

UACC Minutes
University Area Community Council (UACC)
November 2, 2016

1. Opening: Paul Stang called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM. Paul next had the people in the room introduce themselves. 24 people were in attendance at the start of the meeting, with 17 UACC members signed in. An additional 7 visitors signed in and attended part or all of the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes: The approval of the October minutes were deferred to the December meeting..
3. Approval of Agenda: Paul Stang presented the December agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously as written.
4. Informational Reports
 - A. Reports from Public Servants
 1. Elvi Gray-Jackson reported on several items that can be found in her assembly report within Attachment 1.
 2. Pete Peterson talked about city efforts to deal with budget situation. He said that every department has received budget cuts, except for the Police Department and IT. Other items mentioned were about a draft rewrite of the Ethics and Elections ordinance. He also said the 120 day property assessment appeal period was passed. Al Milspaugh had a question about combining the 911 call centers for fire and police into one center to save money. Pete replied that it would require a new space to make this work.
 3. Dick Traini reported on the latest municipal marijuana permitting process. He indicated that first Anchorage business at 71st and Arctic has a muni permit but no State permit so it opening is on hold till November 15th
 4. Ivy Spohnholz. She mentioned that Fire Station 3, named for the late Max Gruenberg, was dedicated on October 15th. She also talked about an

October 14th Education Task Force meeting with the goal of getting young people interested in civics

5. Andy Josephson. Andy said that the University of Alaska has been on his mind. He attended a meeting to discuss University research with its needs and outcomes. He also attended a conference on the disposition of the UAA/UAF ski and

UAA indoor track team. He said the main emphasis of the upcoming legislative session will be the budget.

6. Senator Berta Gardner. She indicated she had nothing to report at this time.

5. Special Session on Rezoning.

Paul Stang introduced the topic, primarily the issue of the prevalence of rezoning from R3 to RO. He requested that ideas on how to prevent the loss of residential neighborhoods in the area could be accomplished. Though RO allows for residences with Office complexes, it effectively has resulted in an office oriented community, as the offices have been built but not the accompanying new residences. The community council has been particularly in favor of mixed use concept, with offices on the lower floors and residences on the upper. Barbara Garner suggested that equal number of residences should be provided if other areas go only to medical offices. She thinks that mixed use is a good idea. She also mentioned that the proliferation of medical office_s has created traffic problems in the area, and that the Land Plan calls for greater residential density west of Piper. Elvi Gray Jackson said that she intends to listen to the community, without personal bias, on these issues. Elvi felt the 2040 Land Use Plan might be a good place to make community needs known. The comment period is over, but there will be hearing coming up. Susan Klein said that the top floor of medical building should be residences. She felt that Title 21 had been written to allow this type of use and that the muni should encourage/require it in the permitting process. Pete Peterson said that the muni is encouraging strategies to encourage denser population neighborhoods and to make the mid-town/University area less car dependent, to meet the needs of the additional 35 K residents in the next couple of decades. Al Milspaugh mentioned that the Council is getting more requests for R3

to RO, so the issue is high. Pete Peterson said the Providence Hospital is looking to build new facilities close to the main hospital directed toward Hospital functions

Paul then asked what we can do to make residential to actually be part of the RO zoning. Dick Traini felt that the UACC needs to get more people to council meetings to be more effective. There was discussion about how the yearly newsletter could be used to bring up the issue to a larger number of residents. We are allowed a yearly mailing. Susan Klien mentioned the Facebook page “Friends of UACC” could also be used to spread the message. Mary Lu Harle asked whether the re-zone permit should be required to go before the community council. Dick Traini replied that he mini does not require the re-zoning permits to come before the community councils. Mary Lu said that at least the permittees’ should be invited to come before the council for presentation of their request. Ivy Sponholz mentioned that she could help get this concern and message to the East side.

Paul mentioned this issue is far from resolved and could be revisited at a later date. He asked that people think about it and email comments to him at PaulRStang@gmail.com.

6. UACC Reports

B. Community Council Board Reports

1. Parks. Barbara Garner mentioned that on November 7th at 1 PM, Maeve Meavins from Parks and Rec will have walk around at Folker Park to discuss the park. After that will be a meeting at Horizon Providence House to discuss idea. One idea that Barbara suggested is that the Parks and Rec count how many children live in the area to help in developing Park focus.

2. Safety – Al Milspaugh

1. Al has the “FCC Statement of Financial Position as of 30 September 2016.”

2. The Van Up Project is in operation. The Van Up Project is a work program sponsored by the MOA designed to provide day labor, followed by wrap around services that will assist homeless men and women in acquiring housing, treatment, training and employment.

3. The MOA Historic Preservation Plan committee is requesting volunteers. Their next Anchorage meeting is on 9 November at the Pioneer School House at 437 E 3rd Ave.

