will propose \$275 K for  
32 three (3) animal control officers and \$85 K for FCC. There was also discussion about height of new  
33 buildings. Currently they can go to 4 stories. There was some concern about how this could  
34 shadow adjacent property. Dick said the individual proposals still need to go through a public  
35 review process.

37 2. Samantha Straus reporting for Berta Gardner said that Berta is on her way home from Juneau.  
38 Berta voted on the Trans Canada buyout deal. Samantha also said that Berta, as well as other  
39 Senators, are looking for Senate pages starting this January.

41 3. John Church for Andy Josephson reported that Andy will be back in Anchorage tomorrow, and  
42 he also voted for the buyout, with the bill passing 39/0 in the House.

44 4. TJ Presley reporting for Bill Wielechowski said that Bill will be working on the State budget,  
45 which is due December 15<sup>th</sup>. He said the Governors fiscal plan will be out soon. Bill is looking for  
46 ideas for legislation. One is the how to deal with the growing opiate addiction problem. He said  
47 there would be a working group meeting in the second week in December to address potential  
48 solutions.

## 1B. UACC Committee Reports

1. **Alaska Common Ground Forum** - Susan Klein provided handouts about the status of the Alaska Common Ground program. Included in the handout is the agenda for the upcoming meeting from 9 am to 4 pm on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the UAA Student Union. For more information contact Mary Lu Harle, or go to the web site at [www.akcommonground.org](http://www.akcommonground.org).

### 2. Safety:

1. The MOA assembly has AO 2015-111, amending AMC & AMC of Regulations to modify existing, and include additional, fees, fines and penalties. If this ordinance is approved it will increase traffic offenses, H&HS fees, and animal control fees. (*Email Al Milspaugh if you want a copy of the proposed ordinance*)

2. First responders are being heavily burdened with spice emergencies which takes resources (APD, AFD, & H&HS) away from other emergency situations.

3. The MOA is looking at prohibiting smoking within a designated distance from all of its facilities.

4. The MOA is going to request a resolution from CC's regarding their stance on marijuana facilities, with a rapid turn-around, probably Nov.

5. College Gate Community Patrol Chairperson Liz Patrick talked a bit about community patrol and neighborhood watch. She indicated that there are two types of volunteer programs; the Neighborhood Patrol and the Neighborhood Community Watch. They are currently looking for volunteers. The neighborhood patrol is a more intensive program with training required. The Neighborhood Watch program provides a venue on keeping an eye on events in the neighborhood.

### 3. Federation of Community Councils Report (FCC)

1. Al Milspaugh has a copy of the FCC Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual if anyone wishes to review it. The FCC is again requesting \$85,000.00 from the assembly for Operation and Maintenance.

### 4. AdHoc:

#### a. University Lake Master Plan -

Steve Zemke gave an update of the working group planning progress to date. He mentioned the next working group meeting is planned for November 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 PM at a place to be determined. At this meeting a concept design alternative that was developed at the October 21 Advisory Group meeting will be reviewed. This concept design was based on public involvement meetings. General agreement was that the park is a valued natural area and that it is being "loved to death", and that numerous recreation interest often experience conflict. There is no clear consensus on five general areas: 1) natural settings, 2) water quality, 3) trail use, 4) access, nodes, and connections, and 5) user amenities. The working group will focus on how management and design approaches can be refined so as to lead to consensus on a preferred alternative to address these areas. The next steps will be for MOA Parks to present to the University Area Community Council for a Resolution, then to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a hearing, and then to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a hearing. Once approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation can seek funding to implement the plan.

#### b. UMED District Plan-

Jacob Gondek gave an update. He provided a detailed printout on the draft plan. He said that this draft would be going before the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Jacob requested that if one has comments or questions please contact him or Paul Stang.

## 49BUSINESS:

### A.1a. Anchorage Police Department

Natasha Welch talked about the need for recruitment to the Anchorage Police Department. APD is currently understaffed by 100 officers. They want local people to apply. The age limit is being 21 or older. One needs to be a high school graduate and have no criminal history. There was a discussion about whether there could be “part time” employment. But this does not appear to be an option and would need Police Chief approval. Natasha discussed the Anchorage Citizen Academy, and said that it meets every third Wednesday of the month. She said to google it for meeting time, place, and agenda. She finally presented the Neighborhood Watch Important Websites and Phone numbers contact information handout card. It also provides links to the MOA crime mapping system and Nixle information hot line. For more information go to [www.muni.org/new](http://www.muni.org/new) or call Neighborhood watch at 786-8585.

#### **A.1.b. Anchorage Signage & Wayfinding Plan Neighborhood Icons-Huddle Holly Spoth Torres**

Holly provided a handout that explained the goals and focus for the signage and wayfinding plan. Goals are to:

- project a consistent image for trails and pedestrian routes
- safely guide residents and visitors to landmarks, facilities, and community services
- brand neighborhoods and establish a strong sense of place and community pride
- improve health by encouraging walking, bicycling, and public transit
- lead to a more legible and connected city for residents, commuters, and tourists.

Holly described how the Trails Initiative Committee has divided the work needed to reach these goals into five focus areas:

- Connections: Connecting the missing links in our system
- Assets: caring for what we have = resurfacing the major paved trails
- Health: Improving health by promoting more trail use
- Schools on trails: Connecting students to parks and trails
- Safety: promote through the use of appropriate signage and wayfinding

The funding of these signage and wayfinding information would be through private and Rasmussen grant funds. Holly then described the neighborhood icon system. There was discussion that the proposed University Area icon did not adequately reflect the neighborhood. It was felt that a more modern building possibly set on a lake would be better describing our sense of place, rather than the classical architecture building and adjacent bell tower currently depicted. Holly mentioned that the icons needed to be simple graphic designs. A suggestion was made that since children are masters of simply graphic design, a contest might be held to develop designs the neighborhood icons. Holly said she would explore the idea. Russ Kell asked about how the signage installation and maintenance would be paid for. Al Milspaugh felt the the signage should be reflective for night time use, and he also asked how changes in the future would come about.

Holly said the comments on the icons were needed by the end of the year. Comments can be sent to [Trails@AnchorageParkFoundation.org](mailto:Trails@AnchorageParkFoundation.org) . This winter the project team will take all the information and come up with a Plan. This will be presented to the Parks Commission in April 2016. They propose to launch a pilot program along the Ship Creek Trail in the summer of 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on December 2<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

*Signed*

Jacob Gondek, UACC President