4. Anyone in need of an APD “No Trespass” notification form for your business or residence see AI for the template.

3. Safety

As October was Fire Prevention Month, it is a good reminder to have fireplaces and chimneys inspected on an annual basis by a qualified professional to prevent fires and carbon monoxide intrusion.

According to the United States Fire Administration, from 2010-2012 an average of 45,200 home heating fires occurred in the United States each year. These fires caused an annual average of approximately 155 deaths, 625 injuries and \$351 million in property loss.

Home heating was the second leading cause of residential fires after cooking fires, and confined fires — those fires confined to chimneys, flues or fuel burners — accounted for 84 percent of all home heating fires.

5. New Business

A. Anchorage Community House-Meg Zaletal, Director

. She said that it is a Private Community Center by Lake Otis Parkway, just south of St Mary’s Church. It requires membership fees to use its facilities and resources. There are also classes held on a fee basis. There is a tool library, with examples of two commercial grade vacuum sealers, a meat grinder, sausage stuffer, and major power tools. There is also a space for gatherings. One-time events can be arranged. They can also provide lodging through airbnb. They have various classes of membership including senior and senior family memberships. Contact information is: 2396 East Ct; 306-9206; AnchorageCommunityHouse.com.

UAA Rezoning Request re parcel at SE corner of Providence Drive & Lake Otis Parkway- Michelle Ritter, DOWL

This request would rezone the property to PLI, which is consistent with the other UAA parcels in the area. The property was originally UAA property zoned PLI, but was sold to private parties and rezoned B3 SL, with a 30 foot set back buffer as the special limitation. . After the land was reacquired by UAA, it was used for storage and staging area for the construction of the new UAA engineering building. The land is currently used for storage of UAA maintenance equipment. The long term vision for the property would include construction of a “gateway” building for the campus. The functions that are at the University Center Mall could be move to this site. Some private developments that support student needs, such as a bookstore or a coffee shop might also be constructed. There was a question about whether the 30 foot buffer is retained in the PLI zoning. Michelle replied that the PLI requires at least 30 feet, and should provide more than that. The UAA is requesting that the UACC pass a resolution or write a letter of non-objection toward the rezone to PLI. Paul Stang read draft resolution 2016-07, stating no UACC objection to changing the parcel zoning from General Business with Special Limitations (B3 SL) to Public lands and Institutions (PLI).. Mary Lu Harle suggested that language be added to encourage mixed use of any new construction on the property. Chris Turletes stated that the UAA Master Plan already addresses this issue sufficiently. The suggested addition was dropped. Susan Kline, with a Barbara Garner second, moved to pass the resolution. The draft resolution was passed as written by the vote of 12 for and none against.

6. The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on December 7, 2016. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Paul Stang, UACC President

One (1) Atch: Elvi Gray-Jackson Notes

Attachment 1

**University Area Community Council Meeting – Assembly Report
November 2, 2016**

- **The 2017 Public Hearings have closed.**
- **In addition to the tax cap, the Anchorage Municipal Code Section 6.10.030 requires an annual spending limit regarding the General Government Operating Budget.**

6.10.037 - Spending limitation on general government operating budget.

Per capita expenditures in the general government operating budget for tax-supported services shall be increased over the previous year's budget by amount no more than the percentage increase in the July CPI over the previous July CPI and those additional increases necessary to provide voter and legally mandated services.

(AO No. 83-50(S), 1-1-84)

- **AO 2016-130 was introduced by the Mayor and Assembly members Gray-Jackson and Traini to amend Chapter 6.10 of the Anchorage Municipal Code to bring Section 6.10.037 into greater alignment with Section 14.03 of the Anchorage Municipal Charter, the “tax increase limitation” popularly known as the “tax cap,” to eliminate associated administrative expense, and to provide a limitation on spending in the General Government Operating Budget in the event that the “tax cap” is ever repealed.**
- **The result of this ordinance not being approved would result in the Assembly reducing the Mayor’s proposed 2017 budget by another \$9M. The Public Hearing was held on November 1st and action is scheduled for the November 15th meeting.**
- **Assembly Member Evans introduced an ordinance to suspend the requirements of AMC 6.10.0-37 for one year to avoid this mandatory reduction in \$9M for the 2017 budget. The Public Hearing will be held at the November 15th meeting.**

- **At the November 1st meeting, the Assembly approved an increase in the 911 surcharge. The amount per month, which is currently on everyone's phone bill, went from \$1.50 to \$2.00.**
- **On November 10th, from 1:00 – 3:00 there will be a work session to review and discuss the Assembly proposed amendments.**
- **At the November 15th Assembly meeting, amendments will be proposed which will pass or fail. Then, the Assembly will approve the 2017 budget as amended.**

Next meeting – November 15